

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**Sacred Heart  
Grundy Center**

**Queen of Heaven  
Reinbeck**

**St. Mary  
Dike**

**St. Patrick  
Parkersburg**

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**March 4, 2007  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 6-11**

Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Julius & Delores Recker
Wed. 8:00 a.m. (Dike)	Harold Schmidt
Thur. 7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Joe Meis
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Florence McCormick
Sat. 4:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Women Foresters
6:00 p.m. (Parkersburg)	For the People
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (Dike)	Special Intentions BSM
10:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Bruce Stephan

<p><b>LENTEN RENEWAL DAY</b>  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 &amp; 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 Election with Gabrielle Haman, Chuck Haman, Heather Haman, Terra O’Donnell, and Tanner Henning 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?
- Next weekend I will be at St. Jude Church in Cedar Rapids celebrating the weekend Masses in preparation for the annual parish mission that I’ll be offering which runs through Tuesday night. Their associate pastor, Fr. Brian Dellaert, ordained just 1 ½ years ago, will celebrate our Masses here. Thanks for offering your usual hospitality.
- During the Lenten season I am celebrating the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation with our CCD students. Last week I was in Grundy Center. Please assist your children in preparing for the sacrament by discussing its value and helping them discern sinfulness in their lives.

**St. Mary Omelet Brunch RESCHEDULED** for this SUNDAY, March 4, 8 am-1 pm at the Dike Community Bldg. Menu includes omelets, fruit cup, rolls, toast, coffee, juice and milk. Cost is \$5 for adults; \$2 for children 4-10 and children under 3 are free.

**Confession** Our annual communal penance service with 5 priests will take place 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.

**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.

**Scriptural Rosary** Monday, March 5, 7 pm at Jeanean Coleman’s house, 1304 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Grundy Center. 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.

**Women Foresters Corporate Communion** 4 pm Mass Saturday, March 10 at Sacred Heart. Meeting in church hall following Mass.

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

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

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

**Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers**

GC, Sun: Stations 5:30 pm      Dike, Mon: Stations 6:00 pm      Reinbeck, Tues: Stations 6:00 pm      Parkersburg, Fri: Stations 7:00 pm  
 Soup 6:00 pm                      Soup 6:30 pm                      Soup 6:30 pm                      Soup 6:00 pm

**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 during Holy Week. Please put your name & envelope number on your Rice Bowl or envelope.

**NCYC 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.

**Liturgical Space Subcommittee** for the new church facility will meet on Thur, Mar 8 at 6 pm at St. Mary, Dike.

**Board of Education** meets in special session on Thur, Mar 8 at 7 pm at St. Mary, Dike.

**Subcontractors & Vendors** If you or some party you know would like to bid, donate or partially contribute goods or services for the new church facility, please contact Charlie Determan, Project Manager, at Gethmann Construction in Marshalltown: 641-753-3555.

**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.

**St. Patrick** day annual celebration will take place after the 6 pm Mass on March 17 at Parkersburg in the church hall. Corned beef and cabbage will be served along with Irish Stew. Bring a dessert or a salad. All are welcome.

**Meals on Wheels** St. Patrick, Parkersburg is responsible for delivery for the month of April. Please sign your name and phone number on the list in the narthex. Delivery starts around 10:30 picking up about 20 meals from the City Hall. Call Bernie Etjen for details 346-1044.

**School Delays or Cancellations** When school is delayed or canceled at the church having daily Mass/prayer service, the Mass will be canceled. Likewise, when school is dismissed early or canceled on a Wednesday, there will be no CCD classes at that church. If parish youth group is scheduled for a Wednesday and any location has either dismissed classes early or canceled school, there will be no parish youth group. Watch KWWL channel 7 for other information regarding cancellations during inclement weather, especially on the weekend.

**“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.

**Theology on Tap** is a national program for young Catholic adults to gather, build community, and learn about their faith in a 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. March 9 “Catholic Living vs. Living Catholic.” Difference of working faith into life & working life into faith with Dean/Linda Manternach

**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.

	<b>March 10 4 pm @ SH</b>	<b>March 10 6 pm @ SP</b>	<b>March 11 8 am @ SM</b>	<b>March 11 10 am @ QH</b>
Music	Rita Forker	Joan	Ann Nicklaus Schmelzer	Jean Stephan
Cantor	Sue Halbach	Linda and Janee	Sue Nicklaus	Gloria Rickert
Extraordinary	Sarah Nilles	Al Burrage	Joe Becker	Judy Jewett
Ministers	Bill Halbach	Bev Tuve	Connie Becker	Mary Linder
of	Gary Mauer	Julie Dunn	Georgia Bennett	Diane Stephan
Holy	Kathy Mauer	Patty Hoff	Eileen Welzien	Robert Rickert
Communion	Cheryl Osterhaus	Mary Ann Bergman	Mike Williams	Cheri Monaghan
Greet	Max & Rosanne Girres	Chuck & Bernie Etjen	_____	Bart Petersen Family
Gifts		Jeff Badger Family	Doug Hensley Family	Bart Petersen Family
Lector 1	Sarah Nilles	Greg Lievens	Sue Sonnenberg	Joe Davis
Lector 2	Kathy Mauer	Martha Andersen	_____	_____
Server	Drew Riesberg	Lita McDaniel	Nicole Hensley	Chris Bovy
Server	Dan Eisenman, Nick Mauer	Carter Hoff	Max Gaffey	Jordan Rickert
Usher	Harry Dole	Don Green	George Amling	Randy Gorres
Usher	Rick Delagardelle	Luella Green	Justin Nicklaus	Gary Monaghan
Sacristan	Jerry & Kathy Zeiner	Mary Schwennen	Jean Doorley	Video: Todd Rickert