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SEPTEMBER 6, 2015
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
September 8 – September 13

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
Myrtle Kurtenbach
Harold & Ann Lynch
Hans Halverson
Marvin Ostwinkle
For the People
George Klein

SOMETHING MORE - *Of the four evangelists, only Mark has the story of the deaf man. And it is very much like the cure of a blind man that follows it closely. In that story, told by Mark, Jesus takes the blind man aside by himself and Jesus restores the man's sight, again using touch and spittle.*

For Mark the evangelist, the healing of the deaf and the cure of the blind signal the advent of the messiah. He is identified immediately after the telling of these miracles. These miracles stories prepare readers familiar with Hebrew Scriptures for Peter's confession of faith: "You are the Messiah."

The miracle of the cure of the deaf man also serves to call on the reader not to be deaf to the message of the Gospel. In a very personal and loving way, Jesus will take each one aside and minister to her or his inability to hear and to speak the good news.

In baptism, we are initiated into Christ. We are reminded, "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father."

Hearing isn't just a physical act. We hear a lot of things and don't really listen to them. At baptism, we are charged to "receive" God's word and "proclaim" it. Jesus and his caring and personal touch will always help us along the way.

Income Weekend August 30, 2015

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| Adult Budget | \$ 3,572.00 | Needed | \$ 5,154.00 |
| Annual Adult Budget | \$ 268,000.00 | | |
| Deficit | | \$ -1,858.66 | |

Just Ahead

- ❖ Holy Family Circle Mtg, Sunday, September 13 after Mass
- ❖ Couples of Faith, Sunday, September 13, 4:30 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Faith Formation, Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 pm at both locations

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
Faith Formation Family Night with prayer service Wed. Sept. 9, 6:30 pm

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Boldly we embrace our mission to proclaim the good news that salvation and eternal life are through Jesus Christ.

We are familiar with the message of Jesus and the mighty deeds which accompanied it, such as the healing of the deaf man. As we accept the Gospel in faith, we embrace the life and mission of Jesus as our own. It then becomes our mission to bring the Gospel message to others so that they will embrace the love and mercy of God and come to salvation.

AND STILL MORE - Jesus puts his fingers in the deaf man's ears and, with his face lifted toward heaven, groaned and cried out, "Ephphatha!" (Be opened)

Those words are repeated at each baptism when the presider prays that the ears of the newly baptized will be opened to hear the promises of Jesus in the words of sacred scripture. As Jesus touched the man's tongue, the presider touches the lips of the newly baptized, and the new disciple is charged to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord to all nations.

The command "Ephphatha!" challenges each of us today to hear the word and to share it by becoming a living example of the Gospel.

Sarah Nilles will speak briefly at the end of mass at both church's the weekend of September 12 -13. Sarah is a member of 'Youth Initiatives' and is currently working with the youth in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Her mission is "Awakening the hope in the lives of young people through Christ's love." After mass she will be available to speak in more detail about her work with anyone who is interested. Because Sarah is not from the Belfast region, she is limited to provide the resources she needs for the program. Any support, prayerful or otherwise, from her friends at Holy Family Parish would be greatly appreciated. Sarah gained interest in working with youth from her experience at Holy Family Parish.

We would like to welcome Colleen "Cole" North as our new Secretary/Bookkeeper. The new office hours will be Monday Closed, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

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Other Announcements

The Archdiocesan **Our Call to Share** collection will be taken up in our parish on the weekend of September 19-20. This is a combination of collections including: Missions (World Missions, Home Missions, Black and Indian Missions, and Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry), Catholic University of America and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Each parishioner will receive a brochure and offertory envelope in the mail. On the offertory envelope you will have the choice of having your contribution divided according to need among the collections or you may designate how you would like your contribution distributed. Please be as generous as possible and remember these important efforts of the mission of the Church in your prayers.

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](tel:319-215-6118).

Thank You The Holy Family Faith Formation and HFP Circle want to thank everyone who has contributed to the Layette bags. They will be given to women who are expecting a baby when they come to the birthing center in Nicaragua. We have completed 30 bags and made 90 receiving blankets to go in the bags. On September 14-17 at 3:30-9:00 in Waterloo they will be packing these items and others to be sent overseas. We would like to have a group to go over and help with this. If you are interested contact Elaine Folkerts or Janine Stewart. We will car pool from the church and travel together.

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!*

| | September 12 | September 13 |
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| Accompanist | Steven | Susan Halbach |
| Cantor | Kyle | Larry & Connie Rohach |
| Extraordinary | John Schwennen* | John Schwennen (D), Joe Becker, Julie Frischmeyer* |
| Ministers | Mary Ann Bergman | Cynthia Becker, Shalene Peterson, Michelle Coulter |
| Of Holy | Nancy Brannon | Rick Nilles, Amy Seitz, Dean Eslinger, Gary Mauer |
| Communion | | Connie Becker, Max & Rosanne Girres** |
| Greet | Bob & Peg Neavins | Mike & Linda Rickert, Robert & Gloria Rickert, Don & Cheryl Osterhaus |
| Gifts | Jeremiah Hook Family | Mike & Linda Rickert |
| Reader 1 | Kate Petersen | Don Davidson |
| Reader 2 | Kate Petersen | Janelle Onnen |
| Server | Clara Petersen | Avery Coulter, Olivia Woodley |
| Server | Jenna Bruns | Francesca Brown |
| Usher | Tony & Julie Dunn | Brian Corwin, Joe Davis, Ethan DeWall |
| Usher | | Roger Dostal, David Martens, Chris Frischmeyer |
| Video | | Brenda Davis |
| Sacristan /MC/Announcements | Mary Schwennen | Judy Kershaw/Rita Amling/Joe Davis |
| Collection Counters | Bob & Peg Neavins/Richard & Cam Coy | Mardel Brockett/Rod Brockett/Agnes Biersner/Rosanne Girres |