

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 OF LENT**Liz Nilles, Secretary
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Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Rue Nicklaus
Wed. 8:00 a.m. (Dike Library)	Maureen Becker
Thurs 9:00 a.m. (Parkview Manor)	Special Intentions DJM
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Cecelia Wulfekuhle
Sat. 5:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Florence McCormick
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	For the People
10:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Gary Shadlow

**THE CROSS – THEN & NOW
LENTEN RENEWAL DAY**2 - 4 pm Sunday, February 17
Sacred Heart, Grundy Center

Fr. Nick March

(Childcare available during presentation)

Communal penance service 4 pm (6 priests)

Light supper & social 5 pm

From the Pastor

Perhaps a few diamond rings were offered with proposals for marriage this past Thursday on Valentine's Day. How exciting for couples to draw together in a covenant that mirrors God's love, faithfulness, and sacrifice. Currently we have 10 couples preparing for marriage at our parish. Marriage preparation consists of time with me (about 4 hour long sessions) and participating in a retreat for engaged couples in Cedar Falls. Such preparation is necessary before celebrating a wedding in our church.

In situations of an inter-faith relationship, the wedding may be celebrated in either church. A Catholic can be married in a non-Catholic church. However, preparation must still take place in our church, including the processing of several forms. Without such preparation, the marriage is not considered valid in our church and the Catholic party will have chosen to separate himself/herself from communion with us. Therefore, such folks should not receive Communion in our church. If you know of someone who took this path, perhaps unknowingly, you may want to suggest that they speak with a priest to have their marriage validated (or in the past what some called "blest.") The process is not difficult and simply provides our church with the opportunity to hear the couple profess their love and commitment.

Other items:

- I made it to Waterloo in time for Mass in Spanish last weekend. It must go OK, as they keep inviting me back!
- One person came to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday night.
- Please pray for our RCIA candidates Tanya Hook, Michael Irvin, Chris May, and Beverly White as they prepare for initiation.
- During Lent I'll be celebrating confessions with our Faith Formation students. Parents, please help them to prepare. This week I'll be at Parkersburg with our students grades 2-8. Fr. Mel Hemann will also be present.
- The priest personnel advisory board for the archdiocese met at the rectory on Monday. This is the group who advises the archbishop about where to move priests each year. Serving on this board is a weighty responsibility. Please pray for priests. Thanks to Jeanean Coleman, June Hamilton and Bernice Abels for preparing lunch.
- Many parishioners have been assisting with improvements at the rectory in Parkersburg. Thank you! In a few weeks I'll be moving.
- I invited 8 young men from our parish to consider attending the Andrew Vocations Dinner in Cedar Falls next month. It's an evening for young men who are at least juniors in high school to hear about the priesthood, have dinner with the archbishop, and give a little thought to wearing a black shirt. Please pray for their favorable response.

Middle School Youth Night has been moved from Wednesday, February 20 to Wednesday, February 27. It is still in Dike at the Dike-New Hartford HS multi-purpose room. Carpools will meet at Sacred Heart, Queen of Heaven, and St. Patrick at 6:30 pm.

RCIA meets on Monday night at 7 pm in Parkersburg. Topic is Sin. Team will meet briefly afterward.

First Communion Bread Party will be Sunday, March 2 from 3:30-5:30 pm. There will be a postcard coming in the mail.

High School Youth Night will be Wednesday, March 5 at 7pm in Dike at the Dike-New Hartford high school multi-purpose room. Carpools will meet at Sacred Heart, St. Patrick, and Queen of Heaven at 6:30 pm.

Evening Prayer will be offered at St. Patrick, Parkersburg each Wednesday at 6 pm (just before Faith Formation). Join us for this liturgy that lasts about 15 minutes and includes song, scripture, reflection, and prayer.

Welcoming Activities Are you creative? Like to have fun? We need you! We are assembling a group to develop activities to bring people to our new church next year. The parish council already came up with 20 ideas to encourage parishioners and non-parishioners to visit our church and foster relationships. Contact Fr. Quint or a parish council rep for more information.

Building Committee meets on Tuesday, Feb 19 at 5:30 pm at the church hall in Grundy Center.

Knights of Columbus meet Thursday, February 28 at 7 pm at St. Patrick, Parkersburg.

Scriptural Rosary 7 pm on Monday, February 18 Queen of Heaven, Reinbeck. All are welcome.

Refund? Receiving an income tax refund? How about sharing with your parish family? Our adult budget giving is behind for this year.

Real Estate committee will meet on Thursday, Feb 21 at 5 pm at the rectory in Grundy. We'll be discussing future sale of Grundy property.

Card Party Join us for 500 on Thursday, Feb 21 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Grundy Center. Bring a \$1 – partners provided, snacks shared.

Omelet Brunch for our parish will be held Sunday, Feb 24 from 8 – 1 pm at the Dike Community Bldg. To assist, please call Rita Amling. Please help set up tables on Saturday Feb 23 at 1 pm at the building.

