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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD *The fullness of God's Spirit was upon Jesus.* The Spirit of God moved and worked in the lives of the prophets and saints. But the fullness of God's Spirit rested upon his son, Jesus. The power and presence of the Holy Spirit was evident in the life of Jesus. When we open our lives to Jesus, we receive the same Spirit that strengthened and sustained Jesus during his life and public ministry.

Isaiah prophesies that God will send his servant, the one on whom God's Spirit will rest. In our reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter confirms that God's Spirit was upon Jesus at his baptism. A voice from heaven declared that Jesus was God's beloved son, in whom he was well pleased.

AND STILL MORE Do we recognize those called to leadership as a call manifested by their God-given skills and passions? Sometimes leaders are recognized by the people and willingly follow them, but not by the organization they serve. Consider an "outsider" who has risen through the ranks of a family business, but can go no further because he is not family. Or consider the talent and dedication of some members of the church who cannot assume a leadership role because they are women, or married to one.

All leadership is service, and service requires humility. To serve the people of God as Christ served, to be a servant leader, we must have a degree of humility that demands discipline and self-sacrifice. As one Bishop stated, leaders must be willing to die for their people. Few are required to die a physical death, but to be effective, each leader, indeed each public person, is required to die to self. And this is what Baptism is - the entrance into a community of faith with the promise to act and speak as the Christ within demands.



Mass Intentions for
January 13 - January 18

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Joe Kurtenbach
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Lester Riesberg
Thursday..... 8:00 am at Reinbeck	Paul J. O'Connor
Friday..... 7:30 am at Parkersburg	Marvin Ostwinkle
Saturday..... 5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday..... 9:30 am at Reinbeck	Cletus McCormick

SOMETHING MORE At the Easter Vigil baptism, one of the catechumens stood thigh-deep in the baptismal pool. The pastor leaned close to him and whispered: "Robert, when I baptize you, everything that goes underwater belongs to God. Are you ready?" Robert nodded and reached inside his baptismal robe, grabbing his wallet. At each of the three plunges he resolutely held his wallet high and dry above the water.

Jesus held nothing back when John the Baptist plunged him into the flowing waters of the Jordan River. It was a complete surrender to his Father's will. In return, the thunderous words rolled out of the heavens: "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

May Your Thoughtfulness bring you God's Blessings in the New Year.

Thank You so much for the Christmas wishes - the cards, cookies and candy, and monetary gifts. Believe when I say that not one gift was returned for a different size or color. As the Christmas season comes to a close, I have deep appreciation for all the blessings I have received from the Holy Family People. It is a blessing to have so many people step forward when things need to be done. Often times you go above and beyond the call of duty. The office staff has done a great job to keep things running smooth. I do my best to provide a little comic relief to make their work easier. Again, your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. May God reward all of you for your kindness.

Just Ahead

- ❖ Faith Formation, Wednesday, January 21, at both locations
- ❖ Initiation Process, Wednesday, January 21

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
Faith Formation with Mass, Wednesday, January 14, 6:30-7:45 pm

Income Weekend January 4, 2014

Adult Budget \$ 3,730.00 Needed \$ 4,700.00

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
Confirmation Meeting, Sunday, January 11 after Mass
Couples of Faith, Sunday, January 11, 5:00-7:00 pm
Faith Formation, Wednesday, January 14, 6:30 -7:45 pm
Initiation Process, Wednesday, January 14
1st Communion Parent Meeting, Wednesday, January 14 during FF

Other Announcements

Save the Date! April 18, 2015! Women's Reflection-We are very excited to have as our guest speaker Sister Marie Hased. Sister Marie Hased was born in Quebec, Canada. When she was 8 years old she had her calling to a religious life at her confirmation. She met Mother Teresa in May 24, 1976. She was the first Candidate when Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity Contemplatives in South Bronx, NY. She assisted at the foundation in Washington DC, Brooklyn, NY and Chicago, IL. She was the Superior who founded the first Contemplative house outside the US, in Tijuana, Mexico. As well as, the first Contemplative houses in Santiago Cuba and Nairobi Kenya at the end of the Great Rwanda Genocide-which killed 800,000 people. In 2003, she came to the Society of Our Lady of the most Holy Trinity (SOLT). She served there rebuilding the original founding mission in Homan, New Mexico which was abandoned for nearly 40 years. Sister Marie Hased is here in Iowa building a retreat center called Domus Trinitatis, meaning home of the trinity. It is a retreat center for everyone to go and center themselves in Christ. Make sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss this one!

