

**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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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 22-27**

Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	George Amfahr
Wed. 8:00 a.m. ( <b>Dike Library</b> )	Bernard Miller
Thurs 7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Ethel Eslinger
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Marie Kopsa
Sat. 5:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Irene Hemrich
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	For the People
10:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Mr and Mrs Nick Perry

**Congratulations** to our second graders who received Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist this weekend: Nolan Freeman, Matt Johannsen, Brady North, Garrett Weldon, Alexis Wrage, Bronson Wrage at Sacred Heart; Sadie Brockett, Madelene Frischmeyer at Queen of Heaven; Alexandria Aalderks, Tristan Bovy, Allie Brouwer, Benjamin Freese, Colton Glick, Coby Hoff, Joseph Little, Connor Luhring, Laikyn Miller, Carrie O'Connor, Baylee Petersen, Clara Petersen, Sydney Petersen at St. Patrick.

***From the Pastor***

Our parish is blest to have 21 students receiving **Holy Communion** for the first time this weekend. I am grateful to their parents for forming them in faith. On the day of their baptisms, these parents were reminded that they are the first teachers in the ways of faith. The best means to foster faith in young people is by worshipping together. The family that prays together stays together. Gratitude also goes to our catechists & site managers for preparing these children for this sacrament. These volunteers spend many hours preparing lessons and teaching on Wednesday evenings. They have also facilitated planning and practices for these Masses.

Welcome to family members who are visiting this weekend. May you continue to provide strong examples of faith to these young people. As you come together for your celebrations, share memories of your own First Communion or another time when Communion was especially important to you. Next weekend we'll recognize the students at the receptions after Masses in Grundy Center and Parkersburg.

My prayer is that each time we receive Holy Communion we grow in our love and appreciation for Christ's selfless sacrifice until we hopefully meet him face to face in the heavenly mansion at the banquet of the Lamb.

***Other items:***

- Thanks for your prayers and concern at the **death** of my first cousin last Saturday. Preaching at his funeral on Wednesday was so sad.
- Ten of us assembled on Thursday morning to watch the **papal Mass** from Washington D.C. It was powerful to see so many people of faith praying together. Watch the Mass from Yankee Stadium today (Sunday) at 1:30 pm on EWTN or via the computer at [www.uspapalvisit.org](http://www.uspapalvisit.org) Our parishioners, Greg & Becky Lievens will be present for the Mass at Yankee Stadium.
- As **prom** time dawns parents are reminded to talk with their children about the importance of chastity, simplicity, & leading holy lives.
- On Sunday fifty of our parishioners participated in the parish **bowling** event. Thanks to Jan Crisman and the parish life committee for facilitating the fun activity.

**Bible Study** will meet at 6pm Sunday April 27, at St Patrick, Parkersburg. Please come ready to discuss lesson 5 of Galatians and Romans.

**First Communion Receptions** will be held next weekend. One will be after the 5 pm Mass at Sacred Heart, Grundy Center on April 26 and the other will be after the 10 am Mass at St. Patrick, Parkersburg on April 27th. Join us in welcoming the students and families to our table of the Lord.

**Scriptural Rosary** 7 pm on Monday, April 21 at St. Patrick, Parkersburg. All are welcome.

**Mass Times** The parish council advised that Mass times should remain the same from now until St. Gabriel Church is completed. Times will be changed only when one of the existing churches is sold. Once the new church is completed, we anticipate having a Sunday Mass there and a Saturday Mass in Parkersburg. It is likely that Fr. Quint will then be asked to celebrate another Mass at a neighboring parish.

**Faith Formation Service Project at Grundy Center Site** On Wed, April 30, 6:30-8 pm we will be going to Grundy County Memorial Hospital to visit and sing with the residents, clean up the hospital grounds, flowerbeds and other activities. Information and permission slips were sent home at Faith Formation and MUST be completed in order for your child to participate. Adults and students who are coming are encouraged to bring rakes and leather gloves to help with the clean-up efforts. We will be grilling hot dogs at the hospital and eating them with residents after all the activities, as well as homemade ice cream. Contact Rick Nilles at [renilles@iowatelecom.net](mailto:renilles@iowatelecom.net) or Jan Onnen at [jonnen1@yahoo.com](mailto:jonnen1@yahoo.com) with questions or if you can assist.

**Faith Formation Service Project at Parkersburg Site** We will be participating in 3 service projects for the April 30 session, our last Faith Formation evening. We will be collecting food for the food bank, delivering May baskets to Maple Manor in Aplington, and also cleaning the faith formation center. We will celebrate the end of a successful faith formation year with hot dogs & chips OR an ice cream sundae social. We will be calling parents to help in the way of drivers, cleaning, and food. Thank you helping us with our projects! Questions, contact Sue Jansen 319-231-0838, Amy Dall 319-989-2265 or Janine Whipps 319-989-2633.

**Pies** Thankfully we earned \$2,940 on the "Pie each Month for a Year" auction held in conjunction with the parish breakfast at Reinbeck earlier this month. If you could bake a pie to fulfill the accepted bids, contact Tina Lyon (319-345-2196) or Donna Larsen (319-788-6485). At the breakfast we served around 300 people and made \$1,938. Thanks again to everyone who assisted.

