

**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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**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 13-18**

Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Special Intentions MA
Wed. 6:00 p.m. (Parkersburg)	Duane Manderfield
Thur. 7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Maureen Becker
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Patrick Nolan
Sat. 5:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Lorene Connell
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	For the People
10:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Flannigan Family

In today's second reading St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.

**From the Pastor**

This weekend we welcome Fr. Pat Geary to celebrate our Masses and conduct our annual Mission Coop Appeal. Fr. Geary has retired from serving as pastor at Blessed Sacrament in Waterloo, and now lives in Ames. Among other activities, he remains very active as he offers retreats, substitutes in various parishes, and serves as a speaker to remind us of our responsibility to assist the poor around the world. Some of you may remember him from his ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas parish in Ames.

Envelopes for your donations are available at the churches. Please return them soon so that we can forward the collection to those in need. You can also place your gift in any envelope and mark as "Mission Coop" and mail it to our parish office or place in the collection basket at Masses.

The annual mission coop appeal not only allows us to offer back to God and his people a portion of what he has blessed us with, but also affords us the opportunity to hear first-hand about the important work of missionaries around the world. While we may not be able to leave and serve the poor ourselves, we can help to fund the important presence of missionaries as they seek to alleviate human suffering and improve the conditions of our brothers and sisters in Christ. I know you'll be generous. Thanks to Fr. Geary for his commitment to the poor and for joining us this weekend.

**Other items:**

- Please pray for the students & chaperones participating at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Columbus, Ohio. We return Sunday night.
- Thanks to everyone who assisted with the Fall Festival at St. Patrick. We extend special appreciation to our leaders: Mary Sullivan and Larry Kisner as well as Wayne Andersen and Linda King. We served over 1,000 meals! Thanks to Dan Simon and Berneita Neubauer for selling so many tickets.
- Wednesday evening prayer services and Masses have been discontinued at Sacred Heart, Grundy Center due to a lack of interest. Currently the time and place of the Wednesday daily Mass are being re-evaluated. Watch the bulletin for updated information.
- Have you included the parish in your estate planning? Such generosity helps to assure we can fulfill our mission to preach, teach and sanctify.
- As the cold and flu season comes upon us please remember to abstain from receiving from the chalice if you are ill. Children may need a reminder in this regard. Also recall that those who are ill may not want to extend the sign of peace or a physical greeting during Mass. Don't be offended if someone simply waves or nods in your direction. They may be trying to protect you.
- Next Sunday we will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming with our RCIA candidates at the 10 am Mass.

**St. Monica's Prayer Group** will meet 12 pm Wednesday, November 7 at Shirley Halbach's home 703 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Grundy Center.

**RCIA** meets on Monday, Nov 12 at 7 pm in the church at Parkersburg. Topic will be "Morality". We meet again on Sunday, Nov 18 at 11 am (after the 10 am Mass) in the church at Parkersburg. Topic will be "Advent and the Liturgical Year".

**Scriptural Rosary** Monday, November 12, 7 pm at Queen of Heaven, Reinbeck. All are welcome.

**Book of Remembrance** has been placed at each of our churches. Please write the names of deceased loved ones in these books as we pray for them in a special way throughout this month of November.

**Board of Education** meeting will be Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart, Grundy Center. Please note the change in time and date.

**Liturgical Space Subcommittee** meets Wednesday, Nov 14 at 6:30 pm (after the 6 pm Mass) in the church at Parkersburg. We'll be considering revised drawings of sanctuary furnishings, as well as reviewing samples of brick and shingles.

**Card Party** for our parish will be held on Thursday, Nov 15 at 6:30 pm at Westview Estates in Reinbeck.

**Knights of Columbus** Our local council will be conducting a membership drive next weekend at the Masses. Any Catholic gentleman who is at least 18 years old may join. We have over 30 members in our own parish KC council who conduct an annual rose drive for Birthright, seek donations for the intellectually disabled through the Tootsie Roll Drive, promote youth activity through basketball and soccer contests, build community through socials, generate funds via the ring toss activities at town celebrations, pray for and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, assist widows and the elderly with projects, and lead prayers at the death of brother Knights. Consider becoming a part of this outstanding Catholic service organization established 125 years ago to assist widows, promote fraternity, and enrich spirituality. There are over 1.7 million members worldwide.

**Bible Study** will meet at 6 pm Sunday, November 18, St. Patrick, Parkersburg to discuss Lesson 7.

**Women Foresters** will meet 9 am on Saturday, November 17 at Shirley Halbach's home, 703 12<sup>th</sup>, Grundy Center. All are welcome.