"Couples of Faith" The Christmas season officially ends on January 11th so join us for our next date night - "The Gift of Marriage" - on Sunday (tonight) January 11th from 5 - 7pm. Please bring an appetizer to share and 1 gift per couple to exchange of a value up to \$10. We plan to even put you in the manger with our Nativity photo booth! Spread the word and come enjoy food, fellowship and FAITH!! Couples please RSVP for yourselves and daycare by calling, texting or emailing cnorth3412@gmail.com or 319-215-6118. Hope to see you there! Your COF Team

Happy New Year! You may by now have become accustomed to the New Year 2015, "The Year of Grace" as stated by pope Francis in his New Year's Day Proclamation. A year of undeserved gifts from God, not earned, but given to all of us freely and lovingly. You may have made some resolutions for this New Year and you may have already abandoned some of those Resolutions. Try this New Year's Resolution to join us on Tuesdays in the mornings at St. Patricks for Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction of the Eucharist. Come and experience the Love and The Grace of Jesus. We will begin at 5:30 AM and conclude at about 6:30 AM. Come when you can, stay for as long as possible and fulfill a New Year's Resolution of Falling Deeper in Love with Jesus. For more information call Deacon John Schwennen 319-239-5728 or Nancy Brannon 319-231-0911. Beginning Tuesday Jan.13th watch the bulletins for information in the future.

Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) "Looking for an opportunity to deepen your faith, grow in love, and enjoy some great food and fellowship? Come and seek a stronger relationship with the Lord at the Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) retreats at Pilgrim Heights Camp and Retreat Center. Women's CEW is February 20 - 22, Men's CEW is February 27 - March 1. Consider giving a CEW Gift Certificate for Christmas, Valentine's Day, Birthday or Anniversary gift! Call Marybeth Pusillo (641-752-8324) or Joel Rogers (515-231-0558) for additional information. Brochures will be available on the St. Henry's website."

Save the Date- February 7 is Family Fun Night at UNI. Mass time is 5:00 pm. Mark your calendars! More information to follow.

Rides Needed We have a parishioner from Grundy Center that is in need of rides to and from Mass on Sundays. If you are willing to help please call the office at 319-345-2006. Thank you.

Parish Life-We are in need for one or two people to be on the Parish Life Committee. We would like volunteers from both churches. Please contact Donna Larsen at 319-788-64858. Thank you, Donna Larsen.

Accompanists Needed We are in need of accompanists at St. Gabriel. This could be your New Year's resolution to play the organ or piano at Mass. If you are interested and could help us out please contact Sue Halbach at 319-269-4331.

Thank you all for making the Christmas season so beautiful at St. Gabriel. Once again the church was ready to welcome the coming of Christ! I'm sure all the parishioners are pleased with how beautiful the church looks all the time. Thankfully, we have many helping hands! With that in mind, a new liturgical season begins after the Baptism of Jesus next Sunday, when we enter Ordinary Time (green is the color) until Lent. After Mass next Sunday, we will dismantle and send most of the poinsettias home with parishioners and put away the decorations. If you are going to be around and can help out it would certainly make the work much lighter. We had many parishioners help with the decorating so hopefully they will step up again to help take down.

Initiation Process Next class will be the 14th of January where we our discussing the readings from the second Sunday of ordinary time. We have just left the Christmas season, where the true identity of Jesus has been revealed to the disciples by John. These Disciples immediately stop what they are doing and follow Jesus. Has someone or something pointed us towards the Lord and did we follow him willingly and with enthusiasm ?

	January 17	January 18
Accompanist	Steve	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Marty/Clare	Don Davidson
Extraordinary	Greg Lievens (D)	Greg Lievens(D), Kathy Juel, Mary Linder*
Ministers	Mary Schwennen	Ann O'Connor, Judy Jewett, Bobbi Petersen
Of Holy	Tamara Tingle	Tim Melloy, John Schreck, Janelle Onnen*
Communion		Cheryl Osterhaus*, Sue Sonnenberg
Greet	MS/HS Liturgy	HS Liturgy
Gifts	MS/HS Liturgy	HS Liturgy
Reader 1	MS/HS Liturgy	HS Liturgy
Reader 2	MS/HS Liturgy	HS Liturgy
Server	MS/HS Liturgy	Kelly Brockett, Sadie Brockett
Server	MS/HS Liturgy	Paul Brockett
Usher	MS/HS Liturgy	HS Liturgy
Usher		HS Liturgy
Video		Mike Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Becky Lievens	Rose Kramer / Kathy Juel / Joe Davis
Collection Counters	Jeremy Renz / Jeff & Ann Badger	Ron & Colleen Pappas, Joe Davis, Diane Stephan