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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Intentions for
February 24 – March 1

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Dennis Hook
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Sam Biersner
Thursday..... 8:00 am at Reinbeck	Sara Kelly
Friday..... 7:30 am at Parkersburg	Bernadette Etjen
Saturday..... 5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday..... 9:30 am at Reinbeck	Paul J. O'Connor

Stations of the Cross-Every Tuesday at Noon, followed by soup at St. Gabriel.

Stations of the Cross-Every Friday at 6:00 pm there will be a soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick.

SOMETHING MORE Lent is our time to work out the narrative of our own call to discipleship. Where are we in the story of our own salvation? What stage of growth and awareness are we in as we pursue our human ambitions, use our gifts to succeed? Has the Spirit disturbed our lives yet, taken us deeper into the identity that will give meaning and purpose to our lives? Has our baptism made a difference? Have we calculated the cost of discipleship? Has suffering touched us sufficiently to force our priorities into view, made us choose the narrow path that leads to life in relationship to others? These are many questions to ask ourselves. Perhaps with the time Lent gives us for reflection and prayer, we will be able to answer these questions and grow in our commitment to discipleship.

NCYC Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser: A Spaghetti supper fundraiser will be hosted at **St. Pats after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, March 7th.** The meal will be a free will donation and will include: spaghetti, garlic bread, lettuce salad, and a dessert. Mark your calendars now to support our NCYC students as they work towards this valuable faith building opportunity.

Just Ahead

- ❖ Catechist in-service, Wednesday, March 4 at St. Edwards in Waterloo
- ❖ Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, March 7, after Mass @ P
- ❖ Confirmation Meeting, Sunday, March 8 after Mass
- ❖ Couples of Faith, Sunday, March 8,

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
Faith Formation, Wednesday, February 25, 6:30-7:45 pm

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT *Entering into the desert of Lent with Jesus can lead us to new life.*

The first Sunday of Lent calls us to enter the desert with the Lord. The sacrifices we make can free us to come closer to Jesus and become better witnesses of the Good News. They can also help purify our hearts that we might be found worthy one day to enter into eternal life.

AND STILL MORE IDENTITY...the devil cleverly goads Jesus to prove that he is the Son of God by performing act that would betray that very same identity - an identity characterized by Jesus' full union with the will of God the Father. Our identity, in turn, stems from being created in the image and likeness of God and becoming adopted daughters and sons of God through Baptism. *What stands in my way in accepting that I am a beloved child of God? How can I stay true to my identity as such?*

FIDELITY-FAITHFULNESS...Jesus responds to each of the tests with a quote from the Book of Deuteronomy. Jesus knows and lives the Scripture passage: "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test" (Mt 4:7). We, on the other hand, might find ourselves bargaining with or testing God rather than trusting in God's mercy and love for us. *What fears do I need to let go of in order to live the prayer "Jesus, I put my trust in you."*

COVENANT...the devil tests whether Jesus will uphold Israel's covenantal relationship with God: "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve" (Mt 4:10). Jesus is the New Covenant, the definitive Word, in whom God established the covenant forever. *In this holy season of Lent, how deeply do we accept that God is the source and reason for our existence?*

"Couples of Faith" Please join us for a special "Date Night" of "Couples Stations of the Cross" and special speaker on March 8th from 5 to 7pm. Food and drinks provided! All married and engaged couples are welcome to come and feel free to invite other couples to join you!! Join us for food, fellowship, faith and a Door Prize!! Please RSVP for couples and child care to north3412@gmail.com or text or message to 319-215-6118.

Income Weekend February 15, 2014

Adult Budget \$ 4,902.00 Needed \$ 4,700.00

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
Faith Formation, Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 -7:45 pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting, Thursday, February 26, 7 pm
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Friday, February 27, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Other Announcements

Totally Catholic Fundraiser is back! We will be selling items at both sites after masses the weekends of February 28th & March 1st and March 7th & 8th. Items include Catholic medals, crucifixes, hand-made rosaries, necklaces and bracelets. There will also be books available for purchase. The items being sold are perfect for First Communion, Confirmation, Easter gifts and RCIA. All proceeds support our NCYC trip in November of 2015. Please contact Amy Dall with questions.

Holy Hour for Vocations--Our parish will be participating in a Holy Hour for Vocations with Archbishop Jackels and Fr. David Schatz on Wednesday, March 4th, at 6:30 pm, at St. Edward in Waterloo. This is open to all, and all are encouraged to attend. There will not be Faith Formation that night, to allow students and catechists to attend the Holy Hour. For more information, see the flyer in the Narthex, or contact Alyssa in the office.

