

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**Liz Nilles, Secretary
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Mon	4:00 p.m. (Parkersburg)	Cyril Boes
	6:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	For the People
	10:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Ben Forker
Tues.	9:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Eldon & Mary Rouse
Wed.	NO MASS	
Thurs	7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Mulvehill Family
Fri.	7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Vince Lux
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

Christmas Masses will be celebrated:

December 24 4 pm Parkersburg
 6 pm Grundy Center
 10 pm Grundy Center
December 25 9 am Reinbeck

**From the Pastor**

Quiz – what are the holy days of obligation in the United States? Answer follows later in this bulletin. To make things easier, I'll remind of one right away – Christmas! Usually we have little trouble rousing the faithful to worship on this one. Coming together as family for the Eucharist is simply part of our Christmas tradition.

We typically welcome many visitors to our Christmas Masses. Therefore, it is important to provide warm hospitality. Please don't reserve pews. Move to the center of the pew as others try to sit near you. Share missalettes with others near you. Sing with full voice. Open the door for others. Hang coats in provided areas (sorry Reinbeck!). Assist the elderly in walking across icy areas.

May you have a blessed Christmas and enjoy gatherings with family and friends. You are fondly remembered in my prayers.

Other items:

- Anticipating the eventual sale of the rectory in Grundy Center in the next year and with the rectory at Parkersburg now vacant, I will have that as my primary residence. I'll still likely sleep in Grundy Center a couple of nights each week for convenience. Offices and Faith Formation space will continue to be maintained in Grundy Center until the new church is completed. You may contact me at the same office number or by cell phone 319 239-9735 (number is listed on the answering machine). Since all of our offices are now in the upstairs of the rectory at Grundy and 2 of our faith formation classes meet there, I'm looking forward to a little more privacy. Hopefully this move will also set up a precedent for the next pastor (in 20 years??) to live within our parish.
- Thanks to our Social Concerns committee for coordinating the Adopt-A-Family Project for Christmas.
- The Christmas season begins on the solemnity of Christmas and runs through the feast of our Lord's baptism (Jan 8). The first 8 days of that season are especially solemn and form the octave of Christmas which concludes on Jan 1 – solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary. Keep your decorations up throughout the season and allow the Christmas carols to fill the air.
- The annual Christmas collection is crucial to the financial stability of our parish. We are \$13,000 short on adult envelope contributions for the first 6 months of this fiscal year. Our regular stewardship must remain strong as we take on the additional task of fulfilling our pledges. Please check to see if you are current on your pledge payments for the building fund.
- Thank you for your beautiful cards, pictures, gifts, and goodies. The great variety of these various items is amazing!

Movie Our parish life committee has arranged for a private parish viewing of the movie "National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets" on Sunday, Dec 30 at 4 pm (doors open at 3:30pm) at the Center Theater in Grundy Center. Parishioners (of all ages) and their friends should bring a \$1 and join us. Concession stand will also be open. Parents are expected to attend with their children. Pizza party at Sacred Heart Church following the movie.

New Year's Day is a holy day of obligation, the solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Masses will be Monday, Dec 31 at 5 pm in Grundy Center and Tuesday, January 1 at 9 am in Parkersburg.

Contributions received after Dec 31 will be recorded on next year's report. Hopefully you received your budget envelopes for next year in the mail. If not, please contact the parish office. Thank you for being good stewards of God's gifts.

Spaghetti Dinner for Reinbeck has been postponed until late winter/spring.

Congratulations Megan JoAnne Bruns, daughter of Dan and Elizabeth, was baptized and welcomed into God's family last Sunday at St Patrick, Parkersburg. We offer congratulations and pray that the light of Christ will guide her throughout life's journey.

KC meeting 7 pm Thursday, Dec 27, at St Patrick, Parkersburg

Holy Days The six holy days of obligation in the United States are Jan 1 Mary Mother of God, Ascension [now transferred to Sunday], Aug 15 Assumption of Mary, Nov 1 All Saints, Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Sympathy Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Randy Sevcik of Grundy Center, whose funeral we celebrated this past week. May he know the fullness of God's peace and love in the heavenly kingdom.

Religious Retirement Fund Drive Thank you for your kindness. We gathered \$ 1,170 in donations.

IRA Remember that seniors over age 70 ½ in 2007 can offer contributions directly from their IRA to a charitable organization like our parish. If completed properly, the donor does not recognize income from the withdrawal or record a contribution on his/her personal tax return. Contact the parish office for more information. Many parishioners have used this format for making contributions.

Congratulations to Gunnar Daniel Fishler, son of Meg and Frank, who was baptized last Sunday at St Patrick, Parkersburg. Washed clean of original sin, may he always live as a faithful member of God's family.

