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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH FEAST**



**Mass Intentions for**  
 December 29 – January 3

Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	<u>Intention for</u> Marvin Ostwinkle
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Don Stephan
<b>New Year's Eve..4:00 PM at Parkersburg</b>	Johanna Thrasher
<b>New Year's Eve...6:30 PM at Reinbeck</b>	Ray Lockhart
Friday.....NO MASS	No Mass
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	Cletus McCormick

**SOMETHING MORE** – *Jesus defines both human life and divine destiny for all of us. Yet he was born a baby and raised in a family, went to school, did chores, played childhood games with friends. He helped his father in his work, his mother at market and in the house. He learned by listening and imitating. He knew passages of scripture by heart. He learned fairness and compassion for everyone, even failures, beggars and sinners. He became a master storyteller because he watched farmers in their fields, merchants, builders and fishermen at work. He listened as people told jokes, gossiped and judged one another, or forgave and encouraged. He witnessed how power and money could benefit or abuse people. He saw violence and hypocrisy, but also gentleness and courage.*

*As Hebrews 5:8 says, "Son though he was, he learned obedience through suffering." Jesus knew temptation and the full weight of the flesh, so he could redeem everything about us by his own transformation on our behalf. The Holy Family encompasses our families, all of us. This Eucharist is us seated around the family table, sharing life with Jesus, Mary and Joseph.*

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Feast**

*Focus: Family life is holy.*

*Members of a family are called to honor and respect each other. It's in our family where we first learn this way of holiness. Pope Saint John Paul II once reminded us that the Holy Family is "the prototype and example for all Christian families."*

**AND STILL MORE** A small boy in a shopping mall approached a security guard and said, "I've lost my grandpa!" The cop asked, "What's he like?" The little boy hesitated for a moment and then replied, "Jeopardy, Judge Judy, Jack Daniels and cigars."

In Today's Gospel Jesus is lost. His frantic parents find him in the temple, surrounded by the rabbis. Jesus says that his parents should have known that he had to be about his Father's business. That business is the Gospel story of Jesus doing the will of his Father, healing and helping people, feeding the hungry, preaching to the multitudes and teaching his disciples.

In our families, we are called to do the same.

**A New Time and Talent** survey was handed out during the Masses on December 12th and 13th. If you did not fill one out at that time copies are available in the back of both churches. Please take a couple of minutes to fill one out and leave it by the office door. There are many opportunities to get involved in the church that are very rewarding, anything you can do is appreciated.

**December 31, Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Masses:** 4:00 PM @ St. Patrick; 6:30 PM @ St. Gabriel. Celebrate the start of your new year putting faith first with Mass! There is a sign-up sheet for ministerial duties for the 4:00 PM Mass in the narthex at St. Patrick. Please volunteer for these tasks if you will be with us at this Mass.

**Income Weekend December 20, 2015**  
 Adult Budget \$ 4,155.50    Needed \$ 5,154.00  
 Annual Adult Budget \$ 268,000.00

**Just Ahead**

- ❖ FF, Wed, Jan 6, both sites 6:30 – 7:45, Mass @ R
- ❖ Office Closed Thurs, Dec. 31, & Fri, Jan 1

**St. Patrick, Parkersburg location**

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes  
 No Faith Formation, Wednesday, Dec 30

**St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location**

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes  
 No Faith Formation, Wednesday, Dec 30

## Other Announcements

**Pope Francis stated**, “How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!” Watch your bulletin for messages on mercy and go to: [www.dbqarch.org/yearofmercy/](http://www.dbqarch.org/yearofmercy/). In the meantime, it is good to review our goals: **The Corporal Works of Mercy:** To feed the hungry, To give drink to the thirsty, To clothe the naked, To Shelter the Homeless, To visit the sick, To visit the imprisoned, To bury the dead. **The Spiritual Works of Mercy:** To instruct the ignorant, To counsel the doubtful, To admonish sinners, To bear wrongs patiently, To forgive offences willingly, To comfort the afflicted, To pray for the living and the dead.

**Fair Trade Coffee** Reminder that Holy Family Parish is selling Fair Trade coffee for cost to help create opportunity for small-scale farmers of underprivileged countries make a living. As followers of Christ, we are called to demonstrate special concern for the most vulnerable members of our human family. 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. You can consider buying this coffee as a donation to charity!! Chocolate and tea are two other items that will be for sale in the future. Coffee is for sale the 1st Sunday of the month but you can contact any member of the Social Justice committee to buy it any time. This coffee is also used after Mass every 1st Sunday.

**Pancake Breakfast:** St. Athanasius Parish will host a Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale on Sunday, January 10 in the St. Athanasius Lunchroom. Serving hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, rolls, juice, milk and coffee. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12, \$3 for children 3-5 and free for children ages two and under. Everyone is welcome and carryouts are available.

**Announcing training** for those who wish to begin the Ministry of “Distributing The Eucharist” at Mass and for those who would like to be a “Reader”, during Mass. We will have training on Jan.6<sup>th</sup> and Jan.13<sup>th</sup> at St. Gabriel’s Church Beginning at 7pm both Nights. Come and learn how to assist in the Liturgy of Worship, and help us spread the good news together. Deacon John Schwennen.

**Recovering American Soldiers:** When filling out Christmas cards this year, please take the time to send a card to this address: A Recovering American Soldier, CO Walter Reed, Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW Washington DC, 20307-5001.

**New Year’s Eve Retreat:** Join us, December 31-January 1 at the AMRH to celebrate New Year’s Eve in a sacred way. People of all ages, single, dating and couples are invited. **Title:** “Images of Christ in Scripture: How They Help Us Grow” will be our theme for the New Year’s Eve Retreat. Bring your bible and we will start with the infancy narrative, Jesus in the Temple, on to his miracles and crucifix and resurrection. When we think of Jesus what images, thoughts, ideas do we think of? Perhaps these 24 hours will allow us to reconnect to the past, ponder the present and renew us for what 2016 has in store! **Director: Fr. Ken Glaser** Fr. Ken is a priest of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. He was ordained in 2000 and has served in a number of parishes throughout the Archdiocese. He currently serves as the Sacramental Priest and Director of Campus Ministry at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center at the University of Northern Iowa. The fee for the retreat is \$65.00 per person. As a “thank you” to the DREAMERS, they may deduct \$5.00 if they worked on the DREAM weekend! 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

**Operation Threshold** is in need of cleaning supplies - dishwashing soap, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, et

	<b>December 31 6:30 pm Reinbeck</b>	<b>January 2</b>	<b>January 3</b>
Accompanist	Susan Halbach	Please refer	Susan Halbach
Cantor		to	Rick Ogle
Extraordinary	Joe Davis, Mary Linder Sue Messerly, Shalene Peterson	credence table	Brenda Davis*, Rose Kramer*, Ann Lebo*
Ministers	Gary Mauer, Amy Dall Tim Melloy, Ann O’Connor	in narthex	Michelle Coulter, Amy Dall, Ben Dall
Of Holy	John Schreck, Sue Sonnenberg	for liturgy	Elaine Folkerts, Ron Hayek
Communion	Janine Stewart	schedule	Mike Williams, Linda Williams, Sue Sonnenberg
Greet	JoAnn & Carol Petersen, Mike & Linda Rickert, Dean & Donna Larsen		Brent Bovy Family, Janine Stewart Eileen Welzien, Gene & Mary Burry
Gifts	Dean & Donna Larsen		Brent Bovy Family