**Confirmation** the next session is November 18 at 6 pm in Grundy Center.

**Confirmation Retreat Team Planning** will take place on November 18, 4 pm at Sacred Heart, Grundy Center. If you have any ideas for the retreat or would like to help facilitate the retreat, please join us.

**Birthright** Thanks to all who donated clothing, blankets or baby care items. We collected \$190 to donate to Birthright.

**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.

**First Reconciliation Families** First Penance will be at 6:30 pm December 4 at Sacred Heart, Grundy Center.

**Social Concerns Committee** will meet 7 pm Monday, Nov 26, Grundy Center Church Hall. All are welcome.

**Sending Packages to our Soldiers** If you would like to donate cookies (packed in Pringles cans) or something equally substantial that would be great! We will be assembling the packages at 7 pm Monday, Nov 26. Cookies can be dropped off that weekend at any church site or at Sue Messerly's, 806 Park Street, Reinbeck.

**Music Ministry** If you would like to assist with music ministry at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass at Parkersburg, please come to an organizational meeting on Sun, Nov 25 after the 10 am Mass. Practices will take place the following Sundays. Even if you cannot come to all of the practices, please let us know of your interest. Youth are encouraged to participate as well - vocal or instrumental. Hopefully we can pull together a choir. Contact Kathy Hosch for more details.

**MS Youth Rally** Sign up forms were sent home last week at faith formation. There will be a band, breakout sessions, and a dance. If you need a form please contact Lyndsay at the office. The deadline to register is November 28th.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** for Grundy Center will be on Wednesday, November 21 at 7 pm at the Methodist Church. Please bring a donation for the needy families of our area. If you would like to be a part of the choir for this liturgy, come to the church at 6:30 pm for a practice. A copy of a special number is available at our parish office as well.

**School Delays or Cancellations** When school is delayed or canceled at the church having daily Mass/prayer service, the Mass/prayer service will be canceled. Likewise, when any of the schools in our parish has an early dismissal or cancellation, on a Wednesday, due to inclement weather there will be no FF/CCD classes at all sites (including parish youth groups). Watch KWWL channel 7 for other information regarding cancellations during inclement weather, especially on the weekend.

**Communal Penance** service for our parish will be on Sunday, Dec 2, at 4 pm at St. Patrick, Parkersburg. Five priests will be present to celebrate God's mercy with us in confession. Refreshments served afterward. Mark your calendars!

**Dike/New Hartford** ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, Nov 18 at the New Hartford Methodist church at 7 pm. Those interested in singing will meet at 6 pm to practice. If you would like to participate in the choir, contact the Fredsville Church at 989-2065 and let them know.

**Christmas Choir** practice for the 9 am Mass at Reinbeck, Christmas day will be held after the 8 am Mass on Dec 2. Future rehearsals will likely take place after the 8 am Sunday Mass as well throughout the month. Everyone welcome to join.

**Trinkets & Togs** thrift store is now open at Parkersburg and needs your donations of clothing. This center assists persons with disabilities and the elderly to become or remain valued members of the community. Donations are tax-deductible and provide work opportunities and training to folks with disabilities and clothing to the poor locally and around the world. Donations are accepted at the shed behind the store (504 Hwy 57) between 9 and 5, Tues-Sat.

**Concert** The various churches of Parkersburg are sponsoring another Candlelight Christmas Carol Sing for Sunday, December 2 at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in being part of a choir to sing 2 or 3 familiar numbers should contact Fr. Quint. In addition, if you are interested in providing a musical number (either playing an instrument and/or singing a piece) for the concert, please let Fr. Quint know. We need to have a representative from our parish. Students would be welcome too!

	<b>November 17 5 pm @ SH</b>	<b>November 18 8 am @ QH</b>	<b>November 18 10 am @ SP</b>
Music	Rita Forker	Jean Stephan	Lyndsay Petersen
Cantor	Don Davidson	Jon Steimel	Stephanie Becker
Extraordinary	Tim Melloy	Sue Messerly	Martha Andersen
Ministers	Barb Melloy	Joe Davis	Karen Benson
of	Rick Nilles	Brenda Davis	Pat Brandt
Holy	Karen Benson	Julie Grunklee	Beth Anne McDaniel
Communion	Julie Grunklee	Jon Steimel	Julie Dunn
Greet	<b>High School Liturgy</b>	<b>High School Liturgy</b>	<b>High School Liturgy</b>
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Lector	<b>High School Liturgy</b>	<b>High School Liturgy</b>	<b>High School Liturgy</b>
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Usher	" "	" "	" "
Sacristan	Judy Kershaw	Video: Renee Labarge	Nancy Brannon