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**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
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**Mass Intentions for**  
Nov 14 – Nov 19

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  
Francis Babinat  
Shirley Halbach  
NO MASS  
NO MASS  
For the People  
Charles Murphy

**Something more.....** The key to understanding today's parable is in the metaphor of the oil for the lamp. The oil represents the good that we do in the world. With every kind word, compassionate gesture, and selfless act offered in Christ's name, we are lighting the way for the bridegroom. Today's parable calls to mind Jesus' earlier announcement to the disciples, "You are the light of the world ... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:14,16). The wise virgins represent disciples who see every moment as a potential opportunity to be light in the world and act accordingly. This helps us understand why the wise virgins could not simply share their oil with the foolish ones. Each of us is gifted with unique opportunities to express God's love in the world. Each of us must chose to respond to the call to serve in Christ's name.

As we envision that long-ago scene where Jesus taught this parable, we can imagine how the disciples may have reflected on his message in their own lives. Some may have felt encouraged in their efforts to be like the wise virgins. They may be grateful for the times they had experienced the joy of bringing love and goodness into the world. They may have looked forward to future blessed encounters where they could continue to fill their flask with oil.

For some of the disciples this parable may have been a wake-up call. The story may have served as an early warning that they needed to pay attention to opportunities to be light in the world.

The image of being left outside of the wedding feast was a stark reminder that they needed to choose to change if they were to fill their flask with oil in advance of the bridegroom's arrival.

As we hear Jesus' message, we reflect on the unique opportunities we have to fill our flask with good works. We can be thankful for those blessed experiences of loving service that help us to be well-prepared for Christ's triumphant return.

**FOCUS: Today, as we hear about the kingdom of heaven, we are reminded to be steadfast in our Christian faith, hope and love.**

Jesus uses a parable to teach us about the reality of heaven. He warns us not to become drowsy in our faith, like the virgins who in their foolish lack of preparation bring no oil with them. Instead, Jesus teaches that we are to live in such a way that we are ready to meet the Lord.

**Beauty in Christ** Mark your calendars for the Archdiocesan 2018 Women's Conference Beauty in Christ, January 27, at the Doubletree Hilton in Cedar Rapids. Invite your friends, sisters, mother, and daughters to this exciting event! Registration is now open: [www.archwomensconference.org](http://www.archwomensconference.org). If anyone is interested in going with a group from HFP, contact Elaine Folkerts 319-404-3706

**Congratulations** to Lillian Joy Wrider, daughter of Stephen & Chelsea Wrider of Reinbeck, who was cleansed in the waters of baptism on Saturday, November 12, at St. Gabriel Church in Reinbeck.

**Couples of Faith** Join us for our next Couple's of Faith Date Night Tonight from 5-7 pm. Doors open at 4:45. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings, child care and a door prize are offered at no cost. Our topic is Finding God in Other People from the Choice Wine series. Please RSVP to Deacon Greg at [319-240-0840](tel:319-240-0840) or [greg.hfp@gmail.com](mailto:greg.hfp@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**Thanksgiving Day Mass** will be at St. Gabriel, 9:00 am, Thursday, Nov 23. The office will be closed Thurs, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> & Fri, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. No Mass on Fri, 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Income Weekend November 5, 2017**  
Weekly Collection \$ 3,794.00 Needed \$ 5,000.00  
**Income YTD as of October 31, 2017**  
Total Collections \$ 77,834.67 Total Budgeted \$85,300.00  
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$275,000.00

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**\*Please have bulletin announcements into the office by Thursday at 3:00 pm\***

**Just Ahead**

**Fr. Tom Braak will be here for Fr. David, Sat & Sun, Nov 18 & 19**

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

**Confessions: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.**  
Faith Formation, Wed, Nov 15, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

**Confessions: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.**  
Faith Formation, Wed, Nov 15, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

