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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Mass Intentions for
January 12 – January 17

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
No Weekday
Masses. Fr. David
on Vacation

For the People
Charles Murphy

SOMETHING MORE – *Baptism is not initiation into an exclusive club of rights and privileges. Baptism is initiation into Christ. We “put on Christ.” That is a call and a way of life, not a membership.*

After Vatican II, it almost seems unnecessary to restate these understandings about Baptism. The charge of the council was for each of the baptized to live fully the Christian way of life. However, that will take a few generations to sink in and become fully operative.

Pope Francis, in his address in Philadelphia last September, talked about the history of the church as being not so much a history of building cathedral walls as one of Christians building lives and communities of love and service. He gave the example of U.S. Saint Katharine Drexel. Katharine had asked Pope Leo XIII to meet the needs of the missions. Pope Leo responded, “What about you? What are you doing?”

What about me; what am I doing? How are you doing? Each one of us shares the baptism of water and the Spirit. Each one of us is equipped by grace, and we are sent to be Christ in the world today.

To the extent that we live and act as Christ in every corner of our lives, we too, will be ready one day to hear the voice of God: “You are my [child]. With you I am well pleased.”

THE BAPTISM of the LORD After Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove. A voice from the heavens was heard saying: “*You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*” Understanding this, may we strive to live out our faith in Jesus all the more fully.

AND STILL MORE In today’s Gospel, Luke describes John and the newly baptized Jesus emerging from the water. A dove descends on Jesus, and a voice from heaven says, “*You are my beloved Son. In you I am well pleased.*” Indeed, this was truly a baptism that claimed everything Jesus had, including his life.

Training for those who wish to begin the Ministry of “Distributing The Eucharist” and would like to be a lector, at Mass, will be on Jan.13th at St. Gabriel’s Church Beginning at 7pm. Come and learn how to assist in the Liturgy of Worship, and help us spread the good news together. Deacon John Schwennen.

Please join us for our NCYC “Thank You” Spaghetti lunch on Sunday, January 17, after Mass at St. Gabriel. Enjoy spaghetti lunch while listening to the NCYC group speak about their experience. All are welcome! Please contact Amy Dall, 319-415-6370 with questions.

A WORD OF THANKS - I am truly grateful for the many cards, monetary gifts, cookies and treats I received at Christmas time. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. I thought I might gain some of the pounds back that I lost during my sick time, but apparently no one cooks with butter anymore. Not always good at sending a written thank you note, I'd rather give a verbal "thanks". It meant a lot to me that I was able to celebrate the Christmas Masses with you. My wish for all of you is you to have for a wonderful, healthy and blessed New Year. God Bless Us Everyone!

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Worker House, Waterloo is hosting a “Need More Room in the Inn” fundraiser on Fri, Jan 22. Join us at the Knights of Columbus, 1955 Locke Ave., Waterloo from 6 – 10 pm for a fun-filled evening of dinner & music/dancing featuring The Brazillian 2wings. Proceeds will be used to purchase additional housing to provide overnight shelter for those in need. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets \$25 per person. For more info and to purchase tickets, please contact Julie at 319-239-2338 or jules2338@hotmail.com. Holy Family Parish will be having a 2nd collection for this project on the wknd of January 30/31.

Just Ahead

- ❖ FF, Wed, Jan 20, both sites 6:30 – 7:45
- ❖ Holy Family Circle Mtg, Jan 10, after Mass
- ❖ Couples of Faith, Sunday Jan 10, 5 – 7 pm @ R
- ❖ 1st Communion Mtg after Mass, Sunday, Jan 17

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
Faith Formation, Wednesday, Jan 13, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
Faith Formation, Wednesday, Jan 13, 6:30 – 7:45 pm
EM/Lector Training 7 pm, Jan 13, @ R

Income Weekend January 3, 2015
Adult Budget \$ 4,718.00 Needed \$ 5,154.00
Annual Adult Budget \$ 268,000.00

Other Announcements

Let God Hear Our Prayer for Vocations!

Please join us in a Holy Hour at Nativity Church, Dubuque, on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 pm. This Holy Hour will be led by Archbishop Jackels and will provide an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration, to hear the witness of a seminarian's experience of God's call, and to encourage those who may have a vocation to the priesthood. Please come help fill the church with our prayers!

Fr. David will be on Vacation Jan 11 – Jan 27. In case of emergency please call Deacon Greg or Deacon John.

