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AUGUST 2, 2015
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
August 4– August 9

Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck
Thursday..... 8:00 am at Reinbeck
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck

Intention for
Joe Hemrich
Rose Carney
Mary Benson
Virgil Neubauer
Lori Hoff
For the People

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME *FOCUS:*

God gives us the strength to follow him.

When the Israelites escaped Egypt and sought a new life, God gave them quail in the evening and manna in the mornings so they could be strong for their journey across the desert. Similarly, Jesus gives us the gift of himself in the Eucharist so that we might have the strength and grace needed to persevere as we walk our pilgrim journey of faith on earth.

SOMETHING MORE – *Jesus told the disciples, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”*

At that point, the people still did not get it!. They were looking for a “what,” for something they could do to be assured of God’s favor to them. Jesus was in a different mode: He was saying that they would not satisfy their longings by doing anything to control God; their satisfaction and fulfillment was to be found in a person, and belief in him.

How well have we understood this message 2,000 years later? Are we still trying to control God? Pope Francis reminds us that the faithful, drawn together as the church, have come to put far too much stock in the “what” of a relationship with God and one another. As a church, we have often worried more about keeping rules, and seeking God’s approbation by our compliance with laws and regulations, than we have focused on our relationship with each other and with God. Pope Francis reminds us that it is the caring and merciful Jesus Christ who must be our guide for Christian living. The same Jesus who took pity on the crowds, the Jesus, who, body and blood poured out, gave himself for the life of the world.

AND STILL MORE – *A certain brown horse loved to tell jokes. As he sauntered into the barn one day, he asked all the other horses, who were standing in their stalls, “Why is hay like manna from heaven:?” The punch line: “Because they both come from aloft!”*

In the Gospel today, the people recall how God provided manna from heaven for Moses and their ancestors in quest of the Promised Land. Jesus then explains that he is the Bread of Life.

Income Weekend July 26, 2015

Adult Budget	\$ 3,807.00	Needed	\$ 5,154.00
Annual Adult Budget	\$ 268,000.00		
Deficit	\$ -3,777.33 (July)		

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER - *Our deepest sympathy to the family of Liane Kolecheck, daughter of Larry and Vi Kisner, members of Holy Family Parish. May our loving and gracious God hold her in his tender arms and give her peace.*

Just Ahead

❖ Social Justice Mtg., Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 pm @ R
St. Patrick, Parkersburg location
Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
HFP Council Meeting, Wednesday, August 5, 7 pm
Holy Family Circle Meeting, Sunday, August 9 after Mass

Other Announcements

Soles for Souls - It's time again for the "Soles for Souls" shoe campaign. The Social Concerns Committee decided to do it again since it was so successful last time and was really appreciated by the headquarters (one of which is in Sheldon, IA). There they are sorted, graded by condition, style & size by Village Northwest in Sheldon--- an occupational training facility for mentally challenged adults. They are sent all over the world to victims of abject poverty & natural disasters. So who doesn't have some good used or new shoes they can't use any more! We will be doing this for the month of August. Boxes will be at both churches. Be sure & tie pairs together.

"Grundy Center VBS starts today. If you haven't signed up the kids, there is still time. We would like to have everyone signed up on line, but if you do not have access to the website, just let Michelle Brown know. We are also in need of more volunteers. It takes many people to make this community VBS a success. Volunteers sign up on line also. If you cannot volunteer your time, please consider donating some supplies for snack. Contact Amber Hoy at 319-824-3161."

Needed: 2015 Oktoberfest Leaders. Many of our leaders are unable to participate this year, so we are looking for volunteers to help lead the annual Oktoberfest event, tentatively planned for Sunday, October 4 from 11 AM - 1 PM. We especially are in need for new kitchen/cooking leaders. If you would like this event to happen this year, please contact Deacon Greg at greg.hfp@gmail.com or 319.240.0840 **BEFORE Tuesday August 4th.** Danke!

Initiation Process Another year is in the planning stages of the Initiation Process, formerly called RCIA, the journey to joining the Catholic Church. If you or any one you know might be interested in exploring this opportunity call or email the office at 319-345-2006 or Deacon John Schwennen at 319-239-5728.

Service Project Needs--Our Faith Formation students did a great job of collecting and packaging items for our service project. However, we are still in need of some items to finish our bags for the Layette Project and Birthright. We are looking for the following items: baby t-shirts (not onsies), bath towels, hand towels, baby soap/shampoo, comb and brush sets, and manicure sets. If you would like to donate any of these items, or make a cash donation to the purchase of any items, please bring to either church or the office. Thank you to all who have donated and helped in some way!!

Grundy County Blood Drive will be Thursday, August 20 12:30 pm-6:00 pm at the Grundy Center Community Center. To make an appointment, contact LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.

Is Mass supposed to be entertaining? The Mass was never intended as entertainment. It is a ritual, which means that through the repetition of prayers, movements, and the changing of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, we are spiritually formed, inspired, and consoled.

Bible Timeline Seminar - Come and hear dynamic speaker, Jeff Cavins, speak at the Grand River Center in Dubuque on Saturday, September 12, 9 AM-3 PM. *The Bible will come alive* as Jeff leads us through the Bible and helps us understand the "big picture" of salvation history. Cost \$40 (includes seminar packet and lunch). After Sept 1, cost is \$50. BONUS! Jeff will give a FREE talk on his return to the Catholic church, "A Rebel Returns" on Friday evening, September 11, 7- 9 PM at the Grand River Center. For more information and to register go to www.citywidebiblestudy.com or call 563-451-2939. Don't miss this opportunity to bring God's Word alive! Register today!

Catholic Charities would appreciate it very much if you would include the following information in your parish bulletins about our counselors in the Waterloo Office. Kelley Dickey-Cuddy is a Doctoral Candidate in Psychology, She has been with Catholic Charities for the past eight years and has over twenty years of experience counseling individuals, couples, and families for faith-based non-profit agencies. Sister Rita Menart, a licensed mental health counselor with Catholic Charities, offers counseling in the Waterloo office, New Hampton and Marshalltown in English and Spanish. For an appointment call 319-272-2138.

	August 8	August 9
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Judie Krebsbach / Susan Halbach
Cantor	Sarah	Don Davidson
Extraordinary	John Schwennen	John Schwennen(D), Reno Rodeghiero, Ron Hayek*
Ministers	Jeff Badger	John Schreck, Rose Kramer, Sue Sonnenberg
Of Holy	Ann Badger*	Linda Williams, Judy Jewett, Mike Williams
Communion		Sue Messerly, Deb Woodhouse, Bill & Shirley Rogers**
Greet	Don & Kathy Hosch	Ryan Folkerts Family, Chris Frischmeyer Family, Steve & Cindy Gerhard
Gifts	Tony & Julie Dunn	Ryan Folkerts Family
Reader 1	Kathy Hosch	Wanda Christensen
Reader 2	Kathy Hosch	Amy Dall
Server	Sam Badger	Drew Sonnenberg, Jace Petersen
Server	Cooper Hoff	Cylver Woods
Usher	Larry & Vi Kisner	David Martens, Brian Corwin, Joe Davis
Usher		Ethan DeWall, Roger Dostal, Dean Eslinger
Video		Brenda Davis
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Mary Schwennen	Connie Becker / Rita Amling / Diane Stephan
Collection Counters	Josh Petersen / Roger Oberhauser	Rod & Mardel Brockett, Denny Greiner, Wilbur Kielly