
MASS SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 19-25, 2018 A.D.

Mon. Feb. 19 [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues. Feb. 20 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center
Angie Berns

Wed. Feb. 21 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg 8th Grade School Mass
Special Intention

Thurs. Feb. 22 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg River Living Center
Florence 'Flossie' Eilers

Fri. Feb. 23 4:30 P.M. Garnavillo - Ed Burlingame
"Way of Cross & Mass" [DAY OF ABSTINENCE]

Sat. Feb. 24 VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - John Noga
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - Earl 'Butch' Meyer

Sun. Feb. 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista - People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg Debbie Brie

CONFESSIONS: during "Lent weekends" **before** Mass at Garnavillo & N. Buena Vista; **after** Mass at Guttenberg!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL! This 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**. Many will have received a letter with an envelope, or use the address: **Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003**.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASS - Sun., March 4th for 11th & 12th Grade Youth Ministry at St. Mary of Guttenberg.

"**SCRIPTURE AND THE ROSARY**" is the current Bible Study on Wednesday, 9:15 A.M., or Thursday, 7 P.M. in Brinkmann Hall. You can join at any time.

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.

"Fridays of Lent" have the Way of Cross & Mass at St. Joseph's, Garnavillo, at 4:30 P.M., followed by their Lenten Fish Fry

"THE SHACK!" The movie will be presented Sunday, Feb 18, after mass in Brinkmann Hall. There will be a **FREE** light lunch prior to the movie with the movie starting approximately 11:20 AM.

AN UNCONDITIONAL OFFERING: The more pain and sacrifice you experience on your journey, the more satisfying your arrival at your destination. Students who hit the books instead of going to a party have as their reward the satisfaction of knowing that they have achieved the best grade possible. Jesus was thrust into the wilderness for 40 long days and was constantly tempted by Satan. We know of course that he did not succumb to any temptation, and he was provided divine, angelic support in his struggle. The student who chose to sacrifice has a specific end goal in mind. Their self-oblation is driven by the long-range reward of achieving a diploma. When they see their friends or classmates enjoying the things that they deny themselves, they are sustained by thoughts of the final victory. Like Jesus, we are expected to endure our forty-day fast as an **unconditional offering to God**, not because of the promise of reward when the summit is finally reached. When the time of our sacrifice and commitment is fulfilled, the inherent bounty is that the kingdom of God is nearer! *By Frank Campbell*

YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND ST. MARY IC SCHOOL!

Apply for tuition grants -- <https://online.factsmgt.com>. We encourage all families to apply online. Deadline is March 15th. Contact the school for additional info and help with the forms.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun March 18 First Fall Festival planning meeting after 10 AM mass.

Sat March 24 9-Noon. Bread making with the 2nd grade

Sun April 8 First Communion

EXTRAVAGANZA 2018 - The Dueling Pianos of Andy & Mike, Saturday, March 3rd, 2018, Lakeside Ballroom, Social Hour, Raffle, Silent Auction, 5:00-6:00 PM. Dinner served 6:00-7:00 PM, Show 7:30 PM. Dinner/Show Ticket \$40. For Tickets, call 563-252-1577 or eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us

ALUMNI BANQUET! St.Mary Immaculate Conception alumni committee invite all who have attended St. Mary Grade, High School and Immaculate Conception Grade School to the annual banquet on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at St. Mary's Brinkmann Hall. Special acknowledgement will be given to the "50 year" high school graduates, the last class to graduate from St. Mary's High School in 1968. **Please inform of your plans to attend:** St. Mary IC School, P.O. Box 100, Guttenberg, Iowa 52052, 252-1577, eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us or Vernon Heck 252-1213, Sonya Bush 451-2884, Beth Sadewasser 252-3285, Austin Greve 880-3899, Phoebe Johnson 252-2275, Gail Broxson 880-2192, Pat Kolker 252-2218, OR email Erin Schmelzer at eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us.

"DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT" booklets are available in the entry ways, provided **FREE** by your Parish Life Committee. Have a prayerful Lenten season!

HUMOR • I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner because all it was doing was gathering dust. • I don't like Russian dolls. They are so full of themselves. • I just wrote a song about tortillas. Actually, it's more of a rap.