

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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Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Carlita Hosch
Wed. 6:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Paul Buck
6:00 p.m. (Parkersburg)	Prayer Service
Thur. 7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Joe Davis Family
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Don Kopsa
Sat. 5:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Paul O'Connor, SR.
Sun. 8:00 a.m. NO MASS	
11:00 a.m. REINBECK CITY PARK	For the People

Holy Family Parish Outdoor Mass & Picnic

Sunday, September 16

Mass 11 am, followed by picnic lunch

Reinbeck City Park (College St/pool park)

Each site is asked to bring something to share:

Dike: Desserts, Reinbeck: Salads, Grundy Center:
Vegetables, Parkersburg: Beverages**Only other Mass: Sat, Sept 15, 5 pm @ Grundy Center****From the Pastor**

This past week our parish received a wonderful compliment. The phone rang at about 9 pm and one of our former parishioners who moved to a larger city called in frustration about ministry at his current parish. He volunteers as a catechist in their faith formation program which has over 1200 students. He suggested that perhaps the various teachers for his grade level would like to meet to exchange ideas and plan different activities for the year ahead. The coordinator of the program responded by saying that this was never done before and wasn't unnecessary. Little consideration was given to this creative idea and our former parishioner went away feeling unappreciated. His wife had volunteered to serve as a lector at the parish. She too was disappointed at the lack of hospitality on the part of fellow parishioners and the pastor. They both expressed how much they missed our parish and remarked about how they were welcomed warmly here. I encouraged them to come back as soon as possible, of course!

The call served as a reminder to me about how important it is to welcome new folks to our parish. Being open to their approaches and ideas can help us all grow. I know that we stumble from time to time in this regard, but it was good to hear how much it meant to this young couple to be welcomed among us when they came here. A couple of long-time parishioners have died in the past few months and young couples have witnessed to how these veterans took interest in them and included them in parish life. Strike up conversations with folks you don't recognize. Invite them to assist.

Other items:

- Our first **faith formation** sessions for this year went extremely well. It was exciting to see students from the various towns coming together to grow in faith with dedicated catechists from different areas. Our facilities served us well. Thanks for your cooperation. A reminder that those who are bringing students to Grundy Center for faith formation should bring them to the church on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. Those who are bringing students grades K-6 to Parkersburg can bring them to the CCD Center (former church) and grades 7-12 to the current church on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. Next Sunday at the outdoor Mass we'll commission our catechists and recognize our confirmation candidates and pray for them.
- I enjoyed the St. Mary **Altar Society** meeting and dinner this past week. They plan to continue meeting generally on the first Thursday of each month.
- Congratulations to our **grandparents** today! Thanks for fostering faith in future generations.
- The **naming committee** met and has begun narrowing the list of suggested names (we received 34) for the church.
- On **Wednesday evenings** at 6 pm generally there will be either Mass or a prayer service offered in the churches at Grundy Center and Parkersburg. Hopefully parishioners, especially coming to Faith Formation at 6:30 pm, will take advantage of this time of worship and prayer.
- If you can't be present at the **outdoor Mass & pie auction** on Sunday, Sept 16, contact me with your bid for a pie and I'll watch out for you.
- The **RCIA** group will meet for the first time on Thursday, Sept 13 at 7 pm in Parkersburg. Here we will coordinate calendars. This year the group will not meet on one night consistently, but will fluctuate to accommodate participants with challenging schedules.

Fall 3-in-1 Appeal that is taken up in our parish this weekend supports the efforts of the Universal Church. Please be as generous as you can.

NCYC students, parents and chaperones will meet this Sunday, September 9 at 11 am, after Mass at St. Patrick, Parkersburg in the church hall.

Bible Study Come join us for Lesson 2 (chapters 3 through 5 of Matthew) at 6 pm this Sunday, September 9 in Grundy Center church hall. No need for preparation - we'll read the material at the start of the session. Come and discuss!

New Lectors and Communion Ministers Folks who would like to participate in these ministries must participate in training sessions. Lectors will meet on Monday, Sept 10 at 6:30 pm and Communion Ministers at 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart, Grundy Center. Those who already carry out these ministries would benefit from participation as well.

Naming Committee will meet at 5 pm at the church hall in Grundy Center on Tuesday, Sept 11.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions will take place on Tuesday, Sept 11 beginning at 6 pm at Sacred Heart, Grundy Center. Join us for this meaningful prayer and reflective time, as well as an opportunity to be renewed in God's merciful grace.

Parish Council on Tuesday, September 11 at 7 pm in the Grundy Center Church Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Outdoor Mass & Picnic If you would like to help lead the singing for the annual outdoor Mass to be held at 11 am on Sunday, Sept 16 at the park in Reinbeck, please arrive at the park at 9:30 am. We are grateful to Judie Krebsbach for facilitating this ministry and for playing the guitar.

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Paul Buck whose funeral we celebrated last week at Sacred Heart, Grundy Center. May the angels lead him into paradise and may the martyrs come to welcome him.

Scriptural Rosary will not be held during the months of September and October unless someone is willing to facilitate. If you are willing to lead the rosary, please contact Rick Nilles to make arrangements. 824-3590.

CROP Walk September 30th at 1 pm in Grundy Center. Do what you can to help those around the world who suffer from hunger. Contact Don or Cheryl Osterhaus (319) 824-6788 for more information.

Congratulations to Lindsey Wienkes and Gregory Schmitz who were married last Saturday at St. Patrick, Parkersburg. May the Lord bless you as you begin your married life.

