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**DECEMBER 18, 2016**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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**Mass Intentions for**  
Dec 20 – Dec 25

Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	<u>Intention for</u>
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Don Hulme
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Francis Babinat
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Sara Kelly
<b>Christmas Eve.....4:00 pm at Parkersburg</b>	Marvin Ostwinkle
<b>Christmas Eve.....6:30 pm at Reinbeck</b>	For the People
<b>Christmas Day.....9:00 am at Reinbeck</b>	Shirley Halbach
	Don Coleman

*Fourth Sunday of Advent Focus: God is with us, and we are called to live in his presence and take that joy out into the world.*

God promised to send a Savior to the world, and Jesus came among us. In return, we are called to serve Christ and proclaim him to all. This is easily overlooked as we get caught up in our own pride, or focus on worldly matters. As we look to the Nativity of the Lord, let us shake off distractions and strive to serve Jesus and share him with others.

Something More....

Congratulations  
Rick & Liz Nilles!!



Rick was accepted into the next formation class to become a deacon in the Dubuque Archdiocese. Formation is 4 1/2 years long and starts in January. His wife, Liz, is invited to participate in the program as well. Rick & Liz live in Holland, and have been parish members since 1995. They've been married 28 years and have 2 children, Sarah and Michael (and his new wife Kelsey). Rick is a state social worker. Liz was a former secretary for HFP and more recently an administrative assistant for Jonathans House Ministries, Sierra Leone, West Africa. Rick has been actively involved at HFP as a communion minister, usher, and catechist. He has served on parish council, Faith Formation Commission and as a chaperone for NCYC. He currently is leading the adult bible study program at St. Gabriel's and is attending the IMPACT formation program. Keep Rick & Liz in your prayers as they begin this exciting faith journey.

**Notice:** Please note there will NOT be coffee and donuts on Christmas Day, Sunday December 25 after Mass, as it says in the December calendar.

**And Still More** – Tradition seems to point to Joseph being an older man and a carpenter. But in Scripture we simply are told he is “betrothed” to Mary and a righteous man. But before they lived together Mary’s own body soon gave evidence of pregnancy. Joseph knew he was not the father. When he righteously decided to divorce her, Mary must have wept many tears. Their beautiful dream had become a horrible disaster. We become Joseph when Christmas approaches. The angel of the Lord comes to each of us and tells us that a child has been conceived in Mary through the Holy Spirit. Can all of us really believe such a story? Matthew’s account concludes: “When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” We, too, must awake and take this infant Jesus into our hearts.

**Middle School/High School Christmas Trivia/Fun Night** will be on Wednesday, Dec 21 @ 7pm. Come and bring your own team of three or join a team when you get here. Bring your friends, Catholic or not, All are welcome! Snacks and drinks provided!  
**NCYC** forms and deposit are due. Please let Lyndsay Petersen know ASAP if you plan to attend!

<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b> 4:00 pm @ St. Patrick 6:30 pm @ St. Gabriel	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b> Mass 9:00 am @ St. Gabriel
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**\*Please have bulletin announcements into the office by Thursday’s at 3:00 pm\***

**Just Ahead**  
NO FF, both sites, Dec 21 & 28

**Income Weekend Dec 11, 2016**  
Weekly Collection \$ 2,999.00 Needed \$ 6,900.00  
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

**St. Patrick, Parkersburg location**  
Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes  
NO FF, Wednesday, Dec 21

**St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location**  
Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes  
NO FF, Wednesday, Dec 21

## Other Announcements

**Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate** will be for sale Sunday after Mass on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. Fair Trade is also for sale the 1st Sunday of the month but you can contact any member of the Social Justice committee to buy it any time. Fair Trade coffee is also the coffee used after Mass every 1st Sunday. Thank you!

**Poinsettia Envelopes** are available on the table in the narthex if you are interested in purchasing one for Christmas for a loved one for \$15 each. Please drop off or mail envelopes to the office.

**Remembering Our Retired Priests:** Don't forget to send a Christmas card to one or two of our retired priests who have served the Archdiocese so faithfully for many years. Names and addresses are available on the credenza in the narthex along with some Christmas cards. Take the sheet home and a couple cards to add to your Christmas card list. Thank you.

