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JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Mass Intentions for
Nov 28 – Dec 3

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
NO MASS
Paul J. O'Connor
Arlene Grundmeier
Don Hulme
For the People
Suffering of the Parish

Something more.....

Spiritualizing Jesus as a king is one way to distinguish his power from earthly power. But we should not miss the witness of his life as radically poor and powerless as his way of revealing that God shares these characteristics. As absolute Love, God does not force the divine will. God does not threaten transgressors to get them to obey. God does not withhold forgiveness to shame sinners. God does not prevent us from making mistakes or hold our failures over us when we seek to repent. The power Jesus practiced was self-emptying love and unlimited mercy. He mirrored perfectly his Abba in this, for God is the source of unconditional love, a never-ending offering of divine life to sinners. This is God's very nature, and God has no other name than Mercy.

What does this love and mercy look like in Jesus' disciples in today's world? Today's readings offers two views. First, in Ezekiel, God is presented as a compassionate shepherd. Jesus found this image a perfect description of God. Shepherds were, in fact, the lowliest of peasants, hired to wander with the flocks in search of pasture. Jesus' parable of the good shepherd is less about power than vulnerability and extravagant love. His shepherd leaves the whole flock to find a single lost sheep. His shepherd will offer his life for the sheep. What sensible person would do either?

In Matthew, Jesus tells us where to find him. The Lord of the Universe has disappeared among the hungry, thirsty, naked, lost, sick, imprisoned, alien and persecuted of this world. Our King is hiding in the least of our brothers and sisters. The one power he exhibits is to move our hearts to compassion. His very poverty invites us to exercise the power we share with God as his image and likeness — the power to love.

This is the essence of our royal priesthood, the power to sacrifice ourselves for others. This is how we honor and imitate our King.

FOCUS: Jesus is the King of the Universe and Lord of all creation.

Today's Solemnity of Christ the King lauds Jesus as the King of the Universe and Lord of all creation. Through his death on the cross, rising from the dead and ascension into heaven, he won our salvation and opened the way to eternal life. So in gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us, may we give of ourselves more fully in love and service to others.

Beauty in Christ The Archdiocesan 2018 Women's Conference Beauty in Christ, will be 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. If anyone is interested in going with a group from HFP, contact Elaine Folkerts 319-404-3706

Share Your Talents!! St. Gabriel is looking for people who would be willing to be a Cantor, Pianist or Organist for the coming year. If you are able to do this in Jan, Feb or March, we will need to know by Dec 18th so we can add your name to the 1st quarter liturgy schedule. Even if you are unable to do on those months please let us know that you would be able to help sometime in the coming year. Please call Sue Halbach with any questions or to tell her "YES, I will share my Talents"! 319-269-4331

Holy Family Circle will have a sewing day for mittens on November 29 at 9:00 am. All are welcome to come and learn construction techniques. We will have many sweaters patterns to chose from. For info, please call Agnes Biersner 989-2560

Reminder please remember our veterans this holiday season. Send a card to a soldier and keep all veterans near and far in your prayers.

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.

Income Weekend November 19, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 7,523.22 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

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

Just Ahead

Confirmation Session, Sunday Dec 3 after Mass

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.

Faith Formation, Wed, Nov 29, 6:30 – 7:45

HFP Prayer Chain Contacts:

By Email: Greg Lievens, dbq169D@dbqarch.org

By Phone: Judy Martens, 641-751-1452

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.

Faith Formation, Wed, Nov 29, 6:30 – 7:45

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

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**

	Dec 2	Dec 3
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Steve Halbach
Cantor	Clara / Marty	Larry & Connie Rohach
Extraordinary	John Schwennen	John Schwennen (D), Michelle Cox, Steve Cox
Ministers	Mary Ann Bergman	Michelle Coulter, Bob Glick, Margie Glick
Of Holy	Nancy Brannon*	Kari Kemmer, Rose Kramer*, Rick Nilles
Communion		Shalene Peterson*, Diane Stephan
Greet	Chad & Nikki Schipper	Chad Vandenberg Family Eileen & Wayne Welzien Mike & Linda Williams
Gifts	Susie Hook & Cindy Kannegieter	Eileen & Wayne Welzien
Reader 1	Kate Petersen	Wanda Christensen
Reader 2		Michelle Cox
Server	Halie Petersen	Matthew Cox, Amy Cox
Server	Cooper Hoff	Andrew Cox
Usher	Gary & Mary Wolfe	Justin Nicklaus, Bill Rogers
Usher		Don Schmidt, Greg Snider
Video		Todd Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Mary Schwennen	Rose Kramer, Diane Stephan, Joe Davis
Collection Counters	Kathy Clark	Robin Olson, Chris & Carrie Moorman, Darrell Folkerts