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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Intentions for
March 17 – March 22

Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	<u>Intention for</u>
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Thelma Wilmer
Thursday.....10:00 am at Parkview NH	Paul Buck
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Harold & Adeline Lynch
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	Marvin Ostwinkle
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	Larry & Vi Kisner Family
	For the People

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.

Communal Penance - Services in our area are listed.

March 15, St. Paul in Traer 2:00-3:00 pm
March 15, St. Mary in Waverly, 2:00-3:25 pm
March 15, Blessed Sacrament in Waterloo, 4:00-5:15 pm
March 22, St. Edward in Waterloo, 4:00-5:00 pm
March 29, Queen of Peace in Waterloo, 2:00-3:00 pm

AND STILL MORE LENTEN PRACTICES... "Almsgiving".

Cultivating a spirituality of abundance might seem contrary to Lent. Yet, it is helpful that everything is a gift from God – our lives, relationships, talents, possessions – and our deepest identity is that we are loved by God. When we believe this, we are freed from trying to measure our worth by any other means. We come to realize the beauty of enough: we have enough, and we are enough with all our impressions. As a result, we can let go and give away. This is almsgiving.

Save the Date! April 18, 2015! Women's Reflection-Our speaker for our April 18th Women's Reflection is Sister Marie Hessed. 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.

Income Weekend March 8, 2015

Adult Budget \$ 3,882.00 Needed \$ 4,700.00

Just Ahead

- ❖ Stations of the Cross, followed by soup Tues., March 24, noon @ R
- ❖ Faith Formation, Wednesday, March 25, both locations
- ❖ Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Friday, March 27, 5-7 pm @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
No Faith Formation, Wednesday, March 18
Soup Supper, followed by Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 20, 6 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT FOCUS: *We are a people saved from eternal death and brought to new life by Jesus.*

God has great mercy and deep love for us. Out of his love, God sent his son, Jesus, to redeem us by his blood, offering us the hope of eternal life. Our rescue from sin and death is sheer grace. This great gift from God merits a response of gratitude and a life of faith good works.

SOMETHING MORE - According to one writer: "Here's the thing about depression: a human being can survive almost anything, as long as he/she sees the end in sight. But depression is so insidious it's impossible to ever see the end. The fog it creates is like living in a cage without a key."

Thankfully, in the midst of all this sadness comes today's Gospel - a word that means "good news." It talks about a light that penetrates into the depth of our darkness. It talks about a God who "so loved the world that he sent his only Son." It talks about a hope so glorious - eternal life with God - that it can lift the human spirit and connect it to the Source of all life.

John's Gospel is all about the One sent by the Father precisely to reignite the fire of compassion within our hearts so that we can find the energy to believe again, to embrace life, to cast out the demons of darkness. And even more than this, the good news is: It's not about what we have to DO to earn this. Instead it's all about what God gratuitously DOES FOR us. He sends his Son.

He sends his Son so that we can see with our eyes what St. Paul talks about in our second reading today when he describes our God as being "rich in mercy," when he describes you and me as being "brought to life in Christ" and when he tops it all off by calling each of us God's handiwork. May God give us the grace this Lent to rediscover the depths of God's love for us, especially those immersed in the pain of depression, in the hope that we can create a sense of mission in our society to bring an end to the tragedies of the future.

Just a FYI- The rummage sale and auction are over. The rummage sale brought in \$339.00 and the Don Stephan Auction brought in \$124.25. The auction money will be donated to NCYC. Thanks to everyone who helped clean the church out!

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
Stations of the Cross, followed by Soup, Tuesday, March 17, noon
No Faith Formation, Wednesday, March 18

Other Announcements

Easter Lily Collection Are you interested in making a memorial donation toward the Easter Lilies that will be used to decorate our churches during the Easter Season? Envelopes for a \$15 donation are available at both churches. You can mark the name of your loved one and at which church the lily should be placed. Each church will post a list of names on Easter Sunday.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - The second KC fish fry will be held **March 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 bojecker@mchsi.com) on or before **March 22, 2015**. Thank you for your support.