**Couples of Faith - January 15<sup>th</sup>** Come listen to **speakers Deacon Joel & Lisa Schmidt** ([www.thepracticingcatholic.com](http://www.thepracticingcatholic.com)) from Des Moines, IA. Their rather light-hearted presentation "The Eight Beatitudes of Healthy Marriages" draws inspiration from Church teaching, research, anecdotal evidence, and the Beatitudes. They will discuss practical strategies for strengthening our marriages. The Beatitudes are universally recognized as a biblical plan for Christian holiness, alongside the Ten Commandments. They are essentially a summary of what to do to get to heaven. What better pattern for determining what to do in our marriages to help them thrive? Please feel free to invite other couples to join you! Couples of all ages and faiths are welcome for food, fun and fellowship! Please RSVP for yourselves and childcare to 319-215-6118 or [cnorth3412@gmail.com](mailto:cnorth3412@gmail.com).

**American Martyrs Retreat House New Year's Eve Retreat December 31, 2016 – January 1, 2017** People of all ages, single, dating and couples are invited. **Theme: Seek and Find God's Will for the New Year!** Are you seeking to know God's will for you in 2017? Then come to the retreat on New Year's Eve. Come to rest for a while with Jesus. Come to know the power in His holy name. Come to experience His healing touch. Come to be inspired by the Spirit of Jesus. The fee for the retreat is \$65.00 per person. Arrival is at 5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve and departure at 11:00 a.m. on New Year's Day. To register or with further questions, contact the American Martyrs Retreat House #319-266-3543 or email [DBQAMRHsec@DBQArch.org](mailto:DBQAMRHsec@DBQArch.org)

**Beauty in Christ** Treat yourself and plan to attend the Archdiocese of Dubuque Women's Conference, Saturday, February 4th, 2017, St. Pius X in Cedar Rapids. Invite your mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends to this exciting day with Leah Darrow and Kelly Nieto! Our speakers will touch the hearts of all ages, from teens to more mature women. For more information, to view videos of our presenters, and to register visit: <http://www.archwomensconference.org/>

**Operation Threshold** is in need of cleaning supplies – dishwashing soap, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, etc.

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Worker House** is in need of – disposable shavers, deodorant & Cleaners

	Dec 24, 4:00 PM @ P	Dec 24, 6:30 PM @ R	Dec 25, 9:00 AM @ R
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach	Judie Krebsbach / Susan Halbach
Cantor	Clara / Marty	Larry & Connie Rohach / Choir	Rick Ogle
Extraordinary	Mary Ann Bergman*	Bobbi Petersen, John Schreck, Sue Sonnenberg	Janine Stewart, Cynthia Becker
Ministers	Cam Coy, Julie Dunn	Linda Williams, Mike Williams	Diane Stephan, Connie Becker, Joe Becker
Of Holy	Mary Schwennen	Patti Jacobi*, Barb Melloy, Tim Melloy	Georgia Bennett, Rick Nilles, Gary Mauer
Communion	Becky Lievens	Diane Stephan, Janelle Onnen	Kathy Mauer, Julie Frischmeyer*, Rose Kramer Bill & Shirley Rogers*
Greet	Don & Mary Ann Bergman	Curt Jacobi Family, Dean & Donna Larsen John & Rose Kramer	Chris & Carrie Moorman Family, Rick & Liz Nilles, Helen O'Connor
Gifts	Kathy Chapman	Curt Jacobi Family	Chris & Carrie Moorman Family
Reader 1	Kate Petersen		Bryce Dall
Reader 2		Kelly Brockett	Amy Dall
Server	McKenna Tingle	Sadie Brockett, Paul Brockett	Madeline Frischmeyer, Taylor Frischmeyer
Server	Carly Hook	Ella Barragy	Alana Corwin
Usher	Jacque Eberhart Family	Bill Rogers, Don Schmidt, Greg Snider	Michael Bennett, Richard Benson, Gene Burry
Usher		George Amling, Kenny Ackerman Chad Vandenberg	Agnes Biersner, Brian Corwin, Tom Corwin
Video		Brenda Davis	David Martens
Sacristan / MC / Announcements	Angie Oberhauser	Rose Kramer / Diane Stephan / Julie Grunklee	Mary Linder / Kathy Zeiner / Janine Stewart
Collection Counters	Kathy Clark	Rod & Mardel Brockett	Robin Olson, Chris & Carrie Moorman Darrell Folkerts