

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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dbq095sec@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY 24-29**

Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Glen Wells
Wed. 6:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Donald Kopsa
Thur. 7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Cyril Gavin
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Fr. Carl Ruhland
Sat. 5:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	For the People
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Special Intentions TH
10:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Julius & Delores Recker

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire – a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint.
Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

From the Pastor

“We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.” We profess those words every week in the Nicene Creed at Mass as we renew our baptismal faith. Thus, we should not be surprised that earlier this month, the Holy Father approved a document from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, stating that there are not many churches, but only one church. After all, St. Paul asserted that the church is the body of Christ. There are not several bodies, but one body, one faith, one spirit. The church is the bride of Christ – there are not several brides, but only one.

The Holy Father is simply clarifying teachings from the Second Vatican Council where it stated that the Church of Christ *subsists* in the Catholic church. The document sought to give meaning to the term “subsists.” In the explanation, we are reminded that the fullness of truth and faith resides in the Catholic church. In other words, the notion that it really doesn't matter which church one attends is false. There are differences. As the church founded by Jesus Christ himself upon St. Peter, and the church that holds apostolic succession going all the way back from Benedict XVI to St. Peter, we hold all of the tools necessary towards salvation (i.e. seven sacraments, papacy, Marian spirituality, other elements of tradition). The Orthodox churches also possess nearly all of these elements (especially the Eucharist and ordained priesthood). The reformed churches or Protestant churches, however, lack some of these aspects. That is not to say, however (although falsely stated by some news sources), that salvation can be found in the Catholic church alone. In fact, our church posits a wide path to the question of “who can be saved” and holds that other Christians, Jews, Muslims, and other people of good will can be saved. As usual, it is always best to consult the primary source when seeking out the truth of what has been stated. In this regard, I encourage you to visit http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20070629_responsa-quaestiones_en.html if you would like to read this short statement for yourself. Ecumenist, Cardinal Walter Kasper said, “The document does not say that the Protestant churches are not churches, but that they are not churches in the precise sense, that is, they are not churches in the way that the Catholic Church uses the term “church.” I would enjoy visiting with anyone about questions that you have from this document.

Other items:

- A reminder that cemetery policy at each of our cemeteries stipulates that flowers and any other decorations must be placed on the foundation of the grave marker. For Memorial Day weekend, flowers may be placed beyond the foundation for one week, and then they will be removed. Thank you for assisting us so that lawn mowing and trimming can be done efficiently.
- Last week I met with those responsible for scheduling liturgical ministers. Schedules for August and September will be coming soon via email and hard copy. We were especially attentive to schedule folks from St. Mary who informed us of their preferences.
- We registered approximately 17 envelope holders (families) from the former parish at Blessing. Thank you for your interest and initiative. I hope you will readily participate in parish life and find a warm welcome among us.
- Please pray for our parishioner, Shawn Weber of Grundy Center, who is being deployed to Kosovo for a year. May God bring all of our military personnel home safely.
- Registration materials for faith formation (CCD) can be found on our parish website. Please complete them and return to us.
- This is Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. The dates highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae* (July 25) and mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (parents of the Blessed Mother, July 26). Brochures are in the church entries. Call Kathy and Russ Van Daele in Hudson at 988-3202 for information about learning this safe and moral means of birth regulation.

NCYC Our next meeting for the RAGBRAI booth is set for 11:00 am this Sunday, July 22, (following 10 am Mass) at Parkersburg. Plan to be at this meeting to help figure out the final details about this NCYC fundraiser. EVERY NCYC PARTICIPANT is expected to bring four (4) homemade pies and ice by 9 pm Tuesday, July 24 to St. Patrick, Parkersburg. Questions? Contact Julie Dunn at 319.346-1184(H)/319.346-1300(W) or email at: Dunn7BF@aol.com

RAGBRAI Encourage your friends and relatives to plan to eat some delicious pie and have a cool drink of water at our parish NCYC booth in Aplington. Fruit pies will be served along with ice water.

Faith Formation Registrations are still slow coming in. Please return them by August 1. You can return completed forms to the office or to any of the site managers. If you have misplaced them you can get a copy from our website www.holyfamilycatholicparish.org

Communion Ministers are needed at Grundy Center. If you are from Dike (or another of our towns) and already a Communion minister, please call and tell us that we can schedule you for the Saturday night Mass periodically. New potential Communion ministers from Grundy Center should also call.

Assist Would you please help move the pews from Dike that have been refitted? They need to be moved from the workshop in Parkersburg to the church there. Please meet at 6 pm on Monday, July 23 at the church. We could really use a trailer for this project. Many hands make lighter work. Contact Arnold Schwerts 319 885-6453.

Social Concerns committee will meet on Tuesday, July 24 at 6:30 pm in the church hall in Grundy Center. If you have ideas about how to assist others in need or to raise awareness about important social issues in our parish, please come.