Year of Mercy "Work Week" – Seven weeks throughout 2016 have been designated by Archbishop Jackals as "Work Weeks" in which parishes perform a specific Corporal Work of Mercy. The week of January 17 has been designated "Give Drink to the Thirsty" week with suggestions of not purchasing bottled water and donating baby formula to shelters. Holy Family Parish will take up a collection of baby formula during the week of January 17-24 to be given to the Parkersburg Clothes Closet. Please bring supplies of baby formula and place in the collection container at either St. Patrick's or St. Gabriel's. The items will be delivered to the Clothes Closet at the end of January.

Have you considered becoming a Deacon? Jesus said, "Come and see." (Jn 1:39) The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is seeking married or single men interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon. The call to the diaconate is a call to a vocation. It requires prayer, commitment, and dedication. Interested men between the ages of 32 and 58, and their wives if married, are invited to attend an "Information Meeting" on Thursday, January 21 at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Independence at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Lang at 1-800-876-3546 ext. 252.

Holy Family Parish Fun Night will be at The Wellness Center at UNI, in Cedar Falls, Saturday, February 6. We will start off the night with Mass at 5:00 pm. This is a fun time for you and your family of all ages, from the young to Seniors!! Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please bring snacks or bars to share and remember to put your name on pans and utensils. Come enjoy the climbing wall, racquetball, basketball court, games, cards for adults, swimming pool and fellowship! Children bring your swim suites and a towel. Adults bring your cards or a board game and also bring your collection envelopes. **Volunteers Needed:** 2 ushers, 2 communion ministers, 1 money counter, a lector, music leader, 2 servers and someone to help Father set up for Mass (there will be no wine). Volunteers will need to bring: Music Leader - take printed off sheets with songs (singing acapella). Ushers bring some bulletins and collection baskets, baskets need to be returned to church for Sunday Mass. Communion ministers – bring small tong for counting out communion at the door. Money counter is in charge of getting money back to church on Sunday. Altar table, card table by altar, table by door for host, podium and microphone will already be set up. Please come help make this a successful night so we are able to continue it in the future!

The Catholic Parishes in Waterloo will sponsor a bus trip to the **Midwest March for Life** in Des Moines next Saturday, Jan. 16. The bus will leave Waterloo at 7:00am and arrive in Des Moines in time for Mass celebrated by the Catholic Bishops of Iowa at St. Ambrose Cathedral. Following the Mass, there will be a rally at the State Capitol followed by a march to the Iowa Supreme Court building and a program at the Iowa Events Center. The keynote speaker for the program is Melissa Ohden, founder of the Abortion Survivors Network. Transportation will be provided for those unable to walk to the various locations. Participants must be 18 years old or accompanied by an adult. • General information is available online at <http://www.iowartl.org/midwest-march-for-life/> • Register for the bus trip at 319-233-0498 or online at: <https://waterloocatholics.wufoo.com/forms/march-for-life-bus-trip/>

Operation Threshold is in need of cleaning supplies - dishwashing soap, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, et

	January 16	January 17
Accompanist	Steven	Judie Krebsbach, Susan Halbach & Choir
Cantor	Kathy	Larry & Connie Rohach
Extraordinary	John Schwennen	John Schwennen (D), Julie Frischmeyer*, Janelle Onnen*
Ministers	Becky Lievens	Cheryl Osterhaus*, Joe Becker, Bobbi Petersen
Of Holy	Tamara Tingle*	Diane Stephan, Tina Lyon, Rita Amling
Communion		Michelle Coulter, Connie Becker
Greet	Linda King	Mike Knutsen Family, Mike & Wanda Christensen, Leon Christensen, Al Bovy Family
Gifts	Don & Kathy Hosch	Mike Knutsen Family
Reader 1	Kate Petersen	Janelle Onnen
Reader 2		Don Osterhaus
Server	McKenna Tingle	Claire Folkerts, Joe Folkerts
Server	Carley Hook	Olivia Woodley
Usher	Don & Mary Ann Bergman	Curt Jacobi, David Martens, Justin Nicklaus
Usher		Todd Rickert, Joe Davis, Kenny Ackerman
Video		Brenda Davis
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Mary Schwennen	Carol Garwood/Judy Martens/Amy Dall
Collection Counters	Jeff & Ann Badger	Greg & Brenda Snider, Helen O'Connor, Larry Krebsbach