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AUGUST 30, 2015
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
September 1 – September 6

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 Kurtenbach
Shirley Halbach
Don Stephan
Joe Boes
Liane Kolecheck
For the People

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
FOCUS: Faithful obedience to God's law is a sign of our love and devotion to him.

It might seem to some that obedience to God's law restricts their lives and their freedom. Yet viewed in terms of a human analogy, we know that when parents call their children to be obedient, they do so out of a sense of loving responsibility. Parents are charged to guide their children to become capable and faithful adults. In the same way, God's law directs us in our spiritual relationship with him.

AND STILL MORE – A man working on his roof called the weather bureau to ask, "What are the chances of a shower tonight?" The weatherman answered, "I'd say go ahead and take one if you really need it!"

This brings us to the old proverb that cleanliness is next to godliness. That was the question in today's Gospel: Which is more important, cleaning the dishes or cleaning the hearts?

Jesus cited a warning from the Book of Isaiah, which said that the greater danger of uncleanness comes from within us. Evil begins in the human heart where motives and intentions lie. At every Mass, the priest prays for purity of heart, and so should we.

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.

SOMETHING MORE - During the Holy year, Pope Francis wants to create a church of mercy, a more pastoral church, a field hospital for the wounded rather than a tribunal that withholds the sacraments until people conform to the ideal. A different model of church threatens those who only know how to enforce the letter of the law. They lose their powers as arbiters. Facing life's ambiguity, dealing with each case individually, requires more pastoral skills. Imposing the rules does not require discernment. Mercy is a greater challenge. The minister of mercy must accompany sinners as they make progress. Critics fear moral gradualism and relativism. Some prefer all or nothing, in or out, a smaller, purer church rather than a big tent filled with saints and sinners together. But how will we ever tell the difference?

Jesus' approach is not to deny the reality of sin, but to question the possibility of one person judging another. Only God sees the heart. Who knows the burden and limitations one person faces in doing their best, or the hidden sins of someone else who lords it over others? James 5:20 reminds us that "mercy covers a multitude of sins," including our own. If we suspend judgement and extend mercy to others, we receive mercy ourselves.

The beatitude "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God" sums up Jesus' challenge to us to be like God, merciful to everyone. For when we show mercy, we see God at work in one another.

Income Weekend August 23, 2015

Adult Budget \$ 3,333.00 Needed \$ 5,154.00

Just Ahead

- ❖ Faith Formation Family Night, Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 pm at Reinbeck, Prayer Service 6:30 pm, Parkersburg
- ❖ Liturgy Meeting, Thursday, September 10, 6:30 pm, Reinbeck

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
Catechists In-service, Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 pm

Other Announcements

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him - Our deepest sympathy to the family of Irvin Polega, grandfather of Cheryl (Michael) Scott, members of Holy Family Parish. May our loving and gracious God hold him in his tender arms and give him peace.

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)

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!!

Couples of Faith We are very excited to begin the **3rd year** of our marriage enrichment program with some very special speakers!! Authors & world-wide presenters and leaders of the Christian Family Movement, Deacon Gary & Kay Aitchison of St. Cecilia Parish in Ames will be speaking on "Your Marriage - The Great Adventure" All married and engaged couples are welcome to attend and feel free to invite other couples to join you!! Our first date night will be Sunday **September 13th from 4:30 to 7pm in St. Gabriel Hall**. Meal, beverages and child care ALL provided! Join us for food, fellowship and faith!! Please **RSVP** by September 12th for couples and for child care, to Cole North at cnorth3412@gmail.com, or call or text **319-215-6118**.

A Big Thanks to Ron Hayek for building each church a large, wooden box so parishioners have a place to put donated items. Looks great!!

Fair Trade Coffee Reminder that Holy Family Parish is selling Fair Trade coffee for cost to help create opportunity for small-scale farmers of underprivileged countries make a living. As followers of Christ, we are called to demonstrate special concern for the most vulnerable members of our human family. By purchasing this coffee, we are providing a chance to help other humans make a living for themselves as well as creating a safe work environment for them. You can consider buying this coffee as a donation to charity!! Chocolate and tea are two other items that will be for sale in the future. Coffee is for sale the 1st Sunday of the month but you can contact any member of the Social Justice committee to buy it any time. This coffee is also used after Mass every 1st Sunday.

Bible Timeline Seminar - *Registrations still being accepted for The 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 - \$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. Go to www.citywidebiblestudy.com or call 563-451-2939. Register today! *Walk-ins welcome!*

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.

	September 5	September 6
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Kathy	Don Davidson
Extraordinary	Dorothy Luebbers*	Barb Melloy*, Mary Linder*, Bobbi Ann Peterson
Ministers	Jeff Badger	Tim Melloy*, Linda Williams, Mike Williams
Of Holy	Ann Badger	Bobbi Ann Petersen, John Schreck, Sue Sonnenberg
Communion		Janine Stewart, Deb Woodhouse
Greet	Ger & Dorothy Luebbers	Ron and Colleen Pappas, JoAnn and Carol Petersen, Bobbi and Shalene Peterson
Gifts		Ron and Colleen Pappas
Reader 1	Mary Sullivan	Kathy Mauer
Reader 2	Mary Sullivan	Julie Merfeld
Server	Sam Badger	Sydney Petersen, Baylee Petersen
Server	Riley Oberhauser	Tim Scott
Usher	Chuck Etjen	Rick Nilles, Kenny Ackerman, Michael Bennett
Usher	Kelly Etjen	Richard Benson, Agnes Biersner
Video		Mike Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Angie Oberhauser	Carol Garwood / Diane Stephan / Amy Dall
Collection Counters	Bob & Peg Neavins/Richard & Cam Coy	Laurie Folkedahl, Ron Hayek, Don Schmidt, Wanda Christensen