Communal Penance will be held on Wednesday, February 25, at St. Gabriel, 6pm-8pm. Faith Formation will begin at 6:30 pm and students will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament also. Everyone is welcome to attend this service, it will be the only communal penance service for our parish during Lent. Other services in our area are listed and will be posted on the bulletin board. March 8--2pm, St. Athanasius, Jesup; 4 pm, Immaculate Conception, Gilbertville; March 15--2-3pm, St. Paul in Traer; 2-3:25pm St. Mary in Waverly; 4-5:15pm, Blessed Sacrament in Waterloo; March 22--4-5pm, St. Edward in Waterloo; March 29--2-3pm, Queen of Peace in Waterloo.

"Busy" Person's Lenten Book Study Are you looking for a Lenten study/discussion that works around your schedule? We are looking into offering a study that can be done from home, through the use of simple technology. "Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody" by Dr. Allen Hunt will be our book for reflection and study. This will be a group study and discussion, with the majority being done at home. There may be one or two gatherings to meet and discuss in person. If you are interested in this study, or would like more information, please contact Alyssa at 345-2006 or dbq169ff@dbqarch.org.

Save the Date! April 18, 2015! Women's Reflection--Our speaker for our April 18th Women's Reflection is Sister Marie Hesed. She is currently in Iowa building a retreat center, Domus Trinitatis, meaning home of Trinity. This center is for everyone who wishes to go and center themselves in Christ. Sister Marie has worked with Mother Teresa and will have special stories to share. Please keep Saturday morning, April 18, open--our speaker is sure to keep your attention! More info to follow.

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins February 22nd. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* at St. Patrick in Parkersburg beginning Feb. 22 at 11am and continuing every Sunday. Brunch will be served. For more information or to register for the study, call Alyssa at 319-345-2006 or email dbq169ff@dbqarch.org.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - The first KC fish fry will be held February 27, serving from 5:00 to 7:00 at St. Gabriel's church. Parishioners willing to assist by working at the event or providing bars may sign up on the sheet in the narthex at St. Gabriel or St Patrick. You may also contact Joe Becker ([319-989-2405](tel:319-989-2405) or boecker@mchsi.com) on or before February 22, 2015. Thank you for your support.

Rite of Election - St. Gabriel Church hosted a very excited group of Catechumens who became The Elect, and Candidates who have been Baptized already in the Christian Faith but are looking to Be Confirmed and receive holy communion during The Easter Vigil. We hosted the Rite of Election for about 40 people who were led in Prayer by Arch Bishop Jackels, along with Sponsors and Godparents they have begun the period of Enlightenment and Purification. Welcome our Candidates when you see them and continue to pray for, Meggan Bradley, Marc Gunnarson, and Wayne Welzien.

Don't miss "The Bible Timeline Seminar", presented by Jeff Cavins on Saturday, March 21, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Loras College, Marie Graber Ballroom, Dubuque, IA. Jeff will lead us through the fourteen narrative books of the Bible to help us understand the "big picture" of salvation history. Sunday mass readings will come alive like never before. Cost is \$30 with a reduced rate of \$25 if registering before March 1. Bonus! Jeff will give a free talk on his conversion story on Friday evening, March 20, 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Loras College, Marie Graber Ballroom. For more information and to register, go to www.citywidebiblestudy.com or call 563-451-2939.

	February 28	March 1
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Steven Halbach
Cantor	Sarah	Susan Halbach
Extraordinary	Arnold Schwerts	Bobbi Peterson*, Dave Hemann, Diane Stephan
Ministers	Jeff Badger*	Judy Jewett, Julie Frischmeyer, Kathy Mauer*
Of Holy	Ann Badger	Mary Linder, Rose Kramer*, Julie Grunklee
Communion		Sue Sonnenberg, Ron Hayek
Greet	Gary & Mary Wolfe	Robert & Gloria Rickert, Eric Nash, Bobbi Peterson Family, Bill & Shirley Rogers
Gifts	Rex & Sue Wangler	Bill & Shirley Rogers
Reader 1	Cam Coy	Debrann Scott
Reader 2	Cam Coy	Jim Selenke
Server	Sam Badger	Bryce Dall, Sydney Petersen
Server	McKenna Tingle	Baylee Petersen
Usher	Don & Kathy Hosch	Justin Nicklaus, Rick Nilles, Todd Rickert
Usher		Rich Riesberg, John Schuller, Darwin Sents
Video		Mike Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Rose Kramer / Judy Martens / Julie Grunklee
Collection Counters	Josh Petersen / Roger Oberhauser	Margie Glick, John Kramer, Bill & Shirley Rogers