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**MASS SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 12-18, 2018 A.D.**

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Mon. Feb. 12 [No Mass Scheduled]

**EVE OF ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Tues. Feb. 13 7:30 P.M. N. Buena Vista -Kathy Ludovissy**  
[Distribution of ashes after homily with Fr. Bries & Dale Errthum]

**ASH WEDNESDAY - DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE**

**Wed. Feb. 14 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg Grade School**  
Masses

[Distribution of ashes after homily with Fr. Gaul, Fr. Bries & Deacon Pfaffly]

4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Lee Smith

[Distribution of ashes after homily by Fr. Bries and Carolyn Koopman]

**Thurs. Feb.15 10:00 A.M. Guttenberg Care Center**

[Distribution of ashes after homily]

**Fri. Feb. 16 4:30 P.M. Garnavillo - Ed Burlingame**  
“Way of Cross & Mass“ – [DAY OF ABSTINENCE]

**Sat. Feb. 17 VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

4:00 P.M. Garnavillo

50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.

Charles & May [Berns] Bries

5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - People of the Parish

**Sun. Feb. 18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista

Kay Habel & Eldora Ploessl

10:00 A.M. Guttenberg

Sheila Smith [1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.]

[CONFESSIONS during Lent weekend before Mass at Garnavillo & N. Buena Vista. Confessions after Mass at Guttenberg.]

**REGULATIONS FOR LENT**

1.) **Fasting** means one full meal and two lighter meals with no eating between meals. Catholics who are eighteen and not yet sixty years old are asked to observe fast days on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

2.) **Abstinence** means not eating meat on Ash Wed., & all the Fridays of Lent. Catholics fourteen years and older are bound to abstinence.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**

Many will have received a letter with envelope enclosed. Attached to the bulletin is an opportunity for every member of the parish to support this appeal which is a vital component in supporting the work of protecting the poor and vulnerable in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. [As a reminder, it is important that parishioners send their gifts directly to Catholic Charities.]

**ACCEPT JESUS' CHALLENGE!** The leper in today's gospel story violated the religious rules laid out in the Book of Leviticus—he broke the Law and approached a clean man. Even then, Jesus did not send the leper away. Rather, Our Lord was so moved with pity that he touched the leper (yet another religious violation) and healed him. Jesus also insisted that the man present himself to the priests so that he could be declared officially clean and then fully reintegrated into the community. The lesson is that we must constantly opt to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Oftentimes, it is just plain easier to settle for inaction. But Jesus shows us the best response: **“I will do it. Be made clean.”** In this story, leprosy could be viewed as a **metaphor for brokenness**. Can we recognize that we, as well as our society, suffer from various sorts of brokenness? Might we also need to kneel before Jesus requesting the deepest healing for which humanity yearns? Is today a new opportunity for each of us to choose to accept Jesus' challenge to fully love our neighbor? *By Joe Gunn!*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO WATCH THE MOVIE THE SHACK!** It will be showing on Sun, Feb 18 after mass in Brinkmann Hall. We will have FREE light lunch before the movie. The movie will start approximately 11:20 AM.

**TAKING A CLOSER LOOK! “Kingdom of God:”** In his teaching and preaching, Jesus identifies God’s ideal community as the kingdom of God—both the *place* where God rules and the *people* who live as God desires. This community is to be characterized by a new way of living together that includes everyone (both Jew and Gentile) who as brothers and sisters will relate to God as their father and as a king whose benevolent rule over them guides every moment of their lives. The kingdom is inaugurated by Jesus and continues today in the Christian community that daily strives to make God’s ideal of community a reality.

**BASIC ASSERTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE!** The purpose of Bible study is not to gain ready-made answers or to put a lid on truth. It is, rather, to gain deeper understanding of the mysteries of God. Such understanding, then, always leads to more questions to ponder.

**“DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT” booklets will be available in the entry ways, Feb 10 & 11,** provided FREE by your Parish Life Committee. Have a prayerful Lenten season

**COME AND JOIN US** at a Scripture Study session to observe if you might be interested in participating. You can always join at any time. The sessions are on Wednesday, 9:15 A.M., or Thursday, 7 P.M. The current Scripture Study is the **“SCRIPTURE AND THE ROSARY.”**

**HUMOR; Dessert and candy jokes – Q:** What do you call someone who can’t stick with a diet? **A:** A desserter!  
**Q:** Why shouldn’t you date a pastry chef? **A:** He will dessert you!  
**Q:** What do you call a very small valentine? **A:** A valen-tiny!  
**Q:** Did you hear about the astronaut who stepped in gum? **A:** He got stuck in orbit!