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**CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**



**Mass Intentions for**  
Dec 27 – Jan 1

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  
No Mass  
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Joe Hemrich  
Joe Kurtenbach  
For the People  
Living & Deceased Members of  
the Kucera Families

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.

**Income Weekend Dec 11, 2016**

**Weekly Collection \$ 2,999.00 Needed \$ 6,900.00**  
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

**\*Please have bulletin announcements into the office by Thursday's at 3:00 pm\***

**Just Ahead**

HFC Mtg after Mass, Jan 8

**St. Patrick, Parkersburg location**

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes  
NO FF, Wednesday, Dec 28

**St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location**

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes  
NO FF, Wednesday, Dec 28

Christmas–The Nativity of our Lord Focus: Today, we celebrate the good news of our salvation: the birth of Jesus Christ as one of us, a human being.

God has always shown his love for us in numerous ways: through the beauty of creation and the love of our family and friends. Today, he shows that love is a very special way: in the birth of his beloved Son into our world – God's gift to all of us!

and still more....In virtual reality video games the player become an imaginary god. In selecting an avatar to represent themselves, they choose the gender, skin color and style of dress. With goggles and ear buds, the high definition reality is even more hypnotic. It is a virtual world ready to be explored. God chose to come into the reality of his creation, and become Jesus. But, God's act was not just an illusion – it was absolute reality. In today's beautiful Gospel from John, the words of the prologue roll like thunder: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." John is saying that God, the almighty maker of the universe and everything that is in it, decided to become a human of his own creation. In his coming into the world as Jesus he brings the gifts of grace and truth. Jesus gives us the power to become the actual sons and daughters of God.



## Other Announcement

**Holy Family Circle** wants to thank everyone who has helped to make this a very successful year. We have served meals to the homeless, clothed them in our awesome tie blankets for warmth, collected can pop-tops for those in prison, given to Parkersburg Clothes Closet, made blankets for women in Nicaragua, quilts to vets, given to Birthright, Catholic Worker House, Hospice, and Christmas in Grundy County. Our Cookie and Candy Walk was our largest one yet and we hope it continues to grow. THANK YOU!! Without your continued support this would not be possible. Merry Christmas, you truly share the spirit of Christmas all year long!

**Couples of Faith - January 15<sup>th</sup>** Come listen to **speakers Deacon Joel & Lisa Schmidt** (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 31	Jan 1
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Steve Halbach
Cantor	Kathy	Steve Tschertter
Extraordinary	Marti Hall	Karen Benson, Wanda Christensen, Michelle Coulter
Ministers	Mary Ann Bergman*	Michelle Cox, Steve Cox, Amy Dall, Ben Dall
Of Holy	Nancy Brannon	Janelle Onnen, Cheryl Osterhaus
Communion		Amy Seitz* Julie Grunklee*
Greet	Jim & Rosalee Weber	Paul & Ann O’Connor, Todd & Janelle Onnen Don & Cheryl Osterhaus
Gifts	Jeremiah Hook Family	Paul & Ann O’Connor
Reader 1	Mary Sullivan	Michelle Cox
Reader 2		Don Davidson
Server	Halie Petersen	Colton Glick, Nolan Dall
Server	Carly Hook	Amy Cox, Matthew Cox
Usher	Chuck Etjen	Ethan DeWall, Roger Dostal, Dean Eslinger
Usher	Kelly Etjen	Darrin Folkerts, Ryan Folkerts, Marc Gunnarson
Video		Mike Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Helen O’Connor / Mary Linder / Amy Dall
Collection Counters	Kathy Clark	Laurie Folkedahl, Ron Hayek, Don Schmidt, Wanda Christensen