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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Mass Intentions for
January 5 – January 10

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Don Becker
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Larry Christensen
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Shirley Halbach
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Berneita Neubauer
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	Vincent Ricke
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	For the People

SOMETHING MORE – From earliest times, people from around the world have migrated from one place to another for countless reasons; to find food, to escape threats and violence, to seek employment, to flee repressive governments, and on and on. The case is the same today. In fact, at this point in history, migrants and refugees number in the hundreds of thousands, their situation due to armed conflicts, hunger, and political and economic instability.

How many times every week do we hear stories of women, men and children fleeing for their very lives? Families and individuals make long journeys because they can no longer bear the devastating conditions of their homeland.

Beginning today, we dedicated a week to migrants and refugees, under the theme: “A Stranger and You Welcomed Me.” Let us reflect on how we, our forebears, and people we know have been or are migrants and refugees. May we find ways to ease the pain and the burden of migrants and refugees – those in our midst or at a distance.

In the name of Christ, what mercy can we show to those struggling with the realities of being migrants or refugees?

Just Ahead

- ❖ FF, Wed, Jan 13, both sites 6:30 – 7:45
- ❖ Holy Family Circle Mtg, Jan 10, after Mass
- ❖ Couples of Faith, Sunday Jan 10, 5 – 7 pm @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

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

THE EPIPHANY of the LORD *Focus: We are to walk always in the light of the Lord*

The visit of the Magi is a dramatic event that symbolizes the universality of Christ’s saving mission on earth. In effect, this event tells us that Jesus opened the kingdom of God not only to the Jews, but to all humankind. It is up to each of us to walk in the light of Christ so that we might come to share eternal life with Him in heaven.

AND STILL MORE Christmas traditions tell us that Gaspar was a king who made the long journey from India across Persia and Arabia to reach Bethlehem. Melchior was a Persian king and Balthasar was an Arabian king. Ancient prophecies in the Psalms, Daniel and Numbers foretold the coming of a great leader, a messiah. Some modern day astronomers, by running the celestial clock in reverse, suggest that the guiding star was real. The magi no doubt would have brought their own scripture scholars and others who, along with the shepherds, were the first to worship the newborn king.

A New Time and Talent survey was handed out during the Masses on December 12th and 13th. If you did not fill one out at that time copies are available in the back of both churches. Please take a couple of minutes to fill one out and leave it by the office door. There are many opportunities to get involved in the church that are very rewarding, anything you can do is appreciated.

Our Deepest Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of David Van Heiden of Reinbeck. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center on the University of Northern Iowa Campus is changing their Sunday evening Mass time. Mass will be offered at 10:30 am & **8:00 pm** on Sundays when classes are in session. Check the webpage for Mass and prayer opportunities as well as outreach and social activities. www.ststephenuni.org

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

Income Weekend December 27, 2015
Adult Budget \$ 11,679.00 Needed \$ 5,154.00
Annual Adult Budget \$ 268,000.00

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

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

Other Announcements

AND TO YOU MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

- Do I have a genuine love for my family and friends, neighbors and co-workers, or fellow students?
- Have I contributed to the well being and happiness of others at home?
- Am I aware of my global relationship to those suffering and dying in other parts of the world?
- Am I committed to seek peace and promote justice for every person?
- Am I so independent that I refuse to ask for help or let others assist me?
- Do I support and defend other members of my family?
- Do I give others the opportunity to share their gifts and talents?
- Do I treat those who wait on me or who work with me with the dignity they deserve as fellow human beings?

Christmas in Grundy is humbled to let everyone know that the Christmas Store served **156 families**, which translates to **400+ kids** being shopped for and approximately **800+ gifts being purchased by parents/caregivers** and it doesn't stop there! Each family left with a Storybook, telling the story of Jesus and a Resource Brochure of where they could attend a Christmas Eve Service! We also celebrated the Kids Zone where **156 kids** were able to hear the Christmas Story, make crafts and pick out a gift for their parents/caregivers! Lastly, **160 volunteers** joyfully served the Kingdom of God together! A tremendous thank you to all who served! Christmas in Grundy County received an overwhelming amount of support from the entire county. Toys and donations came in until the day! We look forward to partnering with you all in 2016! The Christmas in Grundy Co. Planning Team.

Pancake Breakfast: St. Athanasius Parish will host a Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale on Sunday, January 10 in the St. Athanasius Lunchroom. Serving hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, rolls, juice, milk and coffee. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12, \$3 for children 3-5 and free for children ages two and under. Everyone is welcome and carryouts are available.

Announcing training for those who wish to begin the Ministry of "Distributing The Eucharist" at Mass and for those who would like to be a "Reader", during Mass. We will have training on Jan. 6th and Jan. 13th at St. Gabriel's Church Beginning at 7pm both Nights. Come and learn how to assist in the Liturgy of Worship, and help us spread the good news together. Deacon John Schwennen.

Holy Family Parish Fun Night will be at The Wellness Center at UNI, Saturday, February 6. We will start off 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, snacks and drinks will be provided for the night. Come enjoy the climbing wall, racquetball, basketball court, games, cards for adults, swimming pool and fellowship! Please come help make this a successful night so we are able to continue it in the future!

The Catholic bishops of Iowa encourage you to participate in the 2016 **Midwest March for Life** in Des Moines on Saturday, Jan. 16. The day begins with a Mass with the bishops at St. Ambrose Cathedral at 9:30 a.m., followed by a rally on the west steps of the State Capitol at 11 a.m. and a walk to the Iowa Supreme Court building. The Midwest March for Life continues with an educational and motivational event at 12:30 p.m. at the Iowa Events Center in downtown Des Moines. A free lunch will be available. The keynote speaker will be Melissa Ohden, founder of the Abortion Survivors Network and a survivor of a failed abortion. For more information and to RSVP go to www.iowartl.org <<http://www.iowartl.org/>>.

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

	January 9	January 10
Accompanist	Sarah	Steve Halbach
Cantor	Clara	Steve Tschertter
Extraordinary	Nancy Brannon	Joe Davis*, Barb Melloy*, Kathy Mauer*
Ministers	Cam Coy*	Gary Mauer, Shalene Petersen, Georgia Bennett
Of Holy	Julie Dunn	Janine Stewart, Patti Jacobi, Tim Melloy
Communion		Kathy Juel, Karen Benson
Greet	Don & Kathy Hosch	Agnes Biersner/Judy Kershaw, Rod Brockett Family, Bob Johanns Family
Gifts	Jeremiah Hook Family	Rod Brockett Family
Reader 1	Marty Petersen	Julie Merfeld
Reader 2		Rick Ogle
Server	Riley Oberhauser	Drew Sonnenberg, Conner Murty
Server	Gannon Oberhauser	Layne Murty
Usher	Jeff & Ann Badger	Denny Greiner, Marc Gunnarson, Ron Hayek
Usher		Curt Juel, Robert Lang, Tom Lang
Video		Susie Billerbeck
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Angie Oberhauser	Elaine Folkerts/Kathy Juel/Janine Stewart
Collection Counters	Jeff & Ann Badger	Mardel Brockett, Rod Brockett, Agnes Biersner