

**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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Office 824-3572****Parish Website: <http://www.holyfamilycatholicparish.org>****July 1, 2007****THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**Ann Nicklaus Schmelzer, DRE  
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Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Glen Wells
Wed. <b>9:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)</b>	Mary Rouse
Thur. 7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Vince Lux
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Gene McCormick
Sat. 5:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Women Foresters
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Vicki Freeman
10:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	For the People

In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: "Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service."

**From the Pastor**

This weekend we celebrate the gifts and accomplishments of our DRE, Ann Nicklaus Schmelzer. Seven years ago she came into a new position, with a new alignment of parishes, with a new pastor. She was given a small room in the basement for an office, without a desk, and given very little direction about how to accomplish the task of overseeing some 40 catechists and site managers at four different sites in at least 5 school districts. Diocesan expectations were increasingly demanding, especially regarding the protection of children. On top of all this, she continued to teach part-time at St. Patrick School in Cedar Falls as a favor and to earn her teaching certificate.

Yet in this challenging situation Ann thrived. Earning her Master of Arts in Theology degree from Loras College in 2004, she brought great skill and expertise to her role. As a trained educator and theologian, she brought together the best of both worlds for us. Students appreciated her dogged care and attention to their faith formation. Catechists were grateful for the resources and direction she provided. Bible study participants benefited from her love for God and compassion. Students from our parish quickly became involved in diocesan and national youth ministry events. They were given tools to defend their Catholic faith in a hostile environment. Although Ann was mistreated and disrespected at times by our own parishioners, she persevered, at great personal cost.

Thank you Ann for your example and inspiration. Our parish finds itself on solid ground in the area of faith formation largely due to your efforts. Thank you God for a minister of the church who strongly defends her teachings and zealously cares for her sheep. We wish you well, Ann, and trust that we will continue to benefit from your presence and ministry here for ages to come. May Jesus, Mary, and Joseph guide your ways and protect you. May St. Stephen – your new patron at the student center in Cedar Falls – stir your Spirit.

**Other items:**

- Registration materials for faith formation (CCD) can be found on our parish website. Please complete them and return to us.
- The closing Mass celebrated by Archbishop Hanus at St. Mary's last week was beautiful. At the end of the liturgy, the Archbishop said various prayers at the font, confessional, stations of the cross, ambo, and altar, recalling how these spaces and fixtures formed our faith over the years. He was very complimentary to our parish for our leadership in pastoral planning.
- Please pray for the peaceful repose of Monsignor Frederic G. Heles, a retired priest of the archdiocese, who died last week.
- Thanks to everyone who helped to pack items from St. Mary's in Dike and move them to Parkersburg. The Knights of Columbus were especially instrumental in the smooth moving processes.
- The liturgical space subcommittee met last week and reviewed carpet and tile samples for the new church. They will continue to consider other samples in future meetings. They are also consulting to determine portability of the stations of the cross at Grundy Center. The stained glass from St. Mary in Dike will hopefully be removed when the funeral home begins installation of new windows. The glass would not come loose from the frame.
- Enjoy the fourth of July holiday. Start the day off by joining us for Mass at 9 am in Grundy Center. Thank God for our liberty.
- The new state chaplain for the KC's could not serve at the state meeting next weekend. Thus, I agreed to assist. Msgr. Steimel will be here to celebrate our Masses. This will be my last engagement as state KC chaplain – it was a 2 year term.

**Bible Study** will meet at 6pm this Sunday, July 1, at Parkersburg. We will discuss Lesson 5 of our study.

**St. Monica's Prayer Group** will meet 1:30 pm July 11 at Marge Buck's home, 605 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Grundy Center. All are welcome.

**Women Forersters** will have a potluck dinner 6 pm July 18 at Marcella High's home, 507 H Ave, Grundy Center.

**Video** Nancy Woodley has formatted a *wonderful* DVD and/or VHS presentation capturing some of the memories of St. Mary Church over the years. Donation is \$15 and includes a case and brief history of St. Mary's. Call Nancy 989-2675 or the parish office to arrange for your copy.

**Parish Card Party** on Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart, Grundy Center. Bring a \$1 and join us for 500.

**Cemetery Board Trustees** from all parish cemeteries will meet on Wednesday, July 11 at 7 pm in the church hall in Grundy Center.

**Liturgical Schedules** for the fall will be formulated soon. If you would like to change the place/time you are scheduled to serve as lector, server, Communion minister, greeter, usher, musician, sacristan, please contact the parish office.

**St Mary's Centennial Plates** with a picture of the country St Mary's Church painted on them are available for \$7.50 each. The plates were produced for St Mary's celebration in 1980. If you would like to purchase a plate contact Nancy Woodley, 319-989-2675. Checks should be made payable to Holy Family Parish.

