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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Focus:

Following God requires commitment.

Following God is not an occasional thing. It requires a commitment much like we see in today's readings. Joshua calls together the tribes to renew their covenant with God. Paul explains that the commitment between husband and wife is the model for Christ and the Church. Peter confesses the commitment of the Twelve to follow Christ, for he has the words of everlasting life.



Mass Intentions for
August 25– August 30

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
Johanna Thrasher
Leland Hulme
Sara Kelly
Deceased Members of the Parish
For the People
Phillip Surat

SOMETHING MORE – When a health crisis or loss of a friend or family member comes into our lives, we will quietly or anonymously rediscover our need for God.

This is normal, the way most of us grow into our faith, even as we grow in wisdom as we age. Life gets more complicated as we go, and deeper questions require deeper answers. No one escapes the mystery of suffering and loss that leads to either hope or despair.

God welcomes us, whether we approach him in desperation or in a more intellectual search for the truth, or because we have felt what author Evelyn Waugh called the “twitch upon the thread” that is God’s summons to a wandering soul to come home.

Jesus, who is the seal upon our hearts at baptism, welcomes us to discover who we really are. All our experiences reveal the emerging Christ within us, the image and likeness of God that remains when all other false images and masks are exhausted. It is time to come home, for we are loved, even in our sinful ways and wasted opportunities. Like the convert Augustine, we confess, “Late have I loved you.” Better late than never.

The Eucharist is our handle on everything we believe. There is no greater sign of faith than to receive Communion regularly. It teaches us to pray, brings us into community, nourishes our hungers and sends us forth to find and feed others who are starving to death, spiritually and sometimes literally. We have other options for a Sunday morning, but none as satisfying as this. Listen to the stories again, hold hands with one another as we pray the Lord’s Prayer, give one another the peace of Christ. Come home.

AND STILL MORE – You may have heard the proverb “When the going gets tough the tough get going.” It is a tribute to those who triumph over hard times by working harder. At the other end of the scale, there is a bumper sticker that boosts, “At my age, happy hour is a nap.”

Some of Jesus’ followers found their discipleship too difficult and went home. They couldn’t believe in the teachings. But the tough Twelve stayed. Peter put it best, “We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Son of God.”

Income Weekend August 16, 2015

Adult Budget \$ 6,834.00 Needed \$ 5,154.00

Just Ahead

❖ Catechist In-service, Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 pm @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes

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.

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
Knights of Columbus Meeting, Thursday, August 27, 7 pm

Other Announcements

HOLY FAMILY CIRCLE wants to remind everyone that DECEMBER 5 will be our annual HOLIDAY CANDY & COOKIE SALE ! We will also have a craft table and would appreciate any items you would like to donate. More info will be coming in the next few months. Thanks to all who help with this. HOLY FAMILY CIRCLE will be having a VETERANS SEW DAY on September 16 from 8:00-1:00. We will be making lap covers, small blankets, ditty bags and wheel chair bags. Please come and share your talents on this day. We can use all helpers from sewers to coffee makers come and enjoy the fellowship. Call Elaine with questions (345-2090, 404-3706)

Confirmation Candidates: Please plan on attending a meeting regarding Confirmation on Sunday, August 30th following Mass at St. Gabriel. **Please bring your parents and a copy of your baptismal certificate (if not baptized in the parish). All those entering their Junior year of High School and regularly attending Faith Formation are invited. A letter with full details will be mailed directly to those students who were enrolled in Faith Formation last year. Questions regarding Confirmation can be directed to Amy Dall, Youth Minister.**

NCYC Reminder: If you have not made your July payment of \$150, please mail this to the parish office. We will have another payment due in September for \$210. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 20th at 5 pm. We will be meeting in Parkersburg to select hats, trade items and socialize. Dinner provided. Please contact Amy Dall with questions.

Faith Formation--Our Faith Formation sessions will begin on September 9th, at 6:30 pm. Registration is now open online, at www.myschoolsystems.com/ArchDBQ/DBQ169. If you are in need of your user name and password, please contact Alyssa in the office. Paper forms are also available on the parish website, or in the narthex of either church. Our fees will remain the same, \$55 for one child or \$70 for family. We are unable to accept online payment at this time, so please pay in the office, or the first night of FF. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact the office. Thank you!!

What is a Catechist?--A catechist is a teacher of the Faith of the Catholic Church both by word and example. Catechists serve our Faith Formation program by helping the youth of our parish deepen their faith and relationship with Jesus. Serving as a catechist can be a very rewarding ministry to be a part of. We are in need of several catechists for Faith Formation this year. Catechists are provided with excellent resources that provide the support needed to lead a class. Please consider helping the youth of our parish by serving as a catechist. If you would like to serve as a catechist, or if you have questions, please contact Alyssa in the office.

***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.*

US Bishops respond to Planned Parenthood videos in a statement: If the Planned Parenthood coverage has caused anyone to experience revived trauma from their own involvement in abortion, be assured that any and all persons are welcomed with compassion and assistance through the church's post-abortion healing ministry, project Rachel. If you or someone you know would like confidential, non-judgmental help, please visit www.projectrachel.com

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!

Layette Project-- We are still in need of some items to finish our bags for the Layette Project. We are looking for the following items: 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!!

Recycle pop can/pop bottle bins Please check your bags of recycle pop cans and pop bottles before you dump them in our recycle bins--- Thank you for your donations.

	August 29	August 30
Accompanist	Lisa	Judie Krebsbach / Susan Halbach
Cantor	Clara / Marty	Rick Ogle
Extraordinary	Greg Lievens(D)	Greg Lievens(D), Amy Seitz*, Joe Davis*
Ministers	Marti Hall*	Rose Kramer*, Brenda Davis, Amy Dall
Of Holy	Dorothy Luebbers	Ben Dall, Sue Messerly, Kathy Juel
Communion		Elaine Folkerts, Ann O'Connor
Greet	Larry & Vi Kisner	John & Rose Kramer, Dale & Bea Greiner, Paul O'Connor Family, Helen O'Connor
Gifts		Paul O'Connor Family
Reader 1	Cam Coy	Janine Stewart
Reader 2	Cam Coy	Mary Linder
Server	Halie Petersen	Alysa Fettkether, Alayna Kollasch
Server	Carley Hook	Devon Kollasch
Usher	Susie Hook / Cindy Kannegieter	David Martens, Justin Nicklaus, Todd Rickert
Usher		Rich Riesberg, Greg Snider, Mike Williams
Video		Susie Billerbeck
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Becky Lievens	Connie Becker / Kathy Zeiner / Janine Stewart
Collection Counters	Josh Petersen / Roger Oberhauser	Ron & Colleen Pappas, Joe Davis, Diane Stephan