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**JANUARY 1, 2017**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

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**Mass Intentions for**  
Jan 3 – Jan 8

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  
Hilda Kucera  
Bill Davis  
Dale McIntyre  
Arnold Wagner  
For the People  
Charles F. Murphy

***Solemnity of Mary Focus: The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of God, and our Spiritual mother.***

Today, the Church honors the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was chosen by God the Father to be the Mother of his Son. As Jesus was both fully human and divine, the Church confesses that Mary is truly “Mother of God.” So may we join together this day in adoring Mary, who is the Mother of God and our Spiritual Mother.

***SPECIAL EDITION***

***Couples of Faith on January 15<sup>th</sup>!!***

**Deacon Joel & Lisa Schmidt are traveling up from Des Moines JUST FOR US!** Come enjoy their presentation “The Eight Beatitudes of Healthy Marriages” - light-hearted, inspired from Church teaching, research, anecdotal evidence, and, of course, the Beatitudes. Discover practical strategies for strengthening your marriage using the Beatitudes - a summary of what to do to get to heaven - and make your marriage thrive this new year. Mark it on your calendar, invite and come together with other couples of all ages and faiths for a unique night out. A soup supper, beverages, child care and door prize are all provided FREE! You won't want to pass up this opportunity. Please RSVP if you can for meal and childcare planning to 319-215-6118 or [cnorth3412@gmail.com](mailto:cnorth3412@gmail.com). It all happens at St. Gabriel's Church Hall on Sunday January 15, from 5 to 7 pm. Social time begins at 4:45. Even if you have never attended our Couples of Faith program before, you are WELCOME!!! Hope to see you there!!!

**Your COF Team**

***Something More...*** There is a story about a woman, pregnant with twins, who went into labor. Her husband was away on a business trip, so she had to drive herself to the hospital. On the way she got into a bad accident. The twins were safely delivered in the emergency room but the mother lapsed into a coma. To avoid a mix-up the hospital staff insisted that the twins be named immediately. When the mother's “loose cannon” brother showed up as next of available kin, he was asked to name the babies. The next day when the mother awoke from her coma, she was worried that her brother would have named the twins something absurd or stupid. He explained: “The first one was a girl. I named her Denise!” The mom breathed a tentative sigh of relief. “What about the second one?” she asked. Her brother replied: “The second one was a boy, so I named him De-nephew.” In today's Gospel we are reminded that there were no problems with selecting the name of Jesus. He was named by God, through an angel, as foretold in Joseph's dream.

***THANK YOU THANK YOU...*** for all the many cards and gifts I received for Christmas. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. I ask God to bless you richly with much joy, happiness and good health as we enter a New Year.  
*Fr. David*

**\*Please have bulletin announcements into the office by Thursday's at 3:00 pm\***

**Just Ahead**

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Mtg after Mass, Sunday, Jan 15 @ R

**St. Patrick, Parkersburg location**

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes  
FF, Wednesday, Jan 4, 6:30 – 7:45  
Adoration, Friday, Jan 6, 7 am @ P

**St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location**

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes  
FF, Wednesday, Jan 4, 6:30 – 7:45  
Adoration, Wed, Jan 4, 7:30 am @ R  
HFC Mtg after Mass, Sunday, Jan 8  
Confirmation Session after Mass, Sunday, Jan 8

**Income Weekend Dec 25, 2016**  
**Weekly Collection \$ 11,574.00 Needed \$ 6,900.00**  
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

## Other Announcement



***Prayer for the New Year*** Dear Lord, We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word, May we also see and love you in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us. We know that all human relations take time if they are to grow and deepen. This is also true of our relations with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which must grow over the course of our lives. In this new year, let us realise that every action of ours no matter how great or small enables us to be in touch with You. Let us accept You in our lives, in the way it pleases You, as Truth, to be spoken, as Life, to be lived, as Light, to be lighted, as Love, to be followed, as Joy, to be given, as Peace, to be spread about, as Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives, friends, neighbors and all people. Amen.

***And still more...*** Mary became the ultimate disciple, the epitome of what it meant to follow Jesus. She is the one who surrendered her ego, who quieted her fears, who made the decision to trust – even though she had little knowledge of what was going on. In her wildest dreams, this poor, humble woman could never have imagined how significant her “yes” would be in human history. In the language of new year’s celebrations, Mary made a resolution – the resolution to open her heart to the amazing, enlivening fullness of grace; the resolution to voice a wholehearted “yes.” In today’s Gospel, Luke challenges us to do the same. Luke asks us to make our hearts like Mary’s ... to resolve to notice the angels that appear in our lives; to resolve to welcome the shepherds of today – the poorest of the poor; to resolve to open our hearts to new possibilities, new beginnings, new dreams. On this first day of the new year, let us resolve to make the heart of Mary our own. Let us promise ourselves that we will clean out a room in our hearts so there will always be space for God to be wrapped in the swaddling clothes of our love and our trust – a space within us in which the child Jesus can be re-born.

**Archdiocese Women’s Conference - Beauty in Christ** Treat yourself and plan to attend the Archdiocese of Dubuque Women’s Conference, Saturday, February 4th, 2017, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Pius X in Cedar Rapids. Doors open at 7:00 am. Invite your mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends to this exciting day with storyteller **Leah Darrow** and humorist **Kelly Nieto** and **Archbishop Jackels**. Our speakers will touch the hearts of all ages, from teens to more mature women. For more information, to view videos of our presenters, and to register visit: <http://www.archwomensconference.org/> Early bird cost of event is \$35 per adult and includes lunch until January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Operation Threshold** is in need of cleaning supplies – dishwashing soap, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, etc.

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Worker House** is in need of – disposable shavers, deodorant & Cleaners

	Jan 7	Jan 8
Accompanist	Lisa	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Kyle	Rick Ogle
Extraordinary	John Schwennen*	Elaine Folkerts, Bob Glick
Ministers	Mary Ann Bergman	Margie Glick, Kathy Juel, Ann O’Connor,
Of Holy		Michelle Brown, Pat Brown, Dean Eslinger,
Communion		Ron Hayek, Patti Jacobi*
Greet	Jeff & Ashley Tott	JoAnn Petersen & Carol Petersen, Mike & Linda Rickert Bobbi Peterson & Shalane Peterson
Gifts	Vi & Larry Kisner	JoAnn Petersen & Carol Petersen
Reader 1	Kathy Hosch	Ethan DeWall
Reader 2		Julie Grunklee
Server	Halie Petersen	Nolan Freeman, Rachael Kaufman
Server		Conner Murty, Patrick Brown
Usher	Dennis & Sherry Gaul	Chris Frischmeyer, Julie Frischmeyer, Ron Hayek
Usher		Curt Jacobi, Curt Juel, Dave Martens
Video		Todd Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Mary Schwennen	Connie Becker / Rita Amling / Janelle Onnen
Collection Counters	Bob & Peg Neavins	Rod & Mardel Brockett, Denny Greiner, Wilbur Kielly