Parish Life committee will meet on Tuesday, July 24 at 7:30 pm in the church hall in Grundy Center. If you have ideas about how to enhance community life in our parish through socials and fun events, please come.

Bible School in Parkersburg is Aug 6-10. To RESERVE a spot for you child, please call Tamara Tingle at 346-1209 or Sue Jansen at 346-1349 BY JULY 23. This will help ensure that we have enough supplies. Children from all sites are welcome!

VBS Donation Board is located in St. Patrick's lobby. Please bring the supplies to the back of church by July 29.

Pictures If you have joined our parish since 2002 and have not submitted a picture to us, please do so. You can email or mail it to the office. Pictures can be returned to you. We have finally completed a composite and are getting ready to print it by August 1. We would be especially grateful for pictures of our new parishioners from the former Blessing parish.

Turkey Dinner Anyone willing to help harvest and/or prepare the sweet corn for this year's fall festival in Parkersburg is asked to sign up in the entry of the church at Parkersburg. You will be contacted when the sweet corn is ready to be picked. Your help is needed for its success on November 4 (New Hartford Methodist Church is changing to Nov 11 for their dinner).

Pews If you are interested in having one of the dark pews along the two sides of the church at Parkersburg, please contact Bill Hammar 346-1694. There are also two of the long pews left from St. Mary, Dike that are available.

Sweet Corn If you have some sweet corn you could offer for the fall dinner in Parkersburg, please contact Al Burrage 347-2404 or the parish office. We need about 2 pickup loads. Also if you are available to help pick corn and/or freeze it, please contact Al.

Welcome Our parish welcomes Paula Steimel and Norma Steimel of Hudson (former Blessing parishioners) to our parish. May their faith be nurtured as they participate in church life with us

Knights of Columbus meet on Thursday, July 26 at 7 pm in the church hall in Parkersburg.

Hospitalized Health care providers no longer notify the parish when you are admitted. Therefore, when you are hospitalized please contact the parish office. We can place you on the prayer chain and try to provide a visit.

Ushers at all churches, please remember it is your responsibility to 1) seat parishioners, especially as Mass time gets close and they need assistance finding spaces; 2) take up the collection – get into place during the intercessions so you can begin right away when the preparation of the gifts song starts. You may also need to find someone to bring up the gifts if none is ready; 3) distribute bulletins after Mass. Your ministry is vital to a good worship experience.

Adult Faith Formation Groups are meeting to consider the new *Adult Catechism of the Catholic Church*. 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. Contact Kate/Marty Petersen 346-1520 or John/Joan Schuller 825-3536 for the next GC/P-burg meeting. The next meeting for the Reinbeck group will be at Mardel Brockett's home 703 Park at 9:30 am, Tues, July 31. Parishioners can participate at either location. New faces are very welcome

Now is the Time Perhaps you have a Lutheran friend who is thinking about becoming Catholic. Maybe you have a relative who is Catholic but was never confirmed. You might have a neighbor who was never baptized and would like to know more about our faith. Now is the time to call Fr. Quint. He can give you more information about the next series of (RCIA) sessions that will begin in September.

Attention CYCLONE Catholics Phi Kappa Theta, the Catholic Fraternity at Iowa State seeks your help identifying young men for membership for the coming year. Contact Ben Bakkum at 515-230-8314.

	July 28 5 pm @ SH	July 29 8 am @ QH	July 29 10 am @ SP
Music	Rita Forker	Jean Stephan	Joan & Linda
Cantor	Susan Halbach	Steve Tschertner	Joan & Linda
Extraordinary	Gary Mauer	Jon Steimel	Al Burrage
Ministers	Kathy Mauer	Leon Christensen	Jeff Badger
of	Rick Nilles	Ron Hayek	Mary Ann Bergman
Holy	Sarah Nilles	Bobbi Peterson	Mary Schwennen
Communion	Cheryl Osterhaus	Robert Rickert	Patty Hoff
Greet	Max & Roseanne Girres	Todd Labarge Family	Kyle Tingle Family
Gifts	Max & Roseanne Girres	Todd Labarge Family	Virgil & Diane Goodrich
Lector	Kathy Zeiner	Leon Christensen	Casey Christensen
Lector	Sarah Nilles	-----	Martha Andersen
Server	Kelly Sevcik	Shawn McCarthy	Curry Hoff
Server	Zoe Johanns	Emily Snider	Carter Hoff
Usher	Gary Mauer	Randy Gorres	Jo Thrasher
Usher	Rick Nilles	Robert Rickert	Jo Thrasher
Sacristan	Kathy Zeiner	Video: Nicole Bovy	Beth Anne McDaniel

Mass Times Traveling this summer? Find a Mass at www.masstimes.org