## Other Announcements

**Christmas in Grundy County** Churches, businesses & community organizations throughout Grundy County are partnering with Operation Threshold to help families, who may be struggling financially this holiday season, provide Christmas with dignity for their children. The Christmas Store offers parents an opportunity to shop for quality gifts for their own children at a discounted cost of 75-80% off. While parents are shopping, childcare will be provided at the Kids Christmas Zone. Kids will also have an opportunity to pick out a gift for their parents & participate in activities that help them learn about the true meaning of the Christmas season. There are many ways to support this event! Bring new & unwrapped toys to our church, make a financial donation, purchase a Christmas storybook or sign up to volunteer. Gift collection will begin November 19<sup>th</sup> and end on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information or sign up to volunteer visit our website: [www.christmasingrundy.org](http://www.christmasingrundy.org) or contact : Barb Melloy, [tbmelloy@gmail.com](mailto:tbmelloy@gmail.com) or 319-360-1163; Rosanne Girres, [mrgirres@gcmuni.net](mailto:mrgirres@gcmuni.net) or 319-824-6420.

**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, November 16 at John the Evangelist Parish, Independence at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Lang at 1-800-876-3546 ext. 252.

**Holiday Cookie Walk & Candy Sale** the Holy Family Circle's annual Cookie Walk will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> (one week later than usual but just for this year). We will again be having craft tables for vendors. All items are welcome! More information will follow as this date gets closer. Thank you for supporting this event. Any questions please contact Elaine Folkerts, 319-404- 3706, [ddemfolks@aol.com](mailto:ddemfolks@aol.com)

**St. Gabriel Piano:** We owe a huge thank you to parishioners and guests of St. Gabriel who made contributions toward the new piano or helped in any way to make the purchase possible. We are excited to hear wonderful music coming from it and the parish as we praise God for His blessings. We are planning a short piano/choir concert in early December so if you are taking piano lessons and would like to play a short piece or Christmas carol please let the office know. We will have more details later but we welcome elementary, middle school and high school students to participate and have a chance to play the new piano. Thank you so much!!

**National Catholic Youth Conference** Did you know that the Archdiocese of Dubuque has the #BiggestNCYCGroupEver!? With almost 1,850 teens and adults registered, the Archdiocese of Dubuque will once again have the largest diocesan delegation at the National Catholic Youth Conference. In order to share in this experience with the young people and adults who will be traveling to Indianapolis for NCYC, everyone is invited to watch the live-streaming sessions of NCYC by visiting the NCYC website which is [nycy.info](http://nycy.info). General Sessions will be streamed over the internet starting at the following times: **Thursday:** November 16 at 7:00 PM, **Friday:** November 17 at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM, **Saturday:** November 18 at 8:00 AM and closing Mass at 7:00 PM. Please pray for the safety of our delegation and for the minds and hearts of our young people to be open to the voice of God at the conference. Thank you to the 59 group leaders and almost 500 adults who are giving their time to support the young people of the Archdiocese!

**Operation Threshold** in need of cleaning supplies – dishwashing soap, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, etc.

**Catholic Worker House** in need of – disposable shavers, deodorant & Cleaners. **Please put in Collection Box in Conference Room**

	Nov 18	Nov 19
Accompanist		Rita Duchenwald
Cantor		Steve Tschertter
Extraordinary	Cam Coy	Rita Amling, Connie Becker, Joe Becker
Ministers	Julie Dunn	Cynthia Becker, Mary Linder*, Tina Lyon
Of Holy	Becky Lievens*	Barb Melloy, Tim Melloy, Amy Seitz*
Communion		Linda Williams, Mike Williams
Greet	Chris & Terri Thome	Bill & Shirley Rogers Don & Rita Schmidt
Gifts	Chris & Terri Thome	Don & Rita Schmidt
Reader 1	Ashlee Tott	Janine Stewart
Reader 2		Mike Williams
Server	Creighton Eberhart	Patrick Brown, Joe Folkerts
Server	Gannon Oberhauser	Sophia Folkerts
Usher	Bob & Peg Neavins	Kenny Ackerman, Robert Lang
Usher		Tom Lang, Dave Martens
Video		Dave Martens
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Elaine Folkerts / Mary Linder / Janine Stewart
Collection Counters	Mike & Nancy Brannon	Shannon Appel, Mary Linder, Bob Eisenman