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DECEMBER 17, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Intentions for
Dec 19 – Dec 24

Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	<u>Intention for</u>
Wednesday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Mike Lemker
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Bill Davis
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Sara Kelly
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	Donna Schneider
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	For the People
Christmas Eve.....4:00 pm at Reinbeck	Shirley Halbach
Christmas Eve.....6:30 pm at Parkersburg	Don Coleman
Christmas Day.....9:00 am at Reinbeck	Hilda Kucera
	James Bernhardt

Something more..... On this Gaudete Sunday, joy is a natural frame for understanding today's readings. These readings focus on our call to create a world reflective of God's plan. A quick Google search for the word joy provides images of people leaping into the air or with their arms outstretched in victory. These images reflect joy as a temporary rush of positive feelings. Today's Scripture passages offer another type of joy, one that originates from within and keeps us connected to the love of the One who calls us. These readings outline exactly what that call involves: We are anointed "to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1-2a). These works of mercy and justice are the mark of our discipleship. They are also quite challenging. Truly practicing solidarity with those who experience injustice can wear at our optimism. We may separate ourselves from the work of discipleship to seek a temporary rush of joy so that we feel refreshed enough to continue. Finding joy in our work for peace and justice may not come easily. At times, we may wonder whether our "crying out in the desert" will ever yield the world we seek. As in spiritualities rooted in mindfulness, seeking joy in each action is a practice, and the more we practice it, the easier it becomes.

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

Just Ahead
NO KC Mtg on Dec, 28th

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location
Confessions: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.
Faith Formation, Wed, Dec 20, 6:30 – 7:45

FOCUS: Rejoice in your God, the God of hope and light.

The world literally grows darker each day this time of the year. But as dark as the world grows, the darkness will not overcome the light. Jesus is the light of the world. He illumines our darkness with his love and truth. We are able to sit in the darkness with confidence that the Lord is with us.

Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Grundy Center Lions Club Blood Drive, will be Thursday, December 21 from 12:30 to 6 pm at the Grundy Center Community Center, 705 F Ave. To make an appointment, contact John Kramer at 319-825-6246 or visit www.lifesevbleedcenter.org

Faith Formation Classes Beginning Wednesday, January 10th, 2018, we will be changing our Faith Formation session time. Sessions will still begin at 6:30, but will end at 7:30 instead of 7:45. Please let anyone responsible for transporting kids to and from Faith Formation know of the change! Thank you!

St. Patrick's Elementary Faith Formation Program please join them for their Annual Christmas Story Play on Wednesday, December 20th. Mass will begin at 6:30pm. The play will begin shortly after mass in the Faith Formation Building. The kids are excited to perform for you!

Christmas Eve Mass: 4:00 pm at St. Gabriel, 6:30 pm at St. Pat's
Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 am at St. Gabriel.
New Year's Eve / Solemnity of Mary: 4 pm at St. Pat's ONLY

Income Weekend December 10, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 2,901.00 Needed \$ 7,200.00
Income YTD as of November 30, 2017
Total Collections \$ 102,620.11 Total Budgeted \$105,300.00
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$275,000.00

HFP Prayer Chain Contacts:

By Email: Greg Lievens greg.hfp@gmail.com
By Phone: Judy Martens, 641-751-1452

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Other Announcements

The Archdiocesan 2018 Women's Conference Beauty in Christ, will be January 27, at the Doubletree Hilton in Cedar Rapids from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Doors open at 7:00 am. Invite your friends, sisters, mother, and daughters to this exciting event! Doors open at 7 am. Registration is now open: Register by Jan 10th and save \$10 off your registration fee. Visit www.archwomensconference.org to register. Or there are registration papers on the table in the narthex to mail in. If anyone is interested in going with a group from HFP, contact Elaine Folkerts 319-404-3706

Poinsettia Envelopes are available on the table in the narthex if you are interested in purchasing one for Christmas for a loved one. \$15 each. Please send to the office or place in collection basket.

