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**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
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**OCTOBER 11, 2015**  
**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

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**Mass Intentions for**  
October 13 – October 18

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  
Joe Boes  
Albert Brandl  
Lois Stephan  
Thelma Wilmer  
For the People  
Sam Biersner

**SOMETHING MORE** – Various possible explanations have been offered regarding the camel and needle imagery. Some have suggested that the “needle” referred to a small gate of temple through which a camel could only have passed with great difficulty. Others have suggested that camel, *kamelos*, was an error, and that the text should have read *kamilos*, or cable. Through the centuries, the extreme nature of Jesus’ words serve as a call to be responsible stewards of the earth and its riches. With this interpretation is valid, there are some who continue to take Jesus at his word, and these shine out among us like “stars through the stubble”.

The final section of the Gospel enumerates the rewards of authentic discipleship – the faithful will be blessed in the present age with the unquantifiable gifts of family and friends with union with God in the age to come. Ever the realist, Mark included among the inheritance of Jesus’ followers the harsh fact of persecution. Suffering was inherent aspect of Jesus’ mission, and his disciples could not expect to follow a different path.

Despite the struggles we will face, we can take comfort from Jesus’ assurance that “for human beings it is impossible but not for God. All things are possible for God.” Too often, we hear of good dedicated disciples experiencing weariness, frustration and burnout. Perhaps it is during those times that we need to remind ourselves not to bear the burden alone. Our God, who loves us, knows us and lightens the load by his power and his presence, is ever at hand. All things are possible.

**Just Ahead**

- ❖ Couples of Faith, Sunday, October 11, 4:30 – 7pm @ R
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parents Mtg, Sunday October 18, after Mass
- ❖ Faith Formation, Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 pm, both locations

**St. Patrick, Parkersburg location**

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes  
No Faith Formation Wednesday, October 14  
Catechist In-Service, St. Pat’s, Wednesday, Oct. 14, Cedar Falls, 6:00 pm

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME** *FOCUS: The example of Jesus’ life and his teachings give us concrete guidance on how we are to live, so we may come to share eternal life in heaven.*

Jesus does not condemn the rich man in today’s Gospel. Rather, with a gaze of love and compassion, he instructs the rich man to let go of that which stands in the way of him receiving the gift of salvation, namely his riches.

**AND STILL MORE** – In recent years, Texas Hold-Em has become a television spectator sport. The World Series of Poker established a new \$1 million buy-in event, which created the biggest winner in poker history. In 2012, Antonia Esfandieri won \$18,346.00. If he banked it, he could take out \$1000 a day for over 50 years before he ran out. When players are confident that they have the winning hand of cards, they bet all of their chips. The move, called “going all-in,” forces all other players to match the bet or fold their cards.

Jesus told the man who wanted eternal life that he would first have to go all-in by selling everything and giving the proceeds to the poor. Unable to do so, the man folded his cards and left the game.

*Congratulations Audrey Nicole Feaker, daughter of Jason and Nicole (Geerts) Feaker who was cleansed in the waters of baptism Sunday, October 4 at St. Gabriel Church in Reinbeck.*

**Income Weekend October 4, 2015**

**Adult Budget \$ 3,213.00      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  
No Faith Formation Wednesday, October 14  
Catechist In-Service, St. Pat’s, Wednesday, Oct. 14, Cedar Falls, 6:00 pm  
Holy Family Circle Mtg after Mass  
Liturgy Mtg, Thursday, October 15, 6:30 pm @ R

## Other Announcements

**The Pope Francis Comments on Discipleship** “The Christian isn’t someone who is baptism and the goes on his way...the first fruit of baptism is that you belong to the Church, to the People of God. A Christian without the Church is incomprehensible”

*Harvest Prayer* Almighty Lord God, You keep on giving abundance to men in the dew of heaven, and food out of the richness of the soil. We give thanks to Your most gracious majesty for the fruits of the field which we have gathered. We beg of You, in Your mercy, to bless our harvest, which we have received from Your generosity. Preserve it, and keep it from all harm. Grant, too, that all those whose desires You have filled with these good things may be happy in Your protection. May they praise Your mercies forever, and make use of the good things that do not last in such a way that they may not lose those goods that are everlasting, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Fall Festival** The envelopes with the Fall Raffle Tickets have been mailed. You are welcome to sell to your friends and family or buy them yourselves. Additional tickets will be available in the back of each location and in the church office should you want to sell more. Remember this is our big fundraiser! We are looking for co-chairs to head up Fall Festival 2016. If you are interested, contact Kate Petersen 319-415-7792 or Beth Bruns 319-239-5174.

**OUR SOCIAL JUSTICE OCTOBER PROJECT:** Parkersburg Clothes Closet. This month we are continuing to collect new socks and underwear for the Parkersburg Clothes Closet. These items are most needed, according to our parish member, Mary Schwennen, who has run the Clothes Closet for many years with her family and friends. You may deposit the socks and underwear for all ages, toddlers to adult, in our new collection boxes at each church. Contributions are welcome as well. Make your donation payable to HFP and designate it for the Clothes Closet. Bless you!

**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. Call Elaine with questions (345-2090, 404-3706)

**Fall Bible Series at St. Patrick Church, Cedar Falls** Fr. Dennis Colter will again offer a fall series of bible reflections. They will begin Oct. 8 at 6:30 pm and continue each Thursday through Nov. 19, with the exception of Nov. 5. The first session will be in the St. Patrick Commons. Bring any bible. The sessions do not depend on one another so you can come to as many or few as you wish. Sessions will involve not just an explanation of content and context but also some personal witness on my part.

**NCYC** We have 19 youth and 5 adults who will be traveling to Indianapolis to the National Catholic Youth Conference in November. Please keep our group in your prayers!!

**Confirmation Candidates & Parents: Please check your e-mail to ensure you are receiving information from me. If you did not receive a test e-mail, please contact Amy Dall ASAP!! To avoid missing out on reminders. E-mail: dbq169ym@dbqarch.org or text 319.415.6370.**

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

**Couples of Faith:** Fall Fiesta Date Night, Sunday October 11, 4:30 – 7pm at St. Gabriel Hall. Your mate and you will reflect on being **Happy Together: Your Love Story**. We will visit John Bosio’s Happy Together/Date Night series as we feast on a Tex/Mex taco bar and enjoy some fellowship and fun together. Ole! Food, drinks and child care All provided! Please note start time of 4:30 this season to get the little ones fed and everyone settled in for an enjoyable night. Married & engaged couples of all ages and faiths are welcome. Please RSVP for yourselves and childcare to Cole North at 319-215-6118, or cnorth3412@gmail.com

**Meals-on-Wheels** Volunteers needed in Parkersburg to deliver Meals-on-Wheels on Wednesdays during the month of October. Sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

	October 17	October 18
Accompanist	Steven	Rita Duchenwald
Cantor	Kathy	Larry & Connie Rohach
Extraordinary	Mary Schwennen*	Diane Stephan*, Wanda Christensen, Leon Christensen
Ministers	Julie Dunn	Michelle Coulter, Julie Frischmeyer, Janine Stewart
Of Holy	Becky Leivens	Gary Mauer, Kathy Mauer*, Ben Dall
Communion		Elaine Folkerts, Cheryl Osterhaus*
Greet	Richard & Cam Coy	Michelle Coulter Family, Chris Frischmeyer Family, Don & Cheryl Osterhaus
Gifts	Cindy Kannegieter, Susie Hook	Michelle Coulter Family
Reader 1	Kate Petersen	Don Davidson
Reader 2	Kate Petersen	Joe Davis
Server	Alec Oberhauser	Avery Coulter, Taylor Frischmeyer
Server	Riley Oberhauser	Madelene Frischmeyer
Usher	Jeff Badger	Agnes Biersner, Joe Davis, Ethan DeWall
Usher	Ann Badger	Roger Dostal, Darrin Folkerts, Ryan Folkerts
Video		David Martens
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Angie Oberhauser	Elaine Folkerts/Mary Linder/Joe Davis
Collection Counters	Kyle & Tamara Tingle	Shannon Appel, Mary Linder, Bob Eisenman, John Kramer