

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**Sacred Heart
Grundy Center**

**Queen of Heaven
Reinbeck**

**St. Mary
Dike**

**St. Patrick
Parkersburg**

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 1-6

Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Glen Wells
Wed. 8:00 a.m. (Dike)	Robert Kuesh
Thur. 7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Special Intentions CM
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Leyron McCormick
Sat. 4:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Women Foresters
6:00 p.m. (Parkersburg)	For the People
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (Dike)	John Corrigan
10:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Special Intentions JBD

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life

From the Pastor

The building committee met again this past week. We are making rapid progress with our project. This week we firmed up our plans for flooring for the entire building, based upon input from the liturgical space subcommittee. Various materials will be used including tile, carpet, sealed concrete, and VCT. We also came to consensus about our baptismal font, which will be shaped like a cross, and afford space for infant and adult baptisms. We looked at materials and styles for the various ceilings as well. Minor changes continue to be made regarding the back wall and the tabernacle area, especially as we find the best means to provide a ramp to the sanctuary for accessibility. Two of our student parishioners reminded us of the need for internet accessibility throughout the building and the provision for audio-visual equipment as technology develops. Great input!

We'll really need to reach out to one another in the year ahead as we transition through the closings at Dike and Reinbeck. Several parishioners have expressed dissatisfaction and even anger over the decision of the parish council to sell these properties at this time. While it may seem to have been the wrong decision to some, it certainly was not made hastily or without consultation. In the end, your prayers, understanding, input and patience are so valued, even if it may appear otherwise. Neither I nor our representative bodies want to lose anyone in this process. We're nearly to the finish line. I hope you'll keep running with the pack. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us.

Other items:

- Again, this week several parishioners from the former parish at **Blessing** made contact with us to register. We are grateful for their interest and look forward to welcoming them. Our "holy family" is growing.
- Archbishop Hanus confirmed that he will celebrate the **closing Mass** at St. Mary, Dike on Sunday, June 24 at 10 am. There will be a reception following.
- Pray for **Fr. Carl Ruhland**, retired archdiocesan priest, who died this past week. He was a dear friend of mine who inspired me towards priesthood and vested me at my ordination. His first assignment as pastor was at St. Patrick, Parkersburg. He also served at St. John's Waterloo. Several of you remarked that Fr. Ruhland celebrated your wedding or helped you become Catholic.
- **Time and Talent** surveys available in the church entries. Please complete and put in the collection basket or mail to the office.
- Next weekend I'll be serving at the **Knights of Columbus** state convention in Waterloo. Past state chaplain, Msgr. Paul Steimel, will be here at our parish to celebrate the Masses. Thanks for offering your customary hospitality.

Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new church is today, 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. Even if you didn't call the office to let us know you are coming, please join us.

NCYC Our next meeting is set for 1:30pm Sunday, April 29, (following the new church groundbreaking) at Dike. Please bring your calendars as we continue to discuss fundraisers and your ideas for trade items and T-shirt designs. Also, some still need to pay their March deposits, and April deposits are due soon. Please keep up on your payment schedule to show your interest in attending NCYC.

Hiring Committee for the new Director of Faith Formation will meet this Sunday at 2:30 pm at St. Mary, Dike.

HS Youth Night Our final official youth night for the youth ministry will be at 7:30pm Wed, May 2, at the Queen of Heaven Parish Center in Reinbeck. We will honor our outgoing seniors, perhaps enjoy a bonfire, and close out our theme: Who Do You Say That I Am. Contact Ann with questions.

Divine Mercy Chaplet Join us on Monday, April 30, at 7 pm in Parkersburg for the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Elections for parish council and parish board of education are quickly approaching (May 13). If you would like to learn more about either of these representative groups, contact a current member or Fr. Quint. We encourage you to run for these bodies and offer your wisdom.

Progress Reports Parents, please expect to receive progress reports for the winter/spring session early in May. Please take the chance to discuss these with your children.

Board of Ed meets at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 1st St. Mary, Dike.

Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Tuesday, May 8 from 6-6:55 pm at St. Patrick, Parkersburg. Come and express your love for Jesus in this quiet time of prayer and meditation. Parish council meets afterward.

CCD Registration Have you registered for the 2007-08 religious education year yet? The HFP has chosen to do spring registration, partly to ease the burden on families of all the fall expenses and also to allow the parish to appropriately plan for the fall. These registrations help ensure that ample catechists, materials, and space are available for our young people. Please turn in your registrations as soon as possible.

