

**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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PALM SUNDAY**Liz Nilles, Secretary  
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Mon.	No Mass	Seder Meal @ Grundy Center 6 pm
Tues.	7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Carl Hoffman
Wed.	8:00 a.m. (Dike)	Virgil York
Thur.	<b>7:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)</b>	Earl McCormick
Fri.	<b>5:00 p.m. (Dike)</b>	Stations of the Cross
	<b>7:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)</b>	Good Friday Liturgy
Sat.	<b>8:15 p.m. (Parkersburg)</b>	Julius & Delores Recker
Sun.	<b>8:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)</b>	Bruce Stephan
	<b>10:00 a.m. (Dike)</b>	For the People

**Holy Thursday  
Good Friday**Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm Grundy Center  
Morning Prayer, 9 am Grundy Center  
Stations of the Cross, 5 pm Dike  
Liturgy with Veneration and Communion  
7 pm Grundy Center**Holy Saturday  
Easter Vigil**Morning Prayer, 9 am Parkersburg  
Mass & Celebration of Initiation for RCIA  
8:15 pm Parkersburg**Easter**8 am Mass, Reinbeck  
10 am Mass, Dike**From the Pastor**

The liturgies of holy week are beautiful. Our parishioners put forth a great deal of time and effort in decorating, providing music, and ministering within the liturgies. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter come together as one continual liturgy. Note that there is no blessing and dismissal on Holy Thursday at the end of Mass. On Good Friday the service does not begin with the sign of the cross / greeting. At the end of the Good Friday liturgy, there is no dismissal. The Easter Vigil on Saturday night does not begin with the sign of the cross /greeting. Since these liturgies are united, I hope that you will celebrate each of them and gain the fullest meaning.

The Easter Vigil has been called the Mother of All Church liturgies, not only because of its solemnity and beauty, but also because the church gives birth to new members that night through baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. This year there will be one baptism and three professions of faith. Come and support these folks. We have a great deal of room in Parkersburg, so you won't be crowded. The liturgy only lasts about 1 1/2 hours. Be sure to offer your usual hospitality to one another as we worship these days. Sit in the center of the pews. Hold the doors open. Smile and greet one another. Don't reserve pews. Share missalettes. Help clean the church areas after the liturgies.

Aside from worship, reading one of the passion accounts from the gospels would be a good prayer this week. Happy Holy Week!

***Other items:***

- If you did not complete a **Time and Talent survey** last weekend, there are some available in the church entries. Please complete and put in the collection basket or mail to the office. We value your participation and leadership.
- The **real estate** committee met again this week. The committee plans to bring bidders for the church at Dike together on April 13 to see who has the highest offer. The parish has reserved the right to refuse all bids if they are not sufficient. The church properties in Reinbeck will also be placed for sale. The parish house will be listed with a parish realtor, Patrick Taylor. The committee is approaching a potential buyer of the church. If there is not interest, it too will be listed for sale with Patrick. Please pass the word along to parties with possible interest.
- This week I'll be hearing **confessions** of CCD students at Parkersburg. Parents, please help our young people prepare.

**Chrism Mass** The Archdiocese of Dubuque will celebrate the Chrism Mass at Queen of Peace Parish, Waterloo on Tuesday, April 3 at 2:00 pm. Archbishop Hanus will bless and consecrate the holy oils to be used in parishes throughout the coming year. Also at the Chrism Mass, the priests of the archdiocese renew their commitment to priestly ministry. All are invited to attend.

**Bread Party** Second Graders and their parents should plan to attend our Bread Party, from 3:30-5:30pm today, Sunday, April 1, at the church basement in Grundy Center. Bring your favorite bread topping and wear clothes that can get messy. Contact Ann with questions.

**Bible study** will meet at 6pm today, Sunday April 1, at Sacred Heart, Grundy Center. Please come ready to discuss lesson 6 of Revelation.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place at the end of the **Holy Thursday** Mass. Bring some reading materials, Bible, or prayer books and plan to spend some time with the Lord. Jesus asked if the apostles could not stay awake one hour with him as he prayed at Gethsemane. Can we do better than they did? Adoration will be offered until 10 pm or until parishioners have returned home.

**Practice** for musicians for the Easter Vigil at Parkersburg will take place Sat, Apr 7 after 9 am Morning Prayer in the church. Please join us.

**Morning Prayer** will be offered on Good Friday at 9 am in Grundy Center and Holy Saturday at 9 am in Parkersburg.

**Msgr Paul Steimel** a frequent substitute at our Masses, will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday, Apr 3. His address is 3709 W 9<sup>th</sup> St, Apt 8, Waterloo, IA 50702. You may want to wish him well and indicate you are a parishioner here.

**Ground breaking Ceremony** for the new church has been set for Sunday, April 29 at 11:30 am. Since there is insufficient parking at the church site, shuttle buses will take parishioners from the Oakleaf Country Club west of Reinbeck at T55 and Hwy 175 to the site and back to the club for the reception. We anticipate the ceremony will last about 30 minutes. Then we'll return to the club for maidrites and all of the fixin's. We hope you will join us. **RSVP to the parish office by Apr 24** so we can arrange for adequate transportation and food.

