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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
Nov 21 – Nov 26

Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg
Wednesday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck
Thursday...**9:00 am @ R Thanksgiving**
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck

Intention for
Donna Schneider
Sara Kelly
Ash-Davis Family
NO MASS
For the People
Marcella High

Something more..... We have a clear contrast in the Scriptures today between a group of hard-working and God-fearing people and the lone slacker. The readings are pretty straightforward about the blessings granted and taken away from each. What is the motivation for those that do the work and for the servant who does not?

In Proverbs and Psalm 128, we are told that the motivation is “fear of the Lord.” Paul tells us that it is an anticipation of the “day of the Lord” that is sure to come when least expected. Each person who labors is assured a reward. The worthy wife is praised at the city gates, the psalmist promises fruit in the form of family, and Matthew’s servants are heaped with hefty praise and greater responsibilities. It is only the parable’s third servant who is left with nothing. He was not rewarded because he did not do the work required. In fact, he was chastised and stripped of the little he did have. But how did the servant miss the mark by so much? Are we not told that he also “feared” his master?

The servant’s failure to fully understand who his master is and what is most important to him leads the servant to think that burying his treasure is the correct course of action. His misconception of what the master demanded caused the servant to act out of fear, a fear so deep he was afraid to even try and do the work expected.

We, like all the people in today’s readings, are called to work with the talents our master has given us. This requires us to look at our image of God. Do we have a “fear of God,” meaning awe that inspires a desire to double God’s treasures? Or is it a fear and misunderstanding of a punishing God that causes us to doubt our own abilities? What image of God, be it a good shepherd or even Morgan Freeman, can we carry forward that will help us discover and use the gifts we are given so we, too, can hear our master’s voice saying: “Well done, good and faithful servant!”

Choir Practice the St. Gabriel choir will be meeting every Tuesday at 7 pm in Reinbeck until Christmas. All are welcome to come and practice with the Choir as they prepare for Christmas.

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

Just Ahead

Knights of Columbus Meeting, Thursday, Nov 30, 7 pm @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.
NO Faith Formation, Wed, Nov 22

Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 am, Thurs, Nov 23rd @ R

FOCUS: Nearing the end of the liturgical year, our attention turns to our vigilant and prayerful preparation for the return of Christ in glory.

Life is perhaps best described as a journey with a beginning and an end. As we come to the end of another Church year, we are invited to reflect on what is often referred to as the last things – judgment, heaven and hell. But we do so not in fear but in hope, for while our earthly lives will end, the promise of life eternal shines forth in Christ.

Thank You to everyone who contributed to making the 2017 Holy Family Fall Festival a success! What a day! A rough total of 588 people were served at the dinner, and there were 388 orders taken for carryout, and 116 delivery orders went out. The country store also sold around \$690.00 of goods! Overall, the festival raised over \$11,000, which is remarkable. So many people came together to volunteer their time, services, and expertise to make sure the day was a hit, and we are so grateful for your efforts. The festival could not have been possible without the amount of help that we had, and we realize that schedules are full and days are hectic, and so we thank you for those who put forward their time to see this event through. We appreciate everyone's dedication to making the Fall Festival a continued success. -The Fall Festival Committee
Raffle Ticket Winners: Leo Kopsa - \$50, Tony Farrell - \$50, Vi Kisner - \$50, Paula Steimel - \$50, Peg Neavins - \$100, David & Diane Kremer - \$100, Darwin Miller - \$250.

Knights of Columbus Thank You. The Knights of Columbus wish to thank parishioners & local residents for their support of our fundraising events this past year including the Rose Drive, Fish Fries & recent Tootsie Roll Drive. This past year the Knights have provided financial support to the Military Chaplin's Fund, Vocations Funding, Deacon Training, St. Patrick's Tables/Chairs, NCYC Fall Trip, St Gabriel's Building Debt, River Hills School and Local Special Olympics. The Knights wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Joyous Holidays. Thanks again.

Income Weekend November 12, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 5168.22 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

HFP Prayer Chain Contacts:

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St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.
NO Faith Formation, Wed, Nov 22

Other Announcements

HOLIDAY COOKIE & CANDY WALK AND BAZAAR

You have received your letter and sign-up sheets are out!! This year we are having our HOLIDAY WALK on **December 9, from 9:00-11:00**. There are many ways to get involved and your participation is greatly appreciated. Last year was an awesome turn out and we hope to better it this year. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!...** by making 7 dozen cookies or candies. Help with set up or clean up. If you cannot bake, please help by sending a \$20.00 donation so others can do the baking for you. Bake for others. Sign up to help in the kitchen, at the craft table, or plating cookies. You can also spend the morning eating cinnamon rolls, shopping our many awesome vendors and taking a box or two of cookies home or to the home of a shut in. Or please consider donating an item to our craft table. This is Holy Family Circles one major fundraiser for the year. We appreciate your support throughout the year in the many projects we are involved in...Happy Baking!!! Any questions contact: Elaine Folkerts 404-3706, Karen Benson 464-2286, Agnes Biersner 989-2560.

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 19th and end on December 3rd. For more information or sign up to volunteer visit our website: www.christmasingrundy.org or contact : Barb Melloy, tbmelloy@gmail.com or 319-360-1163; Rosanne Girres, mrgirres@gcmuni.net or 319-824-6420.

The Christmas Tree in the narthex supports four agencies: Operation Threshold, Birthright, Cedar Valley Hospice, and Christmas in Grundy County. Thank you for your generous support in choosing ornaments from the tree. All items should be here by December 3rd. The items do not need to be wrapped. Just place the ornament tag on the gift.

Piano "Recital/Concert" Sunday, December 10 @ St. Gabriel: To spotlight our new piano at St. Gabriel and have some musical enjoyment we ask parishioners, all ages, to come forth to play a Christmas Carol, Advent Song, or any piano piece of your choice at our Piano "Recital/Concert" on Sunday, December 10, after Mass following coffee & donuts. We invite any students and adults to contact the office so we can make plans. Please let Cole know your name and the piece you will play. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Zeiner, kzeiner02@gmail.com or [319-825-6518](tel:319-825-6518). All are welcome.

Reinbeck Community Blood Drive will be on Thursday, December 7, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Memorial Building, in the Community Room, 208 Broad St. in Reinbeck.

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 25	Nov 26
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach / Judie Krebsbach
Cantor	Kathy	Don Osterhasus & Choir
Extraordinary	Mary Schwennen*	Georgia Bennett, Karen Benson, Gene Brandt
Ministers	Tamara Tingle	Michelle Brown, Pat Brown, Wanda Christensen
Of Holy	Ashlee Tott	Amy Dall, Ben Dall, Bryce Dall, Sue Messerly*
Communion		Rick Ogle, Max & Rosanne Girres*
Greet	Bob & Peg Neavins	Greg & Brenda Snider Janine Stewart Mike & Carla Knutsen Family
Gifts	Don & Kathy Hosch	Greg & Brenda Snider
Reader 1	Marty Petersen	Kathy Zeiner
Reader 2		Pat Brown
Server	Addison Hook	Sadie Brockett, Paul Brockett
Server	Carley Hook	Jack Nolder
Usher	Chad & Nikki Schipper	Rick Nilles, Denny Greiner
Usher		Todd Rickert, Rich Riesberg
Video		Mike Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Angie Oberhauser	Judy Kershaw / Judy Martens / Amy Dall
Collection Counters	Mike & Nancy Brannon	Ron & Colleen Pappas, Joe Davis, Diane Stephan