

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**Sacred Heart
Grundy Center**

**Queen of Heaven
Reinbeck**

**St. Mary
Dike**

**St. Patrick
Parkersburg**

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**September 23, 2007
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 25-30

Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Fred Nicklaus
Wed. 8:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Eldon Rouse
6:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Prayer Service
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Thur. 7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Special Intentions CM
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Ray & Elise Lawler
Sat. 5:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Don Coleman
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	For the People
10:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Carlita Hosch

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?" Luke 16:12

God entrusts each of us with unique gifts and talents so that we can make a contribution to God's work here on earth. If we do not use our gifts in the way that God intended then we betray the trust God placed in us. When we do share our gifts we feel the joy that comes from making our unique contribution.

From the Pastor

Parents typically enjoy the process of choosing names for their children. Sometimes they choose a name that has special significance in their family. Others want a name that is unique to their child. Various criteria are often developed so that the scope of options can be narrowed. A couple might want all of the names of their sons to begin with the letter R. A priority might be that the name cannot be shortened or abbreviated. Names are important, for we will carry them with us into eternity. The Book of Revelation makes reference to the "book of life" in which are written the names of those who are saved.

The process of determining the name of our new church has been enjoyable. After receiving suggestions from you, our parishioners, the Naming Committee was assembled and began to consider the various names. Criteria were developed so that the list could be shortened by sound rationale and not as the result of arbitrary whim. The opportunity before us to name a church is very unique these days. Even if a new church is constructed today (there is about 1 every couple of years), it will typically replace just one building and the name will pass to the new facility. Therefore, we have been cautious, diligent and prayerful about this process.

I hope you will join us for a gathering this Thursday night to further reflect and learn about possible names for our new church. Parish council members will be on hand to receive your input about the various names. This will be very helpful as they meet next month to further narrow the list and offer our final prioritized suggestions to the archbishop.

May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph intercede for us as we make these significant decisions.

Other items:

- Thanks for your added prayers and fasting this past week on the Ember Days. Looks like we should have a dry and warm fall.
- The outdoor Mass, picnic and pie auction last Sunday were a great success! We are grateful to Bruce and Chris York for the donation of buns, Pioneer for the gift of plates and tableware, Lincoln Savings Bank for napkins and cups. Diane Stephan did a great job of preparing the maidrites. Matt Herrick lined up our sound system. Joe & Brenda Davis and Dave & Judy Martens helped prepare the park. Beth Anne McDaniel and Kate Petersen helped facilitate the pie auction. The parish life committee organized the outing. Thank you all!
- We're grateful to our middle school students and catechists for assisting at our weekend Masses.
- I'll be at a preaching workshop this Wednesday and Thursday in Cedar Falls. Priests and deacons across the diocese have been invited to this event as a means to sharpen their skills. Mass on Wednesday will be in the morning because of this activity in the evening. I'll still celebrate Mass Thursday morning in Reinbeck and then head off for more learning.

CROP Walk Please sign up today to walk next Sunday, Sept 30, in the Grundy Center CROP Hunger Walk. Contact Don or Cheryl Osterhaus (319) 824-6788 for more information.

Bible Study Join us for reading and discussion of Lesson 3 this Sunday, September 23, 6 pm at St. Patrick, Parkersburg.

Adult Faith Formation takes place on Wednesday nights while our young people are in Faith Formation sessions. The adults will be reviewing the content of the new Adult Catechism. After the opening prayer at 6:30 pm, meet in the sacristy at the churches in Grundy Center or Parkersburg. All adults are welcome any time. This is a great way to grow in your own faith as our young people are formed.

New Church Name This weekend you should have received a list of the final four names selected by the Naming Committee as possibilities for our new church. This sheet has a brief biographical listing as well. Please join us on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Grundy Center as we learn a bit more about each of these saints and hear the rationale as to why these were selected. Then that night participants can offer written and/or oral feedback directly to our parish council representatives who will meet next month to narrow the list to 3 and prioritize them. Then this final list will be forwarded to the archbishop who will choose the name. The committee is grateful to our parishioners who provided 36 names to choose from.

KWKY Catholic Radio is presenting their first annual Faith Matters Conference. It will be held at Veterans Auditorium in Des Moines Saturday, September 29. Dr. Scott Hahn and Teresa Tomeo will be the main speakers. A donor has offered to provide a few tickets for our parishioners. Contact Fr Quint if you are interested or call 515-223-1150 for more information.

Faith Formation There will be no faith formation sessions on Oct. 3 due to the Catechist in-service. Classes will resume October 10.