**Liturgical Space** subcommittee for St. Gabriel Church will meet on Tuesday, April 22 at 6 pm in the parish office in Grundy Center.

**Congratulations** to Alana Simone and Thomas Eugene, children of Brian and Mary Corwin, who were baptized last Sunday at St. Patrick, Parkersburg. Washed clean of original sin, may they always live as faithful members of God's family.

**Congratulations** to Gerald Sternhagen and Kathi Paige who were united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony last Saturday. May your love continue to serve as a beautiful symbol of God's love for each of us.

**Social Concerns Committee** will meet 7 pm on Tuesday, April 29, in Grundy Center. All are welcome to attend.

**Women Foresters** will meet 7 pm on Wed, April 23, at Gladys Dekker's home in Grundy Center. All are welcome.

**Knights of Columbus** meeting is Thursday, April 24, 7 pm at St. Patrick, Parkersburg.

**Congratulations** to two of our seniors who have participated in a Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat. Brittany Brannon of Parkersburg completed TEC last weekend and Shalane Peterson of Reinbeck completed TEC in February.

**Elections** for parish council and parish board of education are quickly approaching (May 11). If you would like to learn more about either of these representative groups, contact a current member or Fr. Quint. Members are elected to a 3-year term. We encourage you to run for these bodies and offer your wisdom.

**Foundation Challenge** Until the end of April, donations to Operation Threshold of canned food items, paper products or cash will be matched by the Feinstein Foundation. Donations brought to Sacred Heart and left in the foyer will be delivered to Operation Threshold. Thank you.

**"Why do Catholics do that?"** is a question you may have been asked, or asked yourself. Refresh your knowledge by attending Adult Catechism. At this time, we plan to meet every other Wednesday for one hour. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 14 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at St. Patrick, Parkersburg. Our topic will be "Mary: The Church's First and Most Perfect Mother" taken from Chapter 12 of United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Every session is unique. For questions or comments, call/e-mail Becky & Greg Lievens at 319-347-2497 email: [lievensfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:lievensfamily@hotmail.com).

**April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month - Teach Kids to Protect Themselves at Home**

Being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not with them at home: Never answer the door if alone. Do not invite anyone in the house without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Don't tell anyone on the phone that your parents are not home. Instead tell them that your parents can't come to the phone, and take a message. For more tips, please visit [www.kidsafe.com](http://www.kidsafe.com).

The Internet has become the new schoolyard for child molesters seeking girls or boys to victimize. Internet "chat rooms" provide a teenager with an opportunity to engage in a "live" conversation with friends from school or church, or with other teenagers from around the world. Because of the seemingly caring and seductive talent of child molesters, teenagers should be warned that when they are in a chat room, they should never provide anyone with private information, personal information, and especially their specific physical location. Internet blogs and other social networking sites have recently exploded in popularity and in the news. We've all read stories of how those who would harm children use these sites to lure children and teens into inappropriate discussions. [www.netSMART.org](http://www.netSMART.org) offers a wide range of Internet safety resources for parents and children.

**Cedar Valley Theology on Tap** is hosting a series of informal discussions for adults age 20-40 7:30 pm on Thursday Evenings at Beck's Sports Brewery, Waterloo. Join us Thursday, May 1 for Medical Advances vs. "playing" God.

**The Catholic Daughters of Waterloo** will be hosting their annual luncheon and style show on Wednesday, April 23 at 11:30 am. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1955 Locke Ave. Fashions by Dillard's.

**Prayer** The first Thursday in May has been designated as a **National Day Of Prayer**. The Parkersburg Ministerial Association will have a community wide service at the Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church at 7 pm. Please take time to join with the millions of people in our nation who will unite in heart and mind as we stand against those forces that endanger the well-being of our country.

	<b>April 26 5 pm @ SH</b>	<b>April 27 8 am @ QH</b>	<b>April 27 10 am @ SP</b>
Music	Jerry Zeiner	Jean Stephan	Lyndsay Petersen
Cantor	Don Davidson	Gloria Rickert	Kyle Tingle
Extraordinary	Dean Eslinger	Jon Steimel	Mary Schwennen
Ministers	Linda Eslinger	Brenda Davis	John Schwennen
of	Rick Nilles	Diane Stephan	Matt Herrick
Holy	Harry Dole	Todd Labarge	Patty Hoff
Communion	Susan Halbach	Ron Hayek	Cynthia Becker
Greet	Charles Haman Family	Jeff Etringer Family	Virgil & Diane Goodrich
Gifts	Charles Haman Family	Jeff Etringer Family	Curt & Kathy Juhl Family
Lector 1	Julie Grunklee	Mary Linder	Casey Christensen
Lector 2	Kathy Mauer	-----	Amy Dall
Server	Drew Riesberg	Kyle Snider	Curry Hoff
Server	Alex Ruskusky	Tyler Bovy	Carter Hoff
Usher	Roger Dostal	Dale Greiner	Don Bergman
Usher	Dean Eslinger	Greg Snider	Mary Ann Bergman
Sacristan	Judy Kershaw	Video: Susie Billerbeck	Mary Schwennen