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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Intentions for
December 1 – December 6

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Joe Kurtenbach
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Gladys Dekker
Thursday..... 8:00 am at Reinbeck	Joe Hemrich
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Virgil Neubauer
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	Joe & Marie Coleman

SOMETHING MORE – A year of mercy is called a “jubilee,” from a Hebrew word for ram’s horn or trumpet. It was proclaimed every 25 or 50 years to remind the people about the covenant God formed with Israel when they were led out of slavery. As God freely chose them and loved them, so they were to love one another. Debts were to be forgiven to restore the balance in the community between the rich and the poor, the gifted and the needy. The land and animals were to be allowed to rest so they could regenerate. It was a time of gratitude and generosity.

When Jesus returned after his baptism and time in the desert, he went to Nazareth, his hometown, and in the synagogue declared a jubilee year by reading Isaiah 61: “the Spirit of the Lord is upon me and has anointed me to announce good news to the poor.”

Pope Francis is calling us to celebrate such a year in the church just as Jesus did. This special time of openness to God’s grace will mark 50 years since the close of the Second Vatican Council on December 8, 1965, which is also the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. May she open our hearts to Advent and to the mercy Jesus was born to give the world.

Just Ahead

- ❖ FF, both sites, Wed, Dec. 9, 1st Reconciliation @ R
- ❖ Holy Day Mass 6:00 pm, Dec 7 @ P
- ❖ Holy Day Mass 6:00 pm, Dec 8 @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
Faith Formation, Wed, Dec 2, 6:30 – 7:45 pm
Adoration 7:00 am, Dec 4, 1st Friday @ P

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT *Focus: Our daily actions affect the quality of life in this world, and increase the Lord’s harvest in the world to come.*

When we reach out in kindness to our family, friends, and foes, we express the redemptive love of Jesus and experience, through the Holy Spirit, an increase of the Lord’s love in our hearts. This allows us to more fully understand his profound mercy.

AND STILL MORE In today’s Gospel, the reading provides us with a prologue or what sounds like a grand opera. First we will wait in darkness. The Christ child will come. He lives and moves among us. We crucify him and bury him. He rises from the dead and walks with us again. He ascends into heaven and send the Holy Spirit down upon us. Then the people wander, some forgetting him, not remembering that he will come again in glory descending from the clouds.

The narrator then gives us final warning: “For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Choir – The Choir will continue to practice for Christmas Eve after mass on the following dates: December 6, 13 and 20. All are welcome to come and sing.

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.

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. 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. Please make sure you have your name on your set and also provide a 3x5 card with information about the Nativity set. Thank you.

Income Weekend November 22, 2015

Adult Budget \$ 5,972 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, Wed, December 2, 6:30 – 7:45 pm, Mass @ R
Adoration 7:30 am, Dec 2, 1st Wednesday @ R
KC Mtg, 7:00 pm, Dec 3 @ R
Cookie Walk, Saturday, December 5, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Other Announcements

Fair Trade Coffee Reminder that Holy Family Parish is selling Fair Trade coffee for cost to help create opportunity for small-scale farmers of underprivileged countries make a living. As followers of Christ, we are called to demonstrate special concern for the most vulnerable members of our human family. By purchasing this coffee, we are providing a chance to help other humans make a living for themselves as well as creating a safe work environment for them. You can consider buying this coffee as a donation to charity!! Chocolate and tea are two other items that will be for sale in the future. Coffee is for sale the 1st Sunday of the month but you can contact any member of the Social Justice committee to buy it any time. This coffee is also used after Mass every 1st Sunday.

Centering Prayer Advent Retreat / American Martyrs Retreat House December 4 & 5, 2015. Contemplative Outreach of Northeast Iowa (CONI) invites you to their annual Advent Retreat at the American Martyrs Retreat House in Cedar Falls December 4 and 5, 2015. Join us for a time of prayer and silent communion as we prepare to celebrate the Christmas mysteries. A short introduction to the practice of centering prayer will be provided for those new to contemplative prayer. The registration fee of \$90 includes meals and lodging. Registration begins Friday evening beginning at 4:30 pm. The retreat begins with prayer in the chapel at 5:45 and will end by 3:00 pm on Saturday afternoon. Call Juli Rowell at 319-232-6835 to register or visit the CONI website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/contemplativeoutreachofneiwia> for the registration form.

Couples of Faith Join us for our **Marriage Panel Date Night** on Sunday Dec 6 from 5 – 7 pm. We will be enjoying a fabulous Ham dinner with baked potato, salad and dessert! All married and engaged couples of ALL AGES AND FAITHS are welcome as we enjoy food, fun, fellowship and a door prize!! Please RSVP for couples and childcare by Dec 5 if possible. Call, text or email Cole North: 319-215-6118 or cnorth3412@gmail.com

Holy Family Christmas Gift Giving Project: This year our Parish Christmas Gift Giving Project will be to help support Christmas in Grundy County. Information sheets are on table in narthex at both churches. 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)

A tremendous THANK YOU to those who supported our NCYC group on their trip to Indianapolis! Please watch the bulletin for upcoming dates as our group shares about our experience at NCYC with our parish family.

Totally Catholic Fundraiser Items will be for sale the weekend of December 5th and 6th following mass. These items are perfect for Advent, Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers!! All proceeds benefit our youth ministry programs. Please contact Amy Dall with any questions.

Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Masses: 4:00 PM St. Patrick; 6:30 PM St. Gabriel. Celebrate the start of your new year putting faith first with Mass! There is a sign-up sheet for ministerial duties for the 4:00 PM Mass in the narthex at St. Patrick. Please volunteer for these tasks if you will be with us at this Mass.

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.

	December 5	December 6
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Steve Halbach
Cantor	Kyle	Rick Ogle
Extraordinary	Greg Lievens (D)*	Greg Lievens (D), Diane Stephan, Julie Frischmeyer*
Ministers	Dorothy Luebbers	Shalene Peterson, Patti Jacobi, Barb Melloy*
Of Holy	Arnold Schweers	Tim Melloy, Rita Amling, Cynthia Becker
Communion		Georgia Bennett, Karen Benson
Greet	Chad & Nikki Schipper	Mike & Carla Knutsen Family, Mike & Wanda Christensen, Leon Christensen
Gifts	Chris & Amy May	Mike & Wanda Christensen
Reader 1	Kate Petersen	Don Davidson
Reader 2		Mike Williams
Server	Jenna Bruns	Dalton McIntire
Server	Cooper Hoff	Andrew Cox, Amy Cox
Usher	Ger & Dorothy Luebbers	Greg Snider, Mike Williams, Kenny Ackerman
Usher		Michael Bennett, Richard Benson, Agnes Biersner
Video		Susie Billerbeck
Sacristan / MC / Announcements	Becky Lievens	Judy Kershaw / Judy Martens / Diane Stephan
Collection Counters	Kathy Clark, Al & Patty Hoff	Mardel Brockett, Rod Brockett, Agnes Biersner, Rosanne Girres