

HOLY FAMILY PARISH**Sacred Heart
Grundy Center****Queen of Heaven
Reinbeck****St. Mary
Dike****St. Patrick
Parkersburg****Rev. Dennis J. Quint - Pastor
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**Liz Nilles, Secretary
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Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Prayer Service
Wed. 8:00 a.m. (Dike)	Prayer Service
Thur. 7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Prayer Service
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Prayer Service
Sat. 4:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	For the People
6:00 p.m. (Parkersburg)	Donna Luebbers
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (Dike)	Special Intentions JAP
10:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Dorothy Christensen

Eggstra! Eggstra! St. Mary Omelet Brunch

Feb. 25 8 am-1 pm Dike Community Bldg.
Menu includes omelets with choice of ham,
cheese, mushrooms, green pepper, onions.
Fruit cup, rolls, toast, coffee, juice and milk.
Cost is \$5 for adults; \$2 for children 4-10
and children under 3 are free.

From the Pastor

My parents surprisingly became snowbirds about seven years ago. After visiting some of their friends near Phoenix who lived in a mobile home park, they too decided to purchase a manufactured home and spend the winter there. The sunlight keeps their spirits bright and the arid air helps lesson the impact of their arthritis. They usually travel there in October and return to Ryan in April.

This week I am going to visit them. You may ask, how much vacation does he receive? Canon law dictates that each priest receive 30 days of vacation each year (including 3 weekends). While most of us do not utilize that amount (although I give it my best shot), it is wonderful to be able to get away from time to time as we typically minister six days each week. Call Liz at our parish office or at home 824-3590 if you need assistance. Msgr. Steimel will be here next weekend to celebrate our Masses.

Other items:

- Thank you to our elementary CCD students and their catechists and coordinators for helping prepare and minister at our Masses today.
- Our Family Fun Night last Saturday was a blast! Thank you to the parish life committee for their coordination – especially to Linda King, Kyle Tingle, Lyndsay Petersen, Beth Anne McDaniel and Martha Andersen. We also gratefully acknowledge the contribution of paper products from Joe Davis at Pioneer Hybrids.
- Happy World Marriage Day (Sunday). Celebrate your love as husband and wife by praying together in a special way this week.

Confirmation Our next session will be 6pm this Sunday, Feb. 11, at Dike. Our topics are Prayer and Morality.

Catholic Charities Thank you for responding to the annual appeal letter. You should have received one this past week. If you did not, you may not be registered at our parish. Please contact the parish office.

Knights of Columbus Open House Holy Family Council will be hosting an open house on February 22 for all male parishioners over the age of 18. We will discuss our membership drive and sign-up potential applicants. There will be refreshments following our regular meeting.

Journey In Faith Teens in grades 9-11, don't miss the opportunity to take part in this year's Waterloo-area **Quest Retreat**. This year's team is a combination of high schoolers, college students, and adults from our parish and the Waterloo region. Quest is a chance to focus on your journey of faith and find out ways to keeping growing. Along the way, you'll meet new friends from throughout the Waterloo area. Quest is February 24-25 at Parkersburg. Registrations are due Feb. 16. Extras are available at CCD centers and church entries.

RCIA meets on Saturday, February 17, at 2 pm in the rectory basement in Grundy Center. Our topic will be "Lent."

CCD News: There will be no CCD on February 14, as all of our towns' girls basketball teams will be taking part in district play that night. The following week, February 21, is Ash Wednesday. All four sites will have K-12 family activities that night at 6pm, followed by 7pm Mass (Dike) or prayer service with distribution of ashes (Parkersburg, Reinbeck, Grundy Center). This night is included in factoring attendance.

Properties The parish council decided to establish an *ad hoc* committee to facilitate the sale of parish properties as we look forward to our new church. The committee will meet on Wednesday, Feb 21 after Mass at St. Mary Dike. John Schuller, Marty Petersen, John Daws, Kevin Sonnenberg, and Chris Frischmeyer have agreed to serve.

NCYC Meeting Those who turned in applications for NCYC should have received their letters of congratulations. This letter also stated that the next step to be a HFP participant is to get the \$75 deposit fee to the HFP office by February 14. Then join us for the first group meeting at 11:30am Sunday, February 18, at Dike. Questions? Ask Ann at the parish office.

Action Alert This session the Iowa Legislature, at the request of Governor Culver, will consider repealing the ban on human cloning in Iowa. This is often referred to as a "ban on stem cell research." However, there is no law restricting any type of stem cell research in Iowa. We simply have a ban on human cloning. Governor Culver wants to repeal the ban on human cloning in order to create human embryos for scientific research. Please encourage your legislators to keep our ban on human cloning. There are alternative and thus far more successful methods of stem cell research that do not involve cloning or the destruction of human embryos. Follow the link below to send your elected official an e-mail. It is an easy way to get your voice heard and takes less than a minute. <http://capwiz.com/iowanascdd/utr/1/GGXZGQZXWA/BVCHGQZXP/1045350556>

Scriptural Rosary on Mon, Feb 12 at Jerry & Barb Fannon's home, 805 Randall St, Reinbeck. Please join us.

Parish Council needs two representatives from Grundy Center (Cathy Amfahr is caring for her daughter & James Thurston is moving). If you would like to know more about the responsibilities of serving, contact Fr. Quint.

