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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
November 17 – November 22

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
Arnold Wagner
John Kubesh
Sara Kelly
Frank Kurtenbach
For the People
Bernard Schaff

SOMETHING MORE – Come Lord Jesus, the early Christians prayed. Soon, they hoped. Soon, many people hope to this day. Soon, so I will no longer have to watch children die in Africa from dirty water. Soon, so I will no longer have to hear about young people committing suicide, and sexual predators feasting on children and the poor of our cities wasting away. Soon, so I can be relieved of all this and experience the fullness of Christ's presence in my life.

It's no wonder that so many people through the ages have cried out for Christ's immediate return and pined for a new, entirely different world. But the reality is that "about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

What we can count on, however, is that until that day in which we are one with God, we have hope in knowing that the end of history is in God's hands. We have hope knowing that in the midst of all the chaos and heartache that surrounds us, the world is ultimately the creation of a loving parent. We have hope knowing that the goodness of Christ is greater than the brutality of violence. We have hope knowing that the world's final destination is ultimately the boundless mercy of God.

Just Ahead

- ❖ NO Faith Formation both sites, Wed, Nov. 25
- ❖ Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 am @ R
- ❖ Office Closed Thurs, Nov 26 & Fri, Nov 27
- ❖ KC Mtg. Rescheduled to Dec 3rd, 7pm @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
Faith Formation, Wed, November 18, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY FOCUS:
Followers of Christ live in the radical trust that tribulations give way to greater glory.

A disciple of Jesus is called to radical trust in the face of overwhelming moments, like those described in today's readings. As disciples, it is our trust in Christ that gives us the courage to know these tribulations will give way to greater glory when he comes again. That trust also gives us the freedom to be confident when the day or hour will happen because, as faithful disciples, we will be prepared for it.

AND STILL MORE – In today's dramatic Gospel passage, Mark describes the sun and the moon going dark as the Son of Man comes in the clouds with great power and glory.

From time to time, someone manages to figure out a new day for the end of the world. A few years ago it was 12-21-12, as divined from ancient Mayan calendar. Some fearful people fled to backyard bomb shelters. There's a joke about one such man who had stocked his underground haven with cans of Spam. As he was opening one, he noticed the date on the can. It read: ***"Best before the end of the world."***

There's another cartoon depicting the day after the end of the world. It shows a wife reading the news that the end did not come. She then says to her husband, ***"So I guess you can mow the lawn now."***

Financial Report The year-end financial report has been emailed to members of the parish. If you did not receive the report, there are copies available in the narthex of both churches. If you have an email address and didn't receive information from the parish, please contact the office to update your contact information.

Income Weekend November 1, 2015

Adult Budget \$ 4,583.00 Needed \$ 5,154.00
Annual Adult Budget \$ 268,000.00

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

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Faith Formation, Wed., Nov 18, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Other Announcements

Choir – will begin to practice for Christmas Eve next Sunday, November 8 after Mass. We will practice after Mass on November 8, 15, 22 and December 6, 13 and 20. All are welcome to come and sing.

Veterans' Day Cards to mail to our soldiers are on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to sign and leave a message for our military members. If anyone has someone new to the military or an updated address please post to the bulletin board on the lower level. Thank you!

Thank You!!-- The students, families, catechists and leaders of Faith Formation would like to thank the Holy Family Parish Circle for their generous donation of 20 new children and youth Bibles. Your gift will help us to grow in our love and knowledge of God and our faith! We received the Bibles just in time for National Bible Week, November 15th-21st, which has a theme of "The Bible: A Book for the Family." Our church family invites each family to take the time to check out our new Bibles. Thank you again for your wonderful gift, and continued support of the Faith Formation program!

Knights of Columbus Activities - The local council of the Knights of Columbus recently conducted their annual Tootsie Roll Drive collecting funds at five area locations. Proceeds from the drive benefit persons of Intellectual Disabilities. Based on funds collected the Knights contributed \$450 to River Hills School, \$450 to local Special Olympics event and \$100 to State Special Olympics event. Your support is appreciated. In addition, at their last meeting the Knights contributed \$1,000 to the Holy Family Building Fund which is their 9th payment since their original pledge. The Knights are always welcoming new members to share camaraderie among men of the parish as well as conduct projects to meet parish needs and other worthy causes. If you are interested in becoming a Knight, send your contact information to bojecker@gmail.com and more information will be provided. Your consideration to join the Knights is greatly appreciated. The Knights monthly meetings for November 26 & December 31 have been cancelled due to conflicts with holidays. Instead the Knights will hold a meeting on December 3rd at 7:00 at St. Gabriel.

Holy Family Christmas Gift Giving Project: This year instead of tree ornaments for our parish Christmas gift giving we have attached to the bulletin all the information needed. There are many ways to support this project. Bring new & unwrapped toys to our church, donate items for Hospice or Operation Threshold, make a financial donation, purchase a Christmas storybook, or sign up to volunteer at Christmas in Grundy County. Gift collection will begin Sunday, November 22. Deadline for donating gifts is Sunday, Dec. 6. For more information or to sign up to volunteer visit the website: www.christmasingrundy.org or contact Cheryl Osterhaus (319-824-6788 or cherylosterhaus@hotmail.com)

Nativity Set Display for Cookie Walk: If you would like to provide a home nativity set to display during the Cookie Walk on Sat., Dec. 5, please bring it to St. Gabriel on Sunday, Nov. 22, Nov. 29 or on Wednesday evening, Dec. 2 and place in the Conference Room. They will be displayed during the Cookie Walk and then on Sunday, Dec. 6. Fr. David will bless them during Mass that Sunday. Please make sure you have your name on your set and also provide a 3x5 card with information about the Nativity set. Thank 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. Thanks to all who help with this. Call Elaine with questions 345-2090 or 404-3706.

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!!

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

Green Belt Bank & Trust Open House: All members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend the Green Belt Bank & Trust Open House on Friday, Dec. 4 in Grundy Center, Eldora and Ackley from 9:00 – 4:00 pm; Monday, Dec. 7 in Iowa Falls and Ackley from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For each adult registering at the Open House, our bank will contribute \$1.00 to the church of their choice. We look forward to sharing refreshments and fellowship with you and members of your congregation on December 4th.

	November 21	November 22
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Kathy	Steve Tschertner
Extraordinary	Cam Coy*	Julie Grunklee*, Ron Hayek*, Mary Linder
Ministers	Julie Dunn	Tina Lyon, Jan Onnen, Cheryl Osterhaus*
Of Holy	Becky Lievens	Elaine Folkerts, Kathy Juel, Ann O'Connor
Communion		Bobbi Petersen, John Schreck, Bill & Shirley Rogers*
Greet	Ger & Dorothy Luebbers	Judy Kershaw / Agnes Biersner / Paul & Ann O'Connor / Helen O'Connor
Gifts	Jim & Rosalee Weber	Paul & Ann O'Connor
Reader 1	Kathy Hosch	Janelle Onnen
Reader 2		Don Osterhaus
Server	Halie Petersen	Tanner DeWall
Server	Cooper Hoff	Sydney Petersen, Baylee Petersen
Usher	Larry & Vi Kisner	Joe Davis, Ethan DeWall, Roger Dostal
Usher		Darrin Folkerts, Ryan Folkerts, Chris Frischmeyer
Video		Todd Rickert
Sacristan / MC / Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Connie Becker / Mary Linder / Joe Davis
Collection Counters	Mike & Nancy Brannon/Tony Dunn	Robin Olson, Chris & Carrie Moorman, Darrell Folkerts