High School Youth Night Our first high school youth night will be on Wednesday, September 12th in Dike. Our youth nights will run from 7-8:30. There will be a postcard sent soon with additional information regarding carpools.

Financial Stewardship for August:	Adult Envelope Contributions \$16,195.21	Year to Date Contributions	\$36,797.72
	Monthly Budgeted Amount \$21,458.00	Year to Date Budgeted Amount	\$42,917.00

Building Committee meets on Wednesday, Sept 12 at 7 pm in the rectory in Grundy Center.

Welcome We welcome Randy & Brandy Girsch of Reinbeck to our parish. May their faith be nurtured as they participate in church life with us

Liturgical Ministers If you would like to be scheduled for a liturgical ministry (usher, lector, Communion minister, server, cantor, accompanist, greeter, gift bearer) during Oct-Dec and have not indicated your preference for which Mass, please contact the parish office before Thursday.

Catholic Worker House 321 E 8th St, Waterloo, will celebrate Mass Monday, Sept 24, at 7 pm. All are welcome!

Birthright is opening an office in Waterloo and is training volunteers. Attend a one-hour informational session Monday, September 10, at 10:00 or 1:00, or Saturday, September 15 at 10:00 at the office in Cedar Falls, 408 Main Street. Call Mary at 233-8664 or minard73@hotmail.com with questions.

Meal on Wheels Next month (October) our parish is responsible for transporting lunches to the elderly in Parkersburg. Please sign up for this important ministry on the calendar (including your phone number) on the credenza in the narthex. It takes less than an hour.

The Catholic Daughters of Waterloo will be holding a Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, September 19, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1955 Locke Ave. The Rev. Jerry Kopacek, Pastor of St. Edward's Church will be speaking on Perpetual Adoration.

Holy Family Parish Pie Auction

In just two weeks you will see a parade of the finest desserts created by our parishioners. **The annual Youth Pie Auction at the parish picnic helps fund our youth program**, including summer camps and college scholarships and the NCYC trip to Columbus, Ohio in November. **Each parish family with students in the Classes of 2008-2012 is asked to donate a pie or something equally scrumptious.** Any parishioner is welcome to help the cause by donating a dessert as well. The rest of the parish is urged to bring some extra cash to the picnic to win that dessert bursting with love. The Rev. Col. Dennis Quint will again entertain buyers as our auctioneer. **Can't make it? Fr. Dennis will take your bids beforehand, just let him know.** Need to leave early? We will have a few items under our "Buy It Now" option. Last year we set a new record total of \$2,123. The top pie bid was \$115. Our record so far is \$130. We have set an ambitious goal of \$3,500 for this year's auction. **Will you help them succeed? Your past investment in our youth clearly shows.** While many large parishes have only a handful of students attending NCYC this year, we have 21 teens and 7 adults! We hear so many compliments at our parish fundraisers about how our youth are involved. **This is your turn to show them how much you value their participation.**

Please bring your item to the picnic to be ready by the time we are scheduled to start to eat. We will start the auctioning promptly after the line is finished. If possible, use non-returnable pans/dishes or clearly mark your pan so it can be returned after the winner is done. Please attach a description to your item. **If you can't make it to the picnic, but would like to donate a pie or dessert, contact Liz at the office and we'll make arrangements.**

Ministerial Schedule for Sacred Heart, Sept. 15 Music: Ann Nicklaus Schmelzer, Cantor: Sue Halbach, Extraordinary Ministers: Tim Melloy, Barb Melloy, Kathy Zeiner, George Centeio, Sue Halbach, Greet: Sandra Naylor & Jan Crisman, Gifts: Sandra Naylor & Jan Crisman, Lector 1: George Centeio, Lector 2: Kathy Zeiner, Servers: Jared Chrisman, Nathan Taylor, Ushers: Bob Lang, Max Girres, Sacristan: Kathy Zeiner.

Ministerial Schedule for HFP Outdoor Mass, Sept 16 Music/Cantor: Judie Krebsbach, Bobbi Peterson & Parish Choir, Lector: Greg Lievens Extraordinary Ministers: Beth Anne McDaniel, Joe & Connie Becker

Study and Faith-Sharing Groups meet regularly throughout the year on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11 am at St. Edward, Waterloo; Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-10 am at Blessed Sacrament, Waterloo. Contact the parish offices for more information.

"Divorce and Beyond" Fall Series will begin Sept 13. This 10-week program is for divorced Catholics who want to gain a perspective on their divorce, cope with the emotions involved in divorce, and move on in a constructive way with their lives. Each session consist of an opportunity to share, a reading and discussion. Contact Becky Hargreaves 319-235-6040 or Dave Fish 319-277-1833 for more information.

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will celebrate its 75th Birthday at the biennial General Assembly Day at St Francis Xavier Basilica in Dyersville, Iowa on Saturday, October 27, 2007. The day will include Mass with Archbishop Jerome Hanus. Also included in the liturgy will be the Diaconate Ordination of seminarian Rodney Allers. The guest speaker for General Assembly Day will be nationally known Rosalind Moss from Catholic Answers who is scheduled for two talks. Also taking place are a luncheon dinner, morning layette collection, silent auction, and an exposé of ACCW works and projects. Registration is required. Early registration by Oct 9 is \$25. All women and men of the Archdiocese are invited to celebrate our 75th birthday with us. For registration information contact Ann Dietrich at 563 923-5415 or lorann@iowatelecom.net or download from the Archdiocesan web site: www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/ACCW/ under "events".