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JANUARY 8, 2017
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Mass Intentions for
Jan 11 – Jan 15

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
Marvin Ostwinkle
Paul J. O'Connor
Hans Halvorson
All Souls in Purgatory
Myrtle Kurtenbach
For the People

The Epiphany of the Lord- Focus: *God lavishes upon us gifts beyond our merit.*

Today's readings demonstrate the gratuitous nature of God's love for humanity. Recognizing this benevolence, we, along with the Magi, prostrate ourselves and pay homage by offering our supreme gifts – our faith, hope and love – in the service of our generous, loving God.

SPECIAL EDITION

Couples of Faith on January 15th!!

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. 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... When the sun rules the day, it overpowers all the stars. But evening comes and the world glides into the silence of night. There, in the darkness, God is revealed in the twinkling light from stars. We look back in time to a galaxy that sent it's light racing toward our eyes a billion years ago. We see light that may no longer exist. Such galaxies may have gone dark a million years ago. Astronomers and computers can re-create the position of the stars yesterday or two thousand years ago. They reverse the celestial clockwork to precise points in time. Projecting back in time they can re-create the sky as it appeared on the night Jesus was born. We are enabled to search with the Magi for the Christmas star. Some scientists conclude that the "star" was a rare conjunction of the planets Venus and Jupiter. Others speculate that the Christmas star must have been an unidentified flying object. Perhaps it was a celestial "burning bush" coming in power to join the shepherds and shout Hosanna in the highest.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolates will be sold after Mass every Sunday for the month of January. Please help support third world farmers with your purchase.

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

Just Ahead

1st 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 11, 6:30 – 7:45

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
FF, Wednesday, Jan 11, 6:30 – 7:45

Income Weekend Jan 1, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 2,633.00 Needed \$ 5,200.00
Income YTD as of December 31, 2016
Total Collections \$ 138,172.33 Total Budgeted \$132,000.00
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

Other Announcement

Our Deepest Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Mary C. (Stowell) Heise of Shell Rock, IA, who was a former member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dike. Her funeral was celebrated on Friday, December 30, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly. May she know the fullness of God's peace and love in the heavenly kingdom.

Women / Girls of the Parish Information on the women's conference is below. Great opportunity for you to go with your daughter or friends! If there are any youth that want to go as a group and don't have a ride or need help registering, I would happily assist!! Leah Darrow debuted on America's Next Top Model and now speaks and writes on her experience and subsequent conversion. Recommended for all women and middle school and high school age girls. Please contact Lyndsay Petersen

Archdiocese of Dubuque's First Annual Beauty in Christ Women's Conference Mark your calendars and plan to join nationally known speakers Leah Darrow and Kelly Nieto for the Archdiocese of Dubuque's Women's Conference. Saturday, February 4th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Pius Parish in Cedar Rapids. Doors open at 7:00 am. These spiritually beautiful women will have messages for women of all ages (from teens to grandmas) that will inspire your faith. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Jackels. What better gift to give this season than to invite your daughters, sisters, mothers and friends for a day together to become more beautiful in Christ's love. Early bird cost until January 15, Students \$25, Adults \$35, Religious \$25. Register at www.archwomensconference.org

Holy Family Parish Fun Night will be at The Wellness Center at UNI, in Cedar Falls, Saturday, February 4th. 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, 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 suits and a towel. Adults bring your cards or a board game. Volunteers please contact Donna Larsen or call the office @ 319-345-2006. Please help us make this a success!

Birthright of Black Hawk County would like to thank the parishioners of Holy Family Parish for their generous donation of baby items this Christmas season. Your support helps young women and their babies. If you would like us to speak at your organization or function to explain our mission please contact Nancy Brannon at mnbrannon@msn.com or call Nancy at 319-231-0911. We also are seeking volunteers to staff the office, please contact Nancy for more information.

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 14	Jan 15
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Clara / Marty	Larry & Connie Rohach
Extraordinary	Greg Lievens	John Schwennen (D), Bobbi Petersen, John Schreck
Ministers	Cam Coy	Sue Sonnenberg, Janine Stewart, Rose Kramer
Of Holy	Julie Dunn*	Gary Mauer, Kathy Mauer*, Judy Jewett*
Communion		Mary Linder, Tina Lyon
Greet	Don & Mary Ann Bergman	Bill & Shirley Rogers, Alyssa Sealman Family Don & Rita Schmidt
Gifts	Kathy Chapman	Alyssa Sealman Family
Reader 1	Mike Brannon	Mary Linder
Reader 2		Kathy Mauer
Server	McKenna Tingle	Connor Luhning, Alysa Fettkether
Server	Carly Hook	Lucy Lebo, Jace Petersen
Usher	Jacque Eberhart Family	Robert Lang, Tom Lang, Justin Nicklaus
Usher		Rick Nilles, Todd Rickert
Video		Susie Billerbeck
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Becky Lievens	Elaine Folkerts / Kathy Juel / Marc Gunnarson
Collection Counters	Bob & Peg Neavins	Ron & Colleen Pappas, Joe Davis, Diane Stephan