Welcome We welcome Robert and Jean Haugeback of Dike to our parish. May their faith be nurtured as they participate in church life with us.

Building Committee meets on Tuesday, Feb 27 at 7 pm in the church hall in Grundy Center.

“Faith in College” Scholarship Holy Family Parish recognizes the importance of young adults in the Church and the need for young adults to continue their commitment to their faith while attending college. For that reason, the Parish will consider granting scholarships up to \$500 per student based on involvement in Church life either on campus or in the local parish while attending college. Being an active member of the Church while in college not only benefits those being served by the students currently, but also prepares the student to be an active member in the Church after graduation. It is not necessary for the student to attend a Catholic college or university to be awarded this scholarship. Scholarship determination will be made by a committee consisting of the pastor, director of religious education, and the chairpersons of the parish pastoral council and board of education. Applicants must meet the following requirements: 1) registered member of Holy Family Parish, 2) current full-time student (more than 12 semester hours) at an accredited college or university or planning to be such in the fall after graduation, 3) complete application prior to June 15, 4) copy of transcript grades from spring semester. Call or stop by the HFP office for an application.

Theology on Tap is a national program for Catholics in their 20's and 30's. It is an opportunity for young adults to gather, build community, and learn about their faith in a non-threatening, social environment. Cedar Valley Theology on Tap will be held on Fridays in Lent at Beck's Sports Brewery in Waterloo. These sessions will run from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Visit the website at www.cedarvalleytot.com.

February 23 “Who’s In, Who’s Out?” What do Catholics have to believe to be good Catholics? with TBD

March 2 “Eucharist 101 -- What’s for Dinner?” How are you being fed as a Catholic Christian? with Fr. Jim Secora

March 9 “Catholic Living vs. Living Catholic.” Difference of working faith into life & working life into faith with Dean/Linda Manternach

March 16 “Prayer: Live Chat.” The art forms of prayer, speaking and listening with Mary Pedersen

March 23 “Is There Common Ground?” The difference between Protestant & Catholic traditions with Fr. Ken Glaser & Rev. Darwin Moore

March 30 “A Tour Guide of Eternal Destinations.” What Catholics believe about heaven, hell, purgatory with Fr. Dennis Colter

Memorials At the time of death of a loved one, you might choose to make a donation to our building fund in the name of the deceased. After receiving such a gift, we can issue a letter of receipt for you and you can share it with the family if you like. The name of the person(s) will be included in our memorial recognition in the new church (format to be determined).

Bible study meets at 6pm Sunday, February 18, at Grundy Center. Come ready to discuss Lesson 4 of Revelation. All are welcome!

Gifts If you have ideas of parties outside of our parish that might be willing to make a donation to our new church project, please let Fr. Quint know. Thankfully outside gifts continue to come in, as well as your faithful contributions via the Building Fund Envelopes. Remember gifts of stocks and other securities are welcome as well as donations of grain.

Thinking of Priesthood This day of discernment will take place on March 24 at St. Thomas Aquinas Student Center in Ames. On this day, a series of reflections will be offered to encourage men toward deeper discernment of the priesthood. Any single Catholic male between the ages of 18-45 would benefit from such an opportunity. Contact Father Phil Gibbs at the Office of Vocation Awareness for information and/or registration material.

Fish Fry Every Friday in Lent The Waterloo Knights of Columbus, 1955 Locke Ave., will be hosting an “All-You-Can-Eat” Fish Fry every Friday in Lent beginning on Friday, February 23. Serving will be from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$7:00.

	February 17 4 pm @ SH Social following Mass	February 17 6 pm @ SP	February 18 8 am @ SM	February 18 10 am @ QH
Music	Rita Forker	Joan	Ann Nicklaus Schmelzer	Jean Stephan
Cantor	Don Davidson	Matt	Rita Amling	Steve Tscherter
Extraordinary	Gary Mauer	Jeff Badger	Joe Becker	Brenda Davis
Ministers	Kathy Mauer	Nancy Flanigan	Connie Becker	Joe Davis
of	Helen Brandl	Mary Schwennen	Georgia Bennett	Leon Christensen
Holy	Kelley Sents	John Tuve	Eileen Welzien	Nolan McCarthy
Communion	Cheryl Osterhaus	Bill Hammar	Mike Williams	Diane Stephan
Greet	Roger and Sally Dostal	Wade Bertram Family	_____	Steve Heithoff Family
Gifts	Roger and Sally Dostal	Jason Sullivan Family	Don Gunderson	Steve Heithoff Family
Lector 1	Kelley Sents	Stanley Tuve	Sue Sonnenberg	Rick Ogle
Lector 2	Sarah Nilles	Bev Tuve	_____	_____
Server	Abbie Delagardelle	Connor McDaniel	Kevin Benson	Haley McCarthy
Server	Annie Delagardelle	Alex McDaniel	Seth Christensen	Sarah Etringer
Usher	Dave Martens	Bob Neavins	Jim Hawking	Jeff Etringer
Usher	Gary Mauer	Peg Neavins	Darrell Folkerts	Wilbur Kielly
Sacristan	Pam Delagardelle	Nancy Brannon	Jean Doorley	Video: Tom Pippert