The Waterloo area CEW - Christian Experience Weekend Retreat will be February 2 – 4, 2018 at the American Martyrs Retreat House, 2209 N. Union Road, Cedar Falls. The CEW is a renewal weekend for adults designed to enable them to more deeply “experience” themselves and their relationship to God and Christian community. This year will be a co-ed format. The retreat begins Friday with registration at 7:15 pm and concludes Sunday at 4:00 pm. For more information contact, Mike Dudley mdudjci@mchsi.com 319-296-1192 or Carolyn Pfiffner, kesscari@msn.com 319-238-2105.

Share Your Talents!! St. Gabriel is looking for anyone willing to be a Cantor, Pianist or Organist. 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. If you are able to help in the coming year, please call Sue Halbach with any questions or to tell her “YES, I will share my Talents”! 319-269-4331.

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

Send A Christmas Card to Retired Priests & Sisters: The retired priests & sisters of the Archdiocese of Dubuque would love to receive Christmas cards from you. Maybe you know some of them, or maybe you don't, it doesn't matter, they would still appreciate a card. There are sheets on the credenza in the Narthex with all the names & addresses. For the retired nuns you can send a card to the retirement community to be shared with all of them. Feel free to take a sheet home with you and include some of them in your Christmas card list.

	Dec 23 St. Pat's 5:30 pm	Dec 24 St. Gabe's 9:30 am	Christmas Eve St. Gabe's 4:00 pm	Christmas Eve St. Pat's 6:30 pm	Christmas Day St. Gabe's 9:00 am
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach	Sue Halbach & Choir	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Kyle	Steve Tschertter		Clara / Marty	
Extraordinary	Mary Ann Bergman	Connie Becker, Joe Becker Amy, Ben & Bryce Dall	Greg Lievens (D) Michelle & Pat Brown	Julie Dunn Ashlee Tott	Elaine Folkerts, Rose Kramer Tim & Barb Melloy
Ministers	Nancy Brannon	Mary Linder, Tina Lyon Kathy Mauer, Gary Mauer	Michelle & Steve Cox Bob & Margie Glick	Becky Lievens	Wanda Christensen Shaleen Peterson
Of Holy	Cam Coy*	Cheryl Osterhaus, Janine Stewart	Patti Jacobi, Judy Jewett Ann O'Connor	Mary Schwennen*	John Schreck
Communion		Bill & Shirley Rogers*	Amy Seitz	Tamara Tingle	Linda Williams
Greet	Kelly Etjen Cindy Kannegieter	Joe & Connie Becker Agnes Biersner Al & Denise Bovy	Rod Brockett Family Gene & Mary Burry Todd Onnen	Chuck Etjen Susie Hook	Michelle Coulter Family Mike & Linda Williams
Gifts	Don & Mary Ann Bergman	Al & Denise Bovy	Rod Brockett Family	Jeff & Ashlee Tott	Michelle Coulter Family
Reader 1	Marty Petersen		Julie Merfeld	Kate Petersen	Wanda Christensen
Reader 2		Kathy Mauer	Sue Sonnenberg		Kathy Zeiner
Server	Gannon Oberhauser	Sadie Brockett, Paul Brockett	Conner & Layne Murty	Carly Hook	Alysa Fettkether
Server	Camden Tott	Tyler Nolder	Derek Kinney	Addison Hook	Tyler Vandenberg, Tom Smith
Usher	Jacque Eberhart Family	Brian Corwin, Tom Corwin	Denny Greiner, Ron Hayek	Kelly Etjen	Chris & Julie Frischmeyer
Usher		Roger Dostal, Dean Eslinger	Darrin & Ryan Folkerts	Cindy Kannegieter	Robert Lang Tom Lang
Video		Mike Rickert			
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Angie Oberhauser	Helen O'Connor / Judy Martens / Janine Stewart	Judy Kershaw / Diane Stephan / Amy Dall	Sue Jansen	Rose Kramer / Kathy Zeiner / Joe Davis
Collection Counters	Kathy Clark	Rod & Mardel Brockett, Denny Greiner, Wilbur Kielly		Kathy Clark	Laurie Folkedahl, Ron Hayek Don Schmidt, Wanda C.