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Relay for Life Our parish social concerns committee would like to get a team together to participate in this fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. There will be a free-will offering collection May 5/6 at all Masses. Date of the Grundy County Relay is Friday, June 15, at the Dike-New Hartford Track. Luminaries to honor cancer survivors or victims can be purchased in the back of each church on May 5/6 weekend as well.

Bible Study A new study, "Good News in New Places" will begin at 6:30pm Sunday, May 13, at Dike. This study explores the challenges faced by the early church in bringing the Gospel to the Gentiles from a Jewish culture. Bible study meets about twice a month on Sunday evenings, with the location rotating among the participants' towns. If you would like to be part of this summer study, which will be 8 sessions long, please contact Ann at the parish office.

Graduating Seniors remember to let us know which weekend Mass you'll be attending May 12/13 so we can be prepared with the receptions.

Confirmation Our next session will be at 6pm Sunday, May 6, at Dike. (Please remember the change in location and topic.) We will cover Baptism: Born in the Holy Spirit and do some planning for our Confirmation Mass. Please ask your sponsor or parish mentor to attend.

Name Our new church will need a name. Suggestions and rationale are being taken at the parish office. You might like to visit the website <http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/patron00.htm> for some background on the various saints.

"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. HFP 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. Call or stop by the HFP office for an application.

Adult Ed Recently the bishops of the United States published an adult catechism based upon the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, published back in 1994. Over the past few months local parish leaders have been meeting in preparation to facilitate sessions to consider the content of the catechism. **These sessions will be informal, conversational, and enlightening.** They will meet with varied frequencies (probably a couple of times each month) depending upon the desires of the participants. Times at which sessions meet are also varied to accommodate your schedules. Groups plan to begin with a consideration of Prayer, the last two chapters of the book. We are prepared to offer several local opportunities to participate. Groups will likely continue to meet on the specified day of the week and time of day, but again, future dates will be determined based upon the desires of the group.

Reinbeck – Mardel Brockett facilitator - 9:30 am, Tuesday, May 8 at Mardel's home 703 Park St, Reinbeck

Dike – Mary Beuter Gaffey facilitator - 7 pm, Monday, May 14 at Mary's home 245 Par Dr, Dike

Parkersburg – Marty/Kate Petersen & John/Mary Schwennen facilitators - 7 pm, Wed, May 9 at Petersen's 403 Second St Pburg

Grundy Center – John/Joan Schuller facilitators – 7 pm Wed, May 9 at Schuller's 1003 I Ave Grundy Center

Parishioners can participate at any of the locations. Please contact the parish office for more info and so books can be ordered.

	May 5 4 pm @ SH	May 5 6 pm @ SP	May 6 8 am @ SM	May 6 10 am @ QH
Music	Jerry Zeiner	Katelyn & Brittany	Ann Nicklaus Family	Jean Stephan
Cantor	Patrick Taylor	Katelyn & Brittany	Rita Amling	Bobbi Peterson
Extraordinary	Kelley Sents	Beth Ann McDaniel	Karen Benson	Cheri Monaghan
Ministers	Helen Brandl	Greg Lievens	Kathy Juel	Judi Jewett
of	Dean Eslinger	Nancy Brannon	Ann O'Connor	Kathy Etringer
Holy	Linda Eslinger	Jeff Badger	Gene Brandt	Jodi Corwin
Communion	George Centeio	Nancy Flanigan	Michelle Coulter	Rory Corwin
Greet	Jim & Pat Lynch	Terry Reams Family	-----	Jeff Etringer Family
Gifts	Jim & Pat Lynch	Bob & Mary Sullivan	Jeff Lamos Family	Jeff Etringer Family
Lector	Kathy Mauer	Brittany Brannon	DeWayne Purdy	Pat Niedermann
Lector	George Centeio	Marty Luhring	-----	-----
Server	Alex Ruskusky, Nick Mauer	Jack Flanigan	Mackenzie O'Connor	Haley McCarthy
Server	Nathan Taylor	Jack Schipper	Jared Christensen	Alex Bovy
Usher	Rick Nilles	Jo Thrasher	Joe Becker	Chris Frischmeyer
Usher	Gary Mauer	Jo Thrasher	Don Gunderson	Todd Rickert
Voc Crucifix	Jim & Pat Lynch	Jeff Badger Family	Jeff Lamos Family	Glen Witt Family
Sacristan	J. Coleman & J. Kershaw	Martha Andersen	Darrin Folkerts	Video: Pam Heithoff