

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**Sacred Heart
Grundy Center**

**Queen of Heaven
Reinbeck**

**St. Mary
Dike**

**St. Patrick
Parkersburg**

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 4

Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Donna Luebbers
Wed. 8:00 a.m. (Dike)	Special Intentions CM
Thur. 7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Nellie Drummy
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Eva Greany
Sat. 4:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Women Foresters
6:00 p.m. (Parkersburg)	Thomas Benzmilller
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (Dike)	For the People
10:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Al Franzen

<p align="center">LENTEN RENEWAL DAY</p> <p align="center">1 - 4 pm Sunday, March 4 St. Patrick, Parkersburg Msgr. Lyle Wilgenbusch "Stewardship and Conversion" (Childcare available during presentation) Communal penance service 4 pm (5 priests) Light supper & social 5 pm</p>
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From the Pastor

While flying back and forth to my parents' place in Arizona last week, I had the opportunity to read a book about priests serving in multiple parishes. It was written by a Franciscan sister who teaches at the seminary in St. Paul from which I graduated. She came to our parish a year ago last fall to interview me and some of our parishioners about parish life in a multi-site setting. Her book, *Priestly Ministry in Multiple Parishes*, breaks new ground by examining and clarifying the issues surrounding the practice of having a single priest shepherd multiple parishes. She dedicated an entire appendix to our parish and the various documents that helped shape our unification process. We can be proud of the national attention we have received in this publication. In addition, the St. Paul Seminary in Minnesota included an article about our parish in its winter newsletter.

Of the diocese of the United States, the Archdiocese of Dubuque has the highest percentage of her priests serving in multiple assignments: 57%. The next closest is Santa Fe with 50%. Sr. Katarina's research indicates that 93% of the priests surveyed are happy or very happy these days and feel appreciated. The same percentage also indicated they are satisfied or very satisfied with their current work in ministry. That's good news. Thankfully the people of God (folks like you!) have been very patient and supportive in these days of transition.

Other items:

- There is plenty of room for more folks at daily Masses (25 minutes), stations of the cross (20 minutes), and evening prayer (15 minutes). These are wonderful means of spiritual enrichment, gathering with fellow parishioners to worship.
- This weekend we celebrate the Rite of Sending with Gabrielle Haman, Chuck Haman, Heather Haman, Terra O'Donnell, and Tanner Henning as they prepare to go to the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Msgr. Bleich at Tama. Please pray for them as they prepare for full initiation in our Catholic faith.
- Thanks to our Lay Leaders of Prayer, CRE's, and liturgical ministers for facilitating our Ash Wednesday prayer services. What are the ways you are praying, fasting, and employing almsgiving to enrich your spirituality this Lent?

St. Mary Omelet Brunch is RESCHEDULED for March 4, 8 am-1 pm at the 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. Plan to attend before the Lenten Renewal Service at Parkersburg.

Confession Our annual communal penance service with 5 priests will take place next Sunday, March 4 at 4 pm at St. Patrick Parkersburg. Recall that the church calls us to celebrate this sacrament at least once each year.

Stem Cell Wonder why all the fuss in Des Moines about embryonic stem cell research? Come to a presentation by Fr. Quint at 6 pm on Tuesday, February 27 in the church hall in Grundy Center. The presentation will last 45 minutes.

Scriptural Rosary on Mon, February 26, 7 pm at St. Mary, Dike. All are welcome.

Email Us In an effort to reduce the amount of paper handouts given to parishioners and hopefully provide faster and more efficient communication with those who have email access, we are asking you to send us an email, so that we can add you to our address book. For parishioners who don't have email access, paper handouts will still be available at all church sites. So, email us your address at dbq095sec@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us.

High School Youth Night will be from 7:30-9pm Wednesday, March 7, at Sacred Heart Church basement, Grundy Center. Postcards will be mailed with more information. If you do not receive the postcards, please let Ann know.

Parish Council needs one representatives from Grundy Center. If you would like to know more about serving, contact Fr. Quint.

Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers			
<u>GC</u> , Sun: Stations 5:30 pm Soup 6:00 pm	<u>Dike</u> , Mon: Stations 6:00 pm Soup 6:30 pm	<u>Reinbeck</u> , Tues: Stations 6:00 pm Soup 6:30 pm	<u>Parkersburg</u> , Fri: Stations 7:00 pm Soup 6:00 pm

CCD Confessions This Wednesday, those grades two and up at Parkersburg will celebrate the sacrament of penance/reconciliation at CCD. Parents, please help prepare your children to celebrate this important sacrament of God's mercy.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. All Catholics of appropriate age should seek to follow these directives even if they are not in the age bracket.

Bible study meets at 6pm Sunday, March 18, at Parkersburg. Come ready to discuss Lesson 5 of Revelation. All are welcome!

Catholic Relief Services Rice bowls are available at all churches as a means to contribute to this worthy charity during the Lenten season. Rice bowls will be turned into the churches on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Please put your name and envelope number on your Rice Bowl or envelope when you turn it in.

Building Committee meets Tues, Feb 27 at 7 pm in the church hall in Grundy Center to review plans with the contractor & architect.

NCYC Meeting The next meeting for potential NCYC participants will be at 11:30am Sunday, March 25, at St. Mary, Dike. Please bring your calendars as the group continues to discuss fundraising opportunities, trade item possibilities, and T-shirt designs.

Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 pm at St. Mary, Dike.

Dubuque Vocation Assoc welcomes women and men from the ages of 20-45 to a day of discernment at the American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls on Sun, Mar 4 from 9 am to 6 pm. There is no fee. Day includes lunch and will conclude with Mass & dinner. If you know of someone who is contemplating a religious vocation encourage them to attend. RSVP by Feb 26th to Sr. Nancy at millern@osf.org or call 563-583-9786.

Prayer World Day of Prayer will be celebrated with an ecumenical service on Friday, March 2 at 1:30 pm at the United Methodist Church in Reinbeck. Everyone is welcome to this service that includes scripture, song, and prayer.

RCIA meets on Sat, March 3, at 2 pm in the rectory basement in Grundy Center. Our topic will be “The Eucharist.” Team meeting at 1:30 pm.

Seder Meal will be Monday, April 2, 6 pm at Sacred Heart, Grundy Center. The synoptic gospels relate that the Last Supper took place in the context of a Jewish Passover meal. Experience a little of the foods and ritual of such a meal. To register, contact the parish office by March 27. This gathering will last about 1 ½ hours and includes dinner.

“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 designated committee. Call or stop by the HFP office for an application.

Card Party for our parish will be Monday, February 26 at 6:30 pm in Grundy Center. Please join us for some games of 500.

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.

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

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.

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.

	March 3 4 pm @ SH Social following Mass	March 3 6 pm @ SP	March 4 8 am @ SM	March 4 10 am @ QH
Music	Jerry Zeiner	Katelyn	Ann Nicklaus Schmelzer	Jean Stephan
Cantor	Don Osterhaus	Emma	Larry & Connie Rohach	Steve Tscherter
Extraordinary	Dean Eslinger	Beth Anne McDaniel	Ann O’Connor	Sue Messerly
Ministers	Linda Eslinger	Martha Andersen	Kathy Juel	Ron Hayek
of	Pam Delagardelle	Ann Badger	Karen Benson	Paula Gorres
Holy	Rick Nilles	John Schwennen	Gene Brandt	Herk Corwin
Communion	Sue Halbach	Nancy Brannon	Michelle Coulter	Jodi Corwin
Greet	Steve Gerhard Family	Tony Dunn Family	_____	Rick Ogle Family
Gifts	Steve Gerhard Family	Al & Pat Burrage	Jim Hawkins Family	Rick Ogle Family
Lector 1	Julie Grunklee	Mary Sullivan	DeWayne Purdy	Leon Christensen
Lector 2	George Centeio	Mike Hosch	_____	_____
Server	Ryan Davidson	Zack Dunn	McKenzie O’Connor	Zach McCarthy
Server	Alex Ruskusky	Connor McDaniel	Jared Christensen	Haley McCarthy
Usher	Rich Riesberg	Rex Wangler Family	Curt Juel	Ron Hayek
Usher	Darwin Sents	Rex Wangler Family	Ryan Folkerts	Jeff Billerbeck
Sacristan	Jerry & Kathy Zeiner	Bev Tuve	Darrin Folkerts	Video: Mary Seekins