

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Sacred Heart  
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**April 27, 2008****SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 29-MAY 4**

Tues. 7:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	Prayer Service
Wed. 8:00 a.m. ( <b>Dike Library</b> )	Duane Manderfield
Thurs 7:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Mag Greiner
Fri. 7:00 a.m. (Grundy Center)	Meyers Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m. (Grundy Center)	Leyron McCormick
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (Reinbeck)	Charles & Theolinda Ash
10:00 a.m. (Parkersburg)	For the People

Jesus says in today's Gospel that those who obey the commandments, are the ones who really love Him.  
Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

***From the Pastor***

On Wednesday evening I made the rounds to our Faith Formation classes in Grundy Center. I was quickly recruited by our high school catechists to serve on a panel of people who would talk about how their faith makes a difference in their lives and then answer questions from the students. Yawn! I thought for sure that this would be ineffective. Time should be given, instead, to instruction about morality or the sacraments or the Bible. How wrong I was! Hearing two catechists and the site manager talk about the impact of their faith was beautiful and engaging. They referred to tithing, discernment, conversion, and simplicity. Especially striking was the unprepared witness given by one of our junior students about her prayer, family life, and value of her Catholic faith. It was evident that her faith was helping her to discover what God's plan is in her life now and in the future. I was so proud.

As Faith Formation sessions draw to a close this week, please thank our catechists and site managers for their ministry. Many of them do not accept their rightful stipend and perform this ministry as part of their stewardship. Through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may we continue to be effective in forming the faith of Catholics in this area.

***Other items:***

- On Monday and Tuesday I'll be participating in the regional session for the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.
- Next weekend we'll have the May Crowning ritual at all of our Masses. Children may congregate in the church entries prior to Mass.
- The basement floor of St. Gabriel Church has been poured. The mason continues to lay block for the east tower. Once that is completed and fill has been placed near the foundation, then he will proceed to the west tower. The contractor also wants to proceed with framing the lower level walls. If it ever stops raining he also wants to place rock in the future parking areas so that laborers can have a place for their cars. The liturgical space subcommittee heard a presentation about pews this week and is close to making a final determination. Bids were also received about sound system providers. If you have information about good or bad providers, please let me know. Samples for shingles and vinyl composite tile have arrived as well as indoor entry mats. Thank you for your continued prayers for the project.

**First Communion Receptions** are this weekend after the 5 pm Mass at Sacred Heart, Grundy Center and after the 10 am Mass at St. Patrick, Parkersburg. Join us in welcoming the students and families to the table of the Lord.

**Bible study** will meet at 6pm this Sunday April 27, at St Patrick, Parkersburg. Please come ready to discuss lesson 5 of Revelation.

**Scriptural Rosary** 6:30 pm on Monday, April 28, at the Western Nome (Verna Wells') in Cedar Falls. All are welcome.

**Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home Dike Chapel** will be having their ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony this Sunday, April 27, with an open house from 2-4 pm.

**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. A permission slips 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 or Jan Onnen at 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. A permission slips MUST be completed in order for your child to participate. We will celebrate the end of a successful faith formation year with hot dogs & chips OR an ice cream sundae social. 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.

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

**St. Mary's Altar Society** will meet at 6 pm on Thursday, May 1 at the Dike Library. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. It will be the last meeting of the year. All are invited to attend.

**High School Youth Night** is May 7, 7-8:30 pm, in Grundy Center. This is our last youth night and we will honor our graduating seniors.

**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.

**Card Party** Join us for 500 on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm at the church hall in Parkersburg. Bring a \$1 – partners provided, snacks shared.

**"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).

**Food Drive** The Reinbeck Interchurch Council, along with the National Association of Letter Carriers and the USPS will be collecting donations for the local food pantry on Sat, May 10. If you wish to participate, please leave a sack of nonperishable food by your mailbox by 8:30 am. If you would like to make a monetary donation, make you check payable to the Reinbeck Food Pantry. If you are interested in helping, contact Sue Hayek or meet at the UCC church at 8 am.

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

In surveys of adults, one out of five women and one out of ten men reported that they were sexually molested before they were 18 years old. This means that an estimated 40 million adult survivors of child sexual abuse are living in the United States today. An estimated 9.6% of all school children will be molested by an educator or an employee of a school between kindergarten and 12th grade. Between 13 and 34% of all females will be victims of sexual assault before the age of 18, and 7 to 16% of all males will also be victimized before they are 18.

**True or false: It is common for both child and adult victims of sexual assault to wait some time before telling someone about the abuse.**

True. It is common for victims of sexual assault to wait some time before telling someone. When the person was assaulted as a child, he or she may wait years or decades. The reasons for this are numerous: victims may want to deny the fact that someone they trusted could do this to them; they may want to just put it behind them; they may believe the myth that they caused the assault by their behavior; or they may fear how other people will react to the truth.

**How Old Does a Child Need to Be in Order to Stay Alone?** Experts say children shouldn't be left by themselves until they're capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they're about 10 or 12 years old. Pedestrian injuries rank third in child fatalities, behind traffic accidents and drowning. Parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others. Source: [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).

**Learn to "Stop" Inappropriate Activity Before It Happens** Teach your child to respect the word "stop!" Teach your preschooler that "stop" means "stop," and that your child has the right to stop people from touching his or her body. Obviously, exceptions will have to be made for doctors and parents, but even parents must listen when a child doesn't want to be tickled or hugged anymore. Reinforcing this excellent lesson gives your child the power to recognize—and to stop—"bad touching" by others if it should happen. Source: [www.kidsafe.com](http://www.kidsafe.com).

**Recognizing Signs of Child Sexual Abuse** Changes in behavior, extreme mood swings, withdrawal, fearlessness, excessive crying, bed-wetting, nightmares, fear of going to bed, sleep disorders, and a fear of certain places, people, or activities can be signs that a child has been traumatized by sexual abuse.

**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.

**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>May 3 5 pm @ SH</b>	<b>May 4 8 am @ QH</b>	<b>May 4 10 am @ SP</b>
Music	Rita Forker	Jean Stephan	Joan Nelson
Cantor	Susan Halbach	Steve Tschertner	Linda King
Extraordinary	Tim Melloy	Kathy Etringer	Beth Anne McDaniel
Ministers	Barb Melloy	Judy Jewett	Greg Lievens
of	Bill Halbach	Sue Messerly	Becky Lievens
Holy	Julie Grunklee	Jodi Corwin	Jeff Badger
Communion	Pam Delagardelle	Rory Corwin	Gene Brandt
Greet	Alvin & June Hamilton	Brad Evenson Family	Sue Jansen
Gifts	Rick Nilles Family	Brad Evenson Family	Dave & Diane Kremer
Lector 1	Don Osterhaus	Pat Niedermann	Nancy Flanigan
Lector 2	Kelley Sents	-----	Matt Herrick
Server	Rachael Riesberg	Haley McCarthy	Lita McDaniel
Server	Kristy & Kelly Sevcik	Tyler Bovy	Katie Glick
Usher	Kevin Kuester	Todd Rickert	Wade & Darcy Bertram Family
Usher	Dave Martens	P.J. Holbach	Wade & Darcy Bertram Family
Voc Crucifix	Ron & Sharon Simpson		DeWayne & Jolene Purdy Family
Sacristan	Jeannean Coleman	Video: Courtney Seekins	Beth Anne McDaniel