

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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**Liz Nilles, Secretary
dbq095sec@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us**MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 22-27**

Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Prayer Service
Wed.	NO SERVICE
Thurs 7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Prayer Service
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Prayer Service
Sat. 5:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Joe & Marie Coleman
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Randall Christensen
10:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	For the People

Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I too stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

From the Pastor

Annual statements of financial contributions will be mailed this week. If you do not receive a statement, let us know. You may not be officially registered with our parish. The acquisition of a bulk mailing permit now allows us to mail reports like these to your homes at a significantly reduced price. I'm glad I don't have to haul them all around for weeks! Thanks to Wanda Christensen for helping us with the Post Office.

Thank you for your generosity. I am pleased to report that we made up the deficit for the first six months of the fiscal year. In addition, we are fulfilling our pledges to the building fund. Please continue to offer regular gifts so that we can keep our expenses down. Some employers have matching gift programs. Since the lower level of the facility will be used for many civic functions (meetings, blood drives, etc.) we can direct non-religious funding to that portion of the project.

The parish council and parish life committee are currently pondering various events to host at the new church to familiarize parishioners and area residents with our new facility. Among other ideas, we are considering dances for teens and adults, mission retreat, meals, ladies' tea, men's chili cook-off, and a concert. Please offer your creative suggestions as well. We are blessed to anticipate two beautiful churches in one parish, both under 12 years of age.

Other items:

- Remember to pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life during this month.
- Welcome to Msgr. Steimel as he celebrates Masses here while I am on vacation with my priest classmates. Please contact our parish secretary Liz at the office or at her home in case of emergency 319 824-3590.
- Our middle school students will be assisting with our Masses next weekend.
- A few improvements are being made at the rectory at Parkersburg before I move in there. The carpet is almost as old as I am – neither have the same "fluff" that they used to have! Thanks to those who have volunteered to paint, to receive estimates, and to donate items. For more information contact Carolyn Ricke 346-2754.
- The feast of the conversion of St. Paul is this week, January 25. By God's grace Paul converted from being a persecutor of Christians to serving as the Apostle to the Gentiles. This week consider one sin that is especially troubling and determine 3 steps to take so that conversion may take place in this area. May St. Paul intercede for us. My Grandma turns 102 years old on this feast. She is one of the holiest people I know. When I think back to those who helped me discern a call to priesthood, she was very influential through her deep faith and love of the church. She assisted me in converting my own heart more closely to the Lord. After spending her 100th birthday at her home, she now lives at the care center in Manchester.

Scriptural Rosary on Mon, Jan 21. Join fellow Catholics as we pray the scriptural rosary 6 pm at St Patrick, Parkersburg. All are welcome.

Adult Catechism will meet 6:30 – 7:30 pm Monday, January 21, at St. Patrick, Parkersburg. Our topic will be "The Church: Reflecting the Light of Christ" taken from Chapter 10 of United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. For questions or comments contact Becky or Greg Lievens at 319-347-2497.

Respect Life January 22 has been designated by the U.S. Bishops as a "particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life." We must be especially vigilant and prayerful about life issues as politicians further erode the inherent rights of the innocent. Join fellow parishioners for a prayer service that morning at 7 am at St. Patrick in Parkersburg or for the rosary that night at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart in Grundy Center. If you are unable to come to these services, pray the rosary at home, fast between meals, or make a donation to Birthright.

RCIA does not meet this week.

Liturgy Committee meets on Tuesday, Jan 29 at 7 pm in the church hall in Grundy Center.

Knights of Columbus meet on Thursday, Jan 31 at 7 pm in Parkersburg.

Women Foresters will meet at 9:00 am on Sat, January 26, at Jeanne Coleman's home in Grundy Center.

Board of Education meets at 7 pm on Thursday, January 31 in Grundy Center.

Holy Family Parish Family Fun Night



is planned for Saturday, **February 2**, starting with Mass at **5 pm** at the **UNI Recreational Center** (near intersection of Hudson Rd and W. 23rd St, Cedar Falls). All parishioners are welcome to enjoy the leisure pool (bring your own towel) racquetball, basketball, volleyball, climbing wall, card games and other fun activities. Fun for all ages! Just bring a snack. Beverages and pizza provided. ***There is NO 5 pm Mass at Grundy Center that evening.***

Gifts Our parish received memorial gifts on behalf of Steve Schissel and Ben Forker. We are grateful for this kind gesture and continue to hold them in our prayers. Memorial gifts can be made at any time in the name of living or deceased individuals. These names will be included in our book of donors when St. Gabriel Church is dedicated. Such a gift would enhance a birthday or anniversary celebration. It could also serve as a remembrance at the time of death of a family member or friend.

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.

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.

Waterloo Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be having their 2nd quarterly meeting Monday, January 21. Mass or a prayer service will be at 11:30 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament in the Putz Hall. For lunch, you are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share and soup will be provided at the cost of \$2.00 The meeting will follow lunch.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter In today's reading Paul sends greetings to those who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus. Your marriage was consecrated on your wedding day. Take time to reflect, renew and re-energize your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming weekends are Feb 8-10, Cedar Falls and May 30-June 2, Dubuque. Call Roger and Marsha Luensmann for more info 563/927-4352.

Martha & Mary Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 16 at the Grand River Center, Dubuque, Iowa. Speakers will be Kimberly Hahn, Sr. Sarah Burdick and Fr. Anthony Brankin plus sacred music, lunch, spiritual direction, Catholic vendors, Reconciliation and Mass. The day also includes teen / young adult sessions. Conference brochures are available in the back of all church sites.

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.

No Matter How You Slice It – It Is Good For You American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls, invites you to participate in a 'working retreat'. "Before we can pass on the faith and mission of the church to the next generation we must ourselves know what we believe and be committed to the life and mission of the church." Come for a time to reflect, discuss and act. January 25-27. For more information, contact the parish office.

	January 26 5 pm @ SH	January 27 8 am @ QH	January 27 10 am @ SP
Music	Rita Forker	Jean Stephan	Joan Nelson
Cantor	Patrick Taylor	Shalene Peterson	Matt Herrick
Extraordinary	Tim Melloy	Jon Steimel	Beth Anne McDaniel
Ministers	Barb Melloy	Brenda Davis	Jeff Badger
of	Rich Riesberg	Diane Stephan	John Schwennen
Holy	Rick Nilles	Todd Labarge	Bev Tuve
Communion	Harry Dole	Ron Hayek	Nancy Flanigan
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Usher	Middle School Liturgy	Dale Greiner	Middle School Liturgy
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Voc Crucifix Family	Julie & Amanda Grunklee		Gary Flanigan Family
Sacristan	Pam Delagardelle	Video: Todd Rickert	Nancy Brannon