God of all people, We offer you our Lenten journey. May we learn to walk as one human family, remembering in a special way those who are poorest and most in need. Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts. Through these actions, we show our love for your Son Jesus, and answer your call to love one another. Amen.

This is How Your Rice Bowl Contributions Help!

**\$1.00 a day for 40 days-of Lent means
1 month of food for a family
2 years of seed for a farmer
3 months of clean water for 4 families.**

Did you know?

75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world.

25% Supports local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in your diocese.

Mark your calendars for our next Couples of Faith Date Night April 12th on the Five Love Languages

Ever feel it's difficult to communicate with those whom you care about most? Ever feel those you love just don't understand what it is you need? Chris and Bob Smialek will help you open pathways to better communication and understanding with an informative, yet light and entertaining, discussion of the *Five Love Languages*. Discover what many have used to change their most important relationships with spouses, children and teenagers, parents, friends and even God. They'll help you identify what makes you tick and learn how others might be different. By simply changing the "language" that you use, you can finally say "I love" in a way so others will understand. Chris and Bob are frequent speakers and presenters on marriage and relationships. They are Masters in Ministry program graduates from Loras College, and are certified Stepfamily Coaches. They live in Dubuque, are members of the Church of the Resurrection, and are passionate about helping you.

This fantastic event is 5-7 PM at St. Gabriel Hall on April 12th. Food, drinks and child care 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 cnorth3412@gmail.com or text or message to [319-215-6118](tel:319-215-6118).

Palm Sunday Brunch - Sunday March 29th, after mass at St. Gabriel's. Enjoy egg bake and homemade cinnamon rolls. Free will offering with proceeds to support our students going to NCYC.

Thank you to all of you who supported our **NCYC Spaghetti Dinner!** We raised almost \$700 after expenses!! We appreciate the donations, all who ate, and everyone who worked to make the dinner successful. A special thank you to Tamara Tingle for organizing the event!!

Initiation Process-We are continuing our period of Purification and Enlightenment as we journey through Lent. Watch for photos around our worship centers and when you see the Candidates, who are in the Initiation Process, welcome them, and ask them a question about the journey of faith they have been on! Deacon John Schwennen

Adoration and Benediction-Still trying to figure out what you will do that is special for Lent? How about coming to Adoration and Benediction at St. Patrick on March 17th. We will begin by 6 AM and conclude at 7 AM, stop in to pray with us and leave whenever you need. Deacon John Schwennen

Franciscan Common Venture – a volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, provides the opportunity for persons age 20+ to contribute their time, commitment and talent in service among people who are poor. If interested, contact **Sr. Michelle Balek, OSF**; 3390 Windsor Ave; Dubuque, IA 52001; Phone: 563-583-9786; e-mail: balekm@osfdbq.org; OR see website:

<http://www.osfdbq.org/commonventure.php>

	March 21	March 22
Accompanist	Steven Halbach	Judie Krebsbach & Susan Halbach
Cantor	Don Osterhaus	Rick Ogle / Choir
Extraordinary	Cam Coy	Ann O'Connor, Joe Becker, Diane Stephan*
Ministers	Julie Dunn*	Georgia Bennett, Amy Seitz*, Kelley Sents*
Of Holy	Becky Lievens	Karen Benson, Sue Sonnenberg, Wanda Christensen
Communion		Connie Becker, Need one
Greet	Elem. Liturgy	Elem. Liturgy
Gifts	Elem. Liturgy	Elem. Liturgy
Reader 1	Elem. Liturgy	Elem. Liturgy
Reader 2	Elem. Liturgy	Elem. Liturgy
Server	Elem. Liturgy	Katie Glick, Colton Glick
Server	Elem. Liturgy	Avery Coulter
Usher	Elem. Liturgy	Elem. Liturgy
Usher		Ryan Folkerts, Chris Frischmeyer, Ron Hayek
Video		Mike Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Connie Becker / Kathy Zeiner / Diane Stephan
Collection Counters	Bob & Peg Neavins/Richard & Cam Coy	Laurie Folkedahl, Ron Hayek, Don Schmidt, Wanda Christensen