**Stations of the Cross/Soup Suppers** Grundy Center - Sunday-Stations 5:30 pm, Soup 6 pm / Dike- Monday- Stations 6 pm, Soup 6:30 pm  
Reinbeck - Tuesday-Stations 6 pm, Soup 6:30 pm

**RCIA Practice** will be at 9 am Saturday, April 7, at St. Patrick, Parkersburg. RCIA potluck will be Saturday, April 14 at noon in the church hall.

**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.

**Building Fund** Thank you for using your monthly envelopes to make regular contributions. Receiving your gifts throughout the year will enable us to borrow less money. For the first quarter of this year we have received \$142,705. Our budget was to receive \$184,370.

**Middle School Youth Rally** All middle school/junior high youth are encourage to attend this year's youth rally, "Heroes: Ordinary People Discovering Extraordinary Gifts." The rally will be from 12:30-7:30pm at St. Patrick Church, Cedar Falls. Keynote speakers will be Popple, a Christian music group that uses humor to put fun in their ministry. Break-out session speakers will be television anchor Ann Kerian and radio host Aaron Buzza. Cost is \$20. Don't miss this opportunity--registrations are due April 15. Contact Ann with questions or to register.

**High School Youth Night** will be from 7:30-9pm Wednesday, April 11, at Parkersburg. Join us as we begin our Easter theme, "Who Do You Say That I Am?: New Life." Postcards will be mailed with carpool information. Let Ann know if you do not receive postcards.

**Building Committee** meets on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 pm in the church hall in Grundy Center.

**Easter Lily Collection** please put your \$10 (per plant) donation in an envelope in back of each church site and **mark on the outside the name/names of your loved one and at which church the Easter lily should be placed.** Each church will post a list of names on Easter Sunday.

**Ministers: Holy Thursday 7 pm, SH MUSIC:** Jerry Zeiner, Don Osterhaus, **DISTRIBUTORS:** Gary Mauer, Nancy Brannon, Martha Andersen, Diane Stephan, Rita Amling, **LECTORS:** Pam Delagardelle, Sue Sonnenberg, **SERVERS:** Abbie, Annie & Katie Delagardelle, **USHERS:** Darwin Sents, Max Girres.

**Good Friday Collection** Each year on Good Friday, a special collection is taken-up throughout the world for the works of the Church in the Holy Land. Through this collection, we assist in protecting and maintaining the shrines and holy places. Thanks for your kindness.

**Fasting** is to be observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older as well.

**Evening Prayer Services** Reinbeck, Monday 5:15 pm / Dike, Tuesday 6 pm / Parkersburg, Wed 7 pm / Grundy Center, Wed 7:15 pm

**Spring 3-in-1 Collection** Our parish contributed \$612 to the annual appeal. Thank you for your support.

**Rice Bowl Donations** may be turned in at any of the Triduum liturgies this week. Please place your offerings inside of the envelope you received with the bowl. Mark the envelope with your *name* and *budget envelope number if you want credit*. Thank you for your kindness.

**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.

**Altar Society** will meet Wed, April 4, 7 pm at Agnes Biersner's home, Dike.

**Naming** Have you developed a suggestion for the name of the new church? Contact the parish office with suggestions.

**Women's Night Out** The women of Holy Family Parish are invited to a salad supper and program April 22, 5 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, Grundy Center. Speaker will be Sarah Nilles who will share her experiences with helping the people of Africa. RSVP by April 15, 319-824-3152.

	<b>April 6 7 pm @ SH Good Friday Liturgy</b>	<b>April 7 8:15 pm @ SP Easter Vigil</b>	<b>April 8 8 am @ QH Reinbeck</b>	<b>April 8 10 am @ SM Dike</b>
Music	Jerry Zeiner	Holy Family Parish Choir	Jean Stephan	Ann Nicklaus Schmelzer
Cantor	Sue Halbach	Holy Family Parish Choir	Steve & Choir	Holy Family Parish Choir
Extraordinary	Gene Brandt	Nancy Brannon	Judy Jewett	Eileen Welzien
Ministers	-----	Jeff Badger	Mary Linder	Laura Barringer
of	-----	Mary Schwennen	Paula Gorres	Pat Boe
Holy	-----	Tim Melloy	Brenda Davis	John Schreck
Communion	-----	Kathy Zeiner	Joe Davis	Luann Schreck
Greet	Alvin & June Hamilton	Sue Jansen & Kathy Clark	Al Bovy Family	-----
Gifts	-----	RCIA Candidates	Al Bovy Family	Curt & Kathy Juel
Lector 1	Julie Grunklee	Rita Forker	Diane Stephan	Ryan Folkerts
Lector 2	Mary Linder	Greg Lievens	-----	-----
Lector 3	Greg Lievens	John Schwennen	-----	-----
Server	Jacob Delagardelle	Jaclyn Wangler	Kayla Holbach	Raquel Luhning
Server	Drew Riesberg	Jimmie Clark, Jared Jansen	Alex Holbach	Stephanie Luhning
Usher	Rich Riesberg	Marty & Kate Petersen	Ron Hayek	Joe Becker
Usher	Rick Delagardelle	Tim & Dorothy Woods	Wilbur Kielly	Sam Biersner
Sacristan	Pam Delagardelle	Bev Tuve	Video: Mary Seekins	Agnes Biersner