Queen of Heaven Choir practice for Easter Mass will begin on Sunday, Feb 17, following the 8 am Mass.

Area Communal Penance Services St Mary, Eagle Center: Feb 20, 6:30 pm; St Edward, Waterloo: March 2, 3 pm; Sacred Heart, LaPorte City: March 5, 6:30 pm; Immaculate Conception, Gilbertville: March 9, 4 pm; Blessed Sacrament, Waterloo: March 16, 3 pm.

Catholic Relief Services Rice bowls are available at all churches. They will be turned into the churches on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Please put your name and envelope number on your Rice Bowl or envelope when you turn it in.

Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers		
<u>GC</u> , Sun: Stations 5:30 pm Soup 6:00 pm	<u>Reinbeck</u> , Wed : Stations 6:00 pm Light Supper 6:30 pm	<u>Parkersburg</u> , Fri: Stations 7:00 pm Soup 6:30 pm

Easter Lily Collection To make a memorial donation towards the Easter Lilies to decorate our churches during the Easter season, fill out an Easter Lily form (found in the back of each church) with the name(s) of the loved ones you would like to remember and put \$10 per plant in the envelope. Place the envelope in the collection basket. Each church will post a list of names on Easter Sunday and pray for the intentions

Loras College is once again offering each parish in the Archdiocese the opportunity to designate one new student recipient for its \$500 parish grant. Many students from our parish have taken advantage of this grant opportunity in the past. Please call the Office of Financial Planning at Loras, 800-245-6727.

Theology on Tap is a national program for Catholics in their 20's and 30's. It is an opportunity for young adults to gather, build community, and learn about their faith in a non-threatening, social environment. Cedar Valley Theology on Tap will be held on Fridays in Lent at Beck's Sports Brewery in Waterloo. Next session is 7:30-9 pm on Thurs, Feb. 21, Creationism and Evolution: What's the Problem? by Dr. Francis Degnin.

Marriage Enrichment First Tuesday, a support and enrichment program for married couples of any age or faith meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday evening of the month in the Clark Building community room, 527 Park Lane, Waterloo. All are welcome to attend at any time.

Lay Formation Want to deepen your knowledge and experience of faith? Consider the Lay Formation program for the Archdiocese. It is a three year process which meets monthly for sessions (excluding summer) that include prayer, instruction, and community building. Holy Family Parish in Mason City will host Lay Formation classes beginning in September of 2008. Visit the Lay Formation web page at www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us; click on Lay Formation. After the Office has received an application form, a registration packet will be mailed to the interested person. Registration material needs to be completed and returned to the Office of Lay Formation no later than June 2, 2008. If you have any questions, contact the office 800-876-3546 or talk with Cheri Monaghan and Jon Steimel who participated in the past.

“Extreme Makeover – Spiritual Edition” Parish Lenten Retreat at St. Patrick in Cedar Falls, Sunday March 2 through Tuesday, March 4. Sunday's topic will be “Family Spirituality”, presented by Gary and Kay Aitchison, diaconate couple from St. Cecelia in Ames. Monday's topic is “Catholic Living vs. Living Catholic”; presented by Dean and Linda Manternach from Dubuque, IA. Tuesday's topic is “Spirituality of Work”, presented by a facilitator and a panel of St. Patrick parish workers. A light supper will be served each evening and child care is available. Call 266-3523 for a schedule and more details!

The Catholic Daughters of Waterloo will be holding a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, February 20 at 12:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1955 Locke Ave. The speaker will be Nancy Raffensberger Newhoff, Managing Editor, Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier.

Fish Fry at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus An All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry will be held at the Knights of Columbus, 1955 Locke Ave. on Friday, February 22, from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.50. Come Hungry!

	February 23 5 pm @ SH	February 24 8 am @ QH	February 24 10 am @ SP
Music	Jerry Zeiner	Jean Stephan	Katelyn Schwennen
Cantor	Sue Halbach	Steve Tschertner	Stephanie Becker
Extraordinary	Tim Melloy	Paula Gorres	Greg Lievens
Ministers	Barb Melloy	Ron Hayek	Mike Brannon
of	Kelley Sents	Bobbi Petersen	Amy Dall
Holy	Cheryl Osterhaus	Todd Labarge	Bev Tuve
Communion	Rick Nilles	Leon Christensen	Georgia Bennett
Greet	Jeanean Coleman / Helen Lang	P.J. Holbach Family	Larry Gaffey
Gifts	Jeanean Coleman / Helen Lang	P.J. Holbach Family	Jeff Badger Family
Lector 1	Kelley Sents	Rick Ogle	Arnold Schwens
Lector 2	Kathy Zeiner	-----	Stephanie Becker
Server	Kristy Sevcik	Alex Bovy	Amanda Dunn
Server	Katy Sevcik	Brady Billerbeck	Zach Dunn
Usher	Rick Delagardelle	Jeff Billerbeck	Al Burrage
Usher	Roger Dostal	Randy Gorres	Pat Burrage
Sacristan	Rose Kramer	Video: Tom Pippert	Beth Anne McDaniel

