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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Intentions for
Dec 26 – Dec 31

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	NO Mass
Wednesday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	NO Mass
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	NO Mass
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	NO Mass
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	Helen Akers & Clarence Pisarik
New Year's Eve...4:00 pm @ P	Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese
NO Mass at Reinbeck	

Something more..... God is asking the unimaginable of this young, uneducated, thoroughly unprepared girl. She is being visited by an angel — and she is being asked to do what? Of course, she was afraid, speechless, astonished, dazed. After all, Mary was being asked to make a decision: Act out of fear or act out of faith; respond with terror or respond with trust. In a way, we're all asked by life's demands to make similar decisions — just not ones so unique and exceptional. All the major sins that you and I commit in life are ultimately grounded in fear. Fear is the number one "hostage-taker" for all of us — the fear that I won't get enough love, enough affection, enough attention, enough power, enough money, enough of anything we hold dear.

Mary's response is really all about a reversal, a rewrite: The "No" of Adam and Eve becomes a "Yes." The world is offered a new model, a new blueprint, a new design upon which human lives can be based.

Mary chose trust. She chose to allow the angel's words — as daunting as they were! — to soothe her anxieties, to calm her immediate fright, to enable her to reach out in confidence. That's why Mary is our Mother in faith. That's why she is her Son's ultimate disciple. Mary chose trust over fear, belief over doubt, freedom over being held hostage. And the result was the birthing of Jesus, God's beloved Son. We are now challenged by Mary's example to do the same in each of our lives: trust, believe, hope, love. That's why I would put these words at the very top of my ten Scripture quotes: "May it be done to me according to your word."

FOCUS: Have faith in God's promises.

Sometimes, as children, we think that a special day, such as Christmas or a birthday, will never arrive, but it always does, eventually. The people of the Old Testament were waiting for centuries for the coming of the Messiah to free them. Jesus did come, but it took a long time before he was accepted.

Notice: Due to the large number of people coming to Christmas Eve Masses we ask that you please wait in the narthex until all your family members have arrived and then be seated together. No one will be able to save seats in the Church.

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!

Have you considered becoming a Deacon? Jesus said, "Come and see." (Jn 1:39) The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is seeking married or single men interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon. The call to the diaconate is a call to a vocation. It requires prayer, commitment, and dedication. Interested men between the ages of 32 and 58, and their wives if married, are invited to attend an "Information Meeting" on Tuesday, January 16 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Waterloo at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Lang at [1-800-876-3546](tel:800-876-3546) ext. 252.

Income Weekend December 17, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 4,997.00 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

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

Just Ahead

Parish Council Mtg, Tues, Jan 9, 6:30 pm @ Parkersburg

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.
NO Faith Formation, Wed, Dec 27

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.
NO Faith Formation, Wed, Dec 27

Other Announcements



Merry Christmas
*May the God of hope fill you with all
 joy and peace in believing, so that by the power
 of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*



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

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.

"Husbands, sign up for a marriage encounter weekend this holiday season as a gift to your wife and your marriage relationship". A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has something in it for every married couple. The Weekend has value for couples married one year on up to 50 years or more. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Feb. 9-11 @ Ankeny, Mar. 9-11 @ La Crosse, Apr. 20-22 @ Dubuque. Early registration is highly recommended. For information and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call [563-608-3305](tel:563-608-3305) or email: JLJwwme08@Gmail.com

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**

	St. Pat's Dec 30, 5:30 pm	St. Gabe's Dec 31, 9:30 am	New Year's Eve, Dec 31 4:00 pm @ St. Pat's
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach / Judie Krebsbach	
Cantor	Kathy	Don Davidson & Choir	
Extraordinary	Mary Ann Bergman	Rita Amling, Cynthia Becker, Ron Hayek*	Julie Dunn*
Ministers	Nancy Brannon	Michelle Brown, Pat Brown, Mary Linder	Becky Lievens
Of Holy	Cam Coy	Michelle Coulter, Barb Melloy, Sue Messerly	Mary Schwennen
Communion		Sue Sonnenberg, Bill & Shirley Rogers*	
Greet	Richard & Cam Coy	Jane Brown Ben & Amy Dall Family Ethan DeWall Family	Dan & Beth Bruns
Gifts	Kathy Chapman	Ben & Amy Dall Family	Dennis & Sherry Gaul
Reader 1	Kathy Hosch		Tamara Tingle
Reader 2		Diane Stephan	
Server	Riley Oberhauser	Francesca Brown, Patrick Brown	Halie Petersen
Server	Cooper Hoff	Tanner DeWall	Megan Brunns
Usher	Jeff & Ashlee Tott	Curt Jacobi Dave Martens	Larry & Vi Kisner
Usher		Rick Nilles, Todd Rickert	
Video		Todd Rickert	
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Mary Linder / Rita Amling / Julie Grunklee	Angie Oberhauser
Collection Counters	Kathy Clark	Ron & Colleen Pappas, Joe Davis, Diane Stephan	Kathy Clark