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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
November 10 – November 15

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
Marvin Ostwinkle
Ray Lockhart
Dorothy Christensen
Johanna Thrasher
Liane Kolecheck
For the People

SOMETHING MORE – *What controls us? Status and money controlled the scribes and the wealthy. Those with much were possessed by their goods. The widows in both the stories were not possessed by what they had, even though they had nothing else. They would part with what they had for the benefit of another.*

Today there are many ways that money and possessions control us. Social pressures, advertising, and just ordinary greed control our lives and our decisions. We are repeatedly encouraged to get more. It becomes hard for us to part with what we have. Even when we do part with money and possessions, we want to make sure that we get a tax deduction for our gift. That is not a true gift from the heart. That is a calculation, a business deal with ourselves. We are looking to get something back for our contribution. If we do not need that tax deduction for living expenses, it, too should be given. The money still possesses us if we must have something back for giving.

Our giving from our need will not change the world overnight. But it will change us...and that's a good place to start.

Just Ahead

- ❖ Faith Formation Wed, Nov. 18, 6:30 – 7:45 pm
- ❖ 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 11, 6:30 – 7:45 pm, Mass @ P

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY *FOCUS: We are to offer all that we have in service to God and our neighbor*

The example of the poor widow who donated her whole livelihood to the Temple treasury reminds us of two important truths. First, all we have is a gift from God. Second, in love and gratitude for the good gifts God has given us, we are to offer back to him all that we have and all that we are. We can do this by humbly loving and serving God and our neighbor.

AND STILL MORE – Years ago when bridge tolls were about a dollar and there were live toll takers in the booths, it was affordable and fun to perform an act of kindness. If you felt generous, you could pay double the toll and explain: “I’m paying for the car behind me.” Sometimes the second car was able to catch up with the first car and give a happy honk on the horn. Everyone was filled with joy as they exchanged smiles and friendly waves.

The scripture today contrasts show-off givers with the humble widow who secretly gave all she had. If we are truly giving to God, then only God needs to see what we have done. We don’t have to lag behind so the second car will catch up with us. Love is its own reward.

Let God Hear Our Prayer for Vocations!

Please join us in a Holy Hour at St. Benedict, Decorah, on Wednesday, November 11 at 7 pm. This Holy Hour will be led by Archbishop Jackels and will provide an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration, to hear the witness of a seminarian’s experience of God’s call, and to encourage those who may have a vocation to the priesthood. Please come help fill the church with our prayers!

Sympathy. *Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Marian Rose Albright of Grundy Center, whose funeral was celebrated on Tuesday, October 27 at St. Gabriel. May she know the fullness of God’s peace and love in the heavenly kingdom.*

Sympathy. *Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Dale Petersen, of Waterloo, Father of Duane (Bobbi) Petersen of Dike. May he know the fullness of God’s peace and love in the heavenly kingdom.*

Income Weekend November 1, 2015

Adult Budget \$ 3,710.00 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
Holy Family Circle Mtg after Mass, Nov 8
Social Justice Mtg Nov. 9, 6:30 pm @ R
Faith Formation, Wed., Nov 11, 6:30 – 7:45 pm
Liturgy Mtg, Thursday, Nov 12, 6:30 pm @ R

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!

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 do not receive information from the parish, please contact the office to update your contact information.

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.

Birthright open in a new location Starting Monday, Nov. 2, Birthright of Black Hawk County will be operating out of its new home at 4113 University Avenue which is near the intersection of Cedar Falls and Waterloo. Birthright's goal is to provide any woman in the Cedar Valley who is distressed by an unplanned pregnancy a safe place to get support and the help she needs to make a realistic plan for her future. Birthright believes it is every woman's right to give birth, and every baby's right to be born. This new location secures that the mission will be fulfilled for years to come, as it will eliminate the monthly rent expense. Volunteers have stepped up to donate supplies and their expertise and time to remodel the building. A fundraising campaign began earlier this year and continues. Tax deductible donations can be made at <http://birthrightbhcounty.org/donations> or mailed to Birthright, 4113 University Avenue, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. The phone number is 319-277-2000. An open house is being planned for early 2016.

Couples of Faith - Join us for our next Date Night Bosio Series "Happy Together: Staying Together" on Sunday Nov 8, from 5 – 7 pm. (please notice we are returning to our 5:00 start time) We will enjoy a delicious Turkey Dinner, game time and a Door Prize!! All married and engaged couples of ALL AGES AND FAITHS are welcome as we enjoy food, fun & fellowship! Please RSVP by Nov. 7 if possible. Call, text or email Cole North: 319-215-6118 or cnorth3412@gmail.com

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.

Fall Bible Series at St. Patrick Church, Cedar Falls Fr. Dennis Colter will again offer a fall series of bible reflections. They will begin Oct. 8 at 6:30 pm and continue each Thursday through Nov. 19, with the exception of Nov. 5. The first session will be in the St. Patrick Commons. Bring any bible. The sessions do not depend on one another so you can come to as many or few as you wish. Sessions will involve not just an explanation of content and context but also some personal witness on my part.

	November 14	November 15
Accompanist	Lisa	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Clara & Marty	Don Davidson
Extraordinary	Jeff Badger	Rick Ogle, Brenda Davis*, Joe Davis
Ministers	Ann Badger*	Julie Frischmeyer, Barb Melloy*, Tim Melloy,
Of Holy Communion	Mary Ann Bergman	Rose Kramer*, Gene Brandt, Wanda Christensen
Greet	Larry & Vi Kisner	MS Liturgy
Gifts	Chris & Terry Thome	MS Liturgy
Reader 1	Mike Brannon	MS Liturgy
Reader 2		MS Liturgy
Server	Sam Badger	MS Liturgy
Server	Gannon Oberhauser	MS Liturgy
Usher	Al & Patty Hoff	MS Liturgy
Usher		Richard Benson, Agnes Biersner, Brian Corwin
Video		David Martens
Sacristan / MC / Announcements	Angie Oberhauser	Helen O'Connor / Kathy Zeiner / Amy Dall
Collection Counters	Mike & Nancy Brannon/Tony Dunn	Greg & Brenda Snider, Helen O'Connor, Larry Krebsbach