**Scholarships** The selection committee for our parish "Faith in College" scholarship program met last week. We are pleased to announce that Sarah Nilles, Chad Weber, Nolan McCarthy, Courtney Wienkes, Abby Schwennen, Kathy Neidermann, and Whitney Lyon will be recipients this year. We are grateful for the strong interest in this program and for the witness, ministry, and faith these young people have demonstrated. In the future, the committee plans to pay careful attention to how applicants manifest their *Catholic* faith through worship, church ministry, evangelization of others, personal faith formation, and witness.

**Bingo** The NCYC participants from our parish plan to facilitate the Bingo booth for Felix Grundy Days in Grundy Center. They could use your help! Set-up 6 pm Thursday, July 5, at the GC Courthouse Square. Shifts will be from 4 to 8 pm on Friday evening, July 6 and 12 (noon) to 8 pm on Saturday, July 7. Assistance with callers, money counters, and card sellers would be appreciated from anyone who is high school age and older. Adults are especially needed. Contact Pam Delagardelle at 319-231-4926 if you can assist.

**Sympathy** We extend our prayers to the family of Marie Jansen, mother of Kathy Hosch (St. Pat's), who died this past week. Rest in peace.

**Christian Leadership Institute** helps teens ages 15-18 gain leadership skills in the Christian context, plan prayer and social experiences, and grow in community with other teens. Week 2 is August 5-11 at Twin Lakes Christian Center, Manson, IA.

**Serve-N-Slide** is a service opportunity for those just finishing grades 6-8. This year's Serve-N-Slide will be July 17-18 at St. Mary's Church, Waverly. Participants spend the first day in service at various agencies and the second day "sliding" at Lost Island Waterpark in Waterloo.

**Adult Faith Formation** Groups are meeting to consider the new *Adult Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It is so easy to use. The sessions are very informal and provide a great opportunity to share and ask questions in a non-threatening environment. Having considered the section on prayer, groups plan to now move on to the section on beliefs or "creed." Now is a good time to join if you have been thinking about it. Leaders at Grundy Center and Parkersburg plan to consolidate their groups for the summer. Their next meeting will be at 7 pm, Wed, July 11 at Schwennen's Home, 605 2<sup>nd</sup> St. The next meeting for the Reinbeck group will be at Mardel Brockett's home 703 Park at 9:30 am, Tues, July 12. Parishioners can participate at either location. New faces are very welcome. Hopefully a group will form at Dike soon. Once the faith formation (CCD) year begins, sessions will be offered again for parents who would like to enhance their own faith as their children are formed.

**Grundy Worship Service** for Felix Grundy Celebration will be held at the Grundy County Courthouse Square at 9 am Sun, July 8. This year there will be no communion to better accommodate folks from our parish as well as the various Protestant congregations. Remember that the prohibition for intercommunion not only applies for folks who worship with us at Mass and are not Catholic, but also when Catholics worship at other churches. We are grateful that our ecumenical efforts are moving forward and long for the day when we are fully reunited and can share at the table.

**Sr. Jeanine Kuhn** An open house in Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Jeanine Kuhn (director of the American Martyrs Retreat House) will be held July 15 at the American Martyrs Retreat House from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. The public is invited.

	<b>July 7 5 pm @ SH</b>	<b>July 8 8 am @ QH</b>	<b>July 8 10 am @ SP</b>
Music	Rita Forker	Rozlyn Wirtz	Joan & Matt
Cantor	Don Osterhaus	Gloria Rickert	Joan & Matt
Extraordinary	Gary Mauer	Judy Jewett	Patty Hoff
Ministers	Kathy Mauer	Mary Linder	Nancy Brannon
of	Rick Nilles	Paula Gorres	Arnold Schwers
Holy	Cheryl Osterhaus	P.J. Holbach	Nancy Flanigan
Communion	Kathy Zeiner	Laurie Holbach	Beth Anne McDaniel
Greet	Bob Eisenman Family	Ron Hayek Family	Chuck & Bernie Etjen
Gifts	Bob Eisenman Family	Ron Hayek Family	Linda Heffner
Lector	Kathy Mauer	Diane Stephan	Mary Sullivan
Lector	Kathy Zeiner	-----	Greg Lievens
Server	Nick Mauer	Kayla Holbach	Bailie Schipper
Server	Michael Nilles	Alex Holbach	Jake Schipper
Usher	Max Girres	Ron Hayek	Bob Neavins
Usher	Matt Kuester	Wilbur Kielly	Peg Neavins
Sacristan	Kathy Zeiner	Video: Mary Seekins	Martha Andersen

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