Pope Benedict XVI plans to visit the U.S. in April, 2008 with stops in Washington, D.C. and New York. At 10am on Thursday Apr 17 he will celebrate Mass at the new Nationals Park. While in New York, he will preside at a pontifical Mass during the afternoon on Apr 20 in Yankee stadium. If you are interested in tickets that may be available, contact Fr. Quint by Dec 27.

Faithful Citizenship A workshop on the role of Catholics in the political process is scheduled for Monday, January 7 at St. Mary Parish in Roseville, Iowa from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tom Chapman, Executive Director of the Iowa Catholic Conference in Des Moines, will present and invite discussion on important moral principles and how they apply to political life and voting. This adult formation session is sponsored by the New Hampton Deanery Council and is open to the public. For more information you can call Tom Chapman at the Iowa Catholic Conference, 515-243-6256 or email at tom@iowacatholicconference.org.

Christian Experience Weekends Who is God? Why is he important? What place should he have in my life? What can I do to improve that relationship? Join other men and women in their search while attending a Christian Experience Weekend. Women gather Feb 1-3; men Feb 22-24 at Don Bosco in Gilbertville. Registrations forms available in back of all church sites.

Epiphany Retreat "Follow the Star" Celebrate the manifestation (Epiphany) of Jesus to the gentiles and the world - reflecting on what it was like for the three Kings and for ourselves. Home "customs" related in tradition will be experienced. This retreat will give strength for our journey toward the Star. January 4-6, 2008 at American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls. (319-266-3543) Registration deadline Dec 31.

	December 29 5 pm @ SH	December 30 8 am @ QH	December 30 10 am @ SP
Music	Jerry Zeiner	Jean Stephan	Lyndsay Petersen
Cantor	Don Davidson		Kyle Tingle
Extraordinary	Kelley Sents	Robert Rickert	Mary Ann Bergman
Ministers	Gary Mauer	Brenda Davis	Julie Dunn
of	Kathy Maurer	Joe Davis	Nancy Brannon
Holy	Rick Nilles	Leon Christensen	Bill Hammar
Communion	Rich Riesberg	Diane Stephan	Martha Andersen
Greet	Sandra Naylor & Jan Crisman	Mary Seekins Family	Don & Luella Green
Gifts	Sandra Naylor & Jan Crisman	Mary Seekins Family	Sue Jansen
Lector 1	Pam Delagardelle	Joe Davis	Arnold Schwers
Lector 2	Helen Brandl	_____	Mike Brannon
Server	Jacob Delagardelle	Zach McCarthy	Amanda Dunn
Server	Ryan Davidson	Brady Billerbeck	Zach Dunn
Usher	Darwin Sents	Chris Frishmeyer	Tony Dunn Family
Usher	Rick Nilles	Todd Rickert	Tony Dunn Family
Sacristan	Pam Delagardelle	Video: Susie Billerbeck	Bev Tuve

CHRISTMAS MASSES	Dec 24, 4 pm @ SP Christmas Eve	Dec 24, 6 pm @ SH Christmas Eve	Dec 24, 10 pm @ SH Christmas Eve	Dec 25, 9 am @ QH Christmas Day
Music	Choir	Jerry Zeiner	Steve Halbach	Jean Stephan
Cantor	Choir	Don Osterhaus	Sue Halbach	Choir
Extraordinary	Rita Amling	Kathy Zeiner	Karen Benson	Brenda Davis
Ministers	Beth Anne McDaniel	Tim Melloy	Elaine Folkerts	Joe Davis
of	Jeff Badger	Barb Melloy	Bill Halbach	Mary Linder
Holy	Arnold Schwers	Julie Grunklee	Rich Riesberg	P.J. Holbach
Communion	Bob Sullivan	Pam Delagardelle	Rita Forker	Laurie Holbach
Greet	Mike & Sue Hosch	Bob McIntire Family	Max & Rosanne Girres	Dean & Donna Larsen
Gifts	Chad Schipper Family	Bob McIntire Family	Max & Rosanne Girres	Jeff Billerbeck Family
Lector 1	John Schwennen	Pam Delagardelle	Rita Forker	Leon Christensen
Lector 2	Linda Livermore	Sue Sonnenberg	Don Davidson	_____
Server	Amanda Dunn	Annie Delagardelle	Russell Benson	Alex Holbach
Server	Jaclyn Wangler, Katie Glick	Abbie Delagardelle	Drew Riesberg / Dan Eisenman	Kayla Holbach
Usher	Mike & Linda Williams	Dave Martens	Rich Riesberg	Ron Hayek
Usher		Rick Delagardelle	Max Girres	Robert Rickert
Usher	Marty & Kate Petersen	_____	_____	_____
Sacristan	Nancy Brannon	Pam Delagardelle	Pam Delagardelle	