Catechists Our deanery catechist in-service will be at 7 pm on Oct. 3 at Columbus High School. If you have questions please contact Lyndsay

Raising Faith-Filled Kids Join us for an evening with Tom McGrath, national speaker and author of Raising Faith-Filled Kids on Wednesday, October 3, 2007; 7 to 9 p.m. at Columbus High School, 3231 West 9th St. Waterloo. For parents, guardians, grandparents, and those who raise children. No admission or registration necessary. Sponsored by Archdiocese of Dubuque and Loyola Press. Tom McGrath is a frequent writer and presenter on spirituality, with a special focus on how family life can be a spiritual path and on men's spirituality. Tom and his wife Kathleen, a school teacher, have been married for 31 years. They have two grown daughters and live in Chicago.

Parents of First Reconciliation Students (2nd Grade) There will be a meeting on October 7 following the 10 am mass in Parkersburg. There is a letter coming this week with more information. If you have any questions please contact Lyndsay.

Shingles The shingles on the rectory at Grundy Center are defective. We have received a settlement and now are ready to install new shingles. Please bring your potato fork on Friday Oct 5 to the rectory around 5 pm to help remove the old shingles. Then on Saturday morning we'll begin installation of the new ones around 8 am. We need your help! Contact the parish office for details or to let us know you are coming.

Grain As the harvest begins, remember that gifts of grain can be made to our parish. Simply let the elevator know that you are selling grain for the church and that the check should be written and mailed to the parish. Such gifts are acknowledged by the parish.

RCIA meets on Tuesday, Sept 25 at 7 pm in the narthex of the church at Parkersburg. Our topic this week is the Bible.

Middle School Youth Night Our first middle school youth night will be on Wednesday, September 26 in the Dike HS multi-purpose room. Carpools will meet at 6:30 pm at St. Patrick, Sacred Heart and Queen of Heaven. Middle school lock-in registration forms will be handed out at MS youth night.

Omelet Brunch Please sign up in the church entries to assist at the parish omelet brunch to be held on Sunday, Oct 28 at the Grundy Center Community Building. We also would appreciate donations of various food items which are listed.

Knights of Columbus meet 7 pm Thursday, September 27 at St. Patrick, Parkersburg.

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

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.

Pie Auction Results Thanks to everyone who helped our youth through our pie auction last Sunday. We set a goal of \$3,500 and received over \$3,600 for the 70+ items donated! This is a new parish record! The top bid this year was \$127. Special thanks to Beth Anne McDaniel and Kate Petersen for organizing the auction, plus Rev. Col. Dennis Quint for being our auctioneer and to Justin Nicklaus and Jim Saul for keeping track of our bidders. Your support of our parish youth is tremendous.

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 on the credenza in the narthex. It takes less than an hour.

Raffle Preparations are being made for the annual raffle for our parish dinner at Parkersburg. If you or your business would like to offer a prize, please contact Patty Hoff at 346-2250. Tickets are nearly ready for printing. We are grateful for your generosity.

New to our Parish? We would be grateful to have your address and phone number and warmly welcome you to our parish. Please contact the parish office or talk with Fr. Quint after Mass.

Life Chain Life chain is a quiet, non-violent, but powerful Pro-Life witness to God's gift of life in the womb. Life Chan participants stand 20-25 feet apart along highway 175 furnished with pro-life signs. Please come to the front of the Hardin County courthouse in Eldora from 2:30 – 3:30 pm Sunday, Oct 7.

Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday, Oct 13 from noon until 2 pm in Lincoln Park, downtown Waterloo. This event is part of a nationwide effort to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the apparition of our Blessed Mother at Fatima, Portugal.

	September 29 5 pm @ SH	September 30 8 am @ QH	September 30 10 am @ SP
Music	Rita Forker	Judie Kresbach	Katelyn / Stephanie Becker
Cantor	Sue Halbach	Steve Tschertter	Katelyn / Stephanie Becker
Extraordinary	Gary Mauer	Robert Rickert	Rita Amling
Ministers	Kathy Mauer	Brenda Davis	Georgia Bennett
of	Rich Riesberg	Joe Davis	Beth Anne McDaniel
Holy	Rick Nilles	Leon Christensen	Julie Dunn
Communion	Cheryl Osterhaus	Diane Stephan	John Schwennen
Greet	Robin Olson / Cheryl Osterhaus	John Johannsen Family	McDaniel Family
Gifts	Patrick Taylor Family	John Johannsen Family	Chad Schipper Family
Lector	Kathy Zeiner	Joe Davis	Matt Herrick
Lector	Don Davidson	-----	Martha Andersen
Server	Kelly Sevcik	Zach McCarthy	Connor McDaniel
Server	Rachel Riesberg	Brady Billerbeck	Russell Benson
Usher	Leo Kopsa	Chris Frishmeyer	Sue Jansen
Usher	Jim Lynch	Todd Rickert	Sue Jansen
Sacristan	Kathy Zeiner	Video: Susie Billerbeck	Mary Schwennen