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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
October 6 – October 11

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Bob Kurtenbach
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Sue Hayek
Thursday..... 8:00 am at Reinbeck	Don Stephan
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Joe Kurtenbach
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	Bernard Schaff

SOMETHING MORE – External pressures from society. Culture and the economy all take their toll on the family life. Many families around the globe are faced with such basic problems as homelessness, lack of food and safe drinking water; unemployment, insufficient education and so on. Internal issues such as physical and mental health, or expectations developed during childhood, also contribute to the stresses of spouses and parents.

The church in this Synod on the Family wants to be of service to families as they struggle with their realities. The issues are many. The solutions are not clear. Practical forms of accompaniment and church assistance, like being able to offer the sacraments to divorced and remarried Catholics who do not have annulments, are hotly debated among the hierarchy. Other issues like how best to minister to families of mixed religion, how to deal with couples who are living together without benefit of matrimony, how to minister and be welcoming to same sex couples, present significant challenges to the synod participants.

The ideals of a lifelong marriage and a stable family that are help up to us in the readings today are still valid. But we humans struggle to reach those ideals. We are limited and frail. We rely on God's understanding and mercy. We also need to offer each other support. We are all in this together.

Just Ahead

- ❖ Faith Formation, Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 pm both locations
- ❖ Holy Family Circle Meeting, Sunday, October 11 after Mass
- ❖ Couples of Faith, Sunday, October 11, 4:30 – 7pm @ R
- ❖ Liturgy Mtg, Thursday, October 15, 6:30 pm @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME *FOCUS: Jesus fully reveals God's plan of salvation, and the way in which to live to enter into eternal life in heaven.*

Today's Gospel reminds us of the dignity and sanctity within God's plan of salvation. Specially, Jesus teaches that the covenant between man and a woman was instituted by God, and is a lifelong commitment. Husbands and wives, through their love and faithfulness to God and to one another, offer a wonderful model of Christian life and love.

AND STILL MORE – Karam Chand, 109, and his wife Kartari, 102, hold the title for the longest marriage in the world. They were married in 1925 and live in Bradford, England. "We just get on," Kartari said of their union. The Chands are an affirmation that in marriage, the two really become one flesh. Jesus reminds the Pharisees, "What God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the world today, this command has fallen on deaf ears. About half of all marriages end in divorce. In some parts of Russia, the numbers reach even higher, with a divorce rate of 65 percent. God blessed the Chands with love, many years, eight children, 27 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Income Weekend September 20, 2015

Adult Budget \$ 4,652.00 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, October 7, 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm, Mass @ 6:30
Adoration 7:30 am 1st Wednesday, October 7, @ 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”

Fall Festival This weekend we will be distributing envelopes to all parishioners with meal and raffle tickets. You are welcome to sell those to your friends and family or buy them yourselves. Additional tickets will be available in the back of each location should you want to sell more. Remember this is our big fundraiser! There will be a committee planning meeting this Sunday, October 4, 6:30, at St. Patrick’s. 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, etc.

Couples of Faith: Fall Fiesta Date Night, Sunday October 11, from 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.

LIFE CHAIN TODAY This afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, you are invited to be a part of the 24th Annual Life Chain forming along Highway 175 in front of the County Courthouse in Eldora. Signs with messages such as “Abortion Kills Children” or Jesus Heals and Forgives” are furnished. All you have to do is show up and hold one for passersby to see. This is a way for you, to quietly but powerfully witness for Christ that you believe life begins in the womb. Thousands of people all over the USA will be joining you in over 1900 of these chains. Please dress appropriately, bring a chair if you need one and come be part of a witness for life!

	October 10	October 11
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Steve Halbach
Cantor	Sarah	Steve Tschertter
Extraordinary	John Schwennen	John Schwennen (D), Brenda Davis, Joe Davis*
Ministers	Nancy Brannon*	Patti Jacobi, Rose Kramer*, Ann Lebo*
Of Holy Communion	Cam Coy	Connie Becker, Joe Becker, Georgia Bennett Karen Benson, Gene Brandt
Greet	MS/HS Liturgy	HS Liturgy
Gifts	MS/HS Liturgy	HS Liturgy
Reader 1	MS/HS Liturgy	HS Liturgy
Reader 2	MS/HS Liturgy	HS Liturgy
Server	MS/HS Liturgy	HS Liturgy
Server	MS/HS Liturgy	HS Liturgy
Usher	MS/HS Liturgy	HS Liturgy
Usher		Mike Williams, Richard Benson, Brian Corwin
Video		Brenda Davis
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Mary Schwennen	Connie Becker / Rita Amling / Amy Dall
Collection Counters	Kyle & Tamara Tingle	Margie Glick, John Kramer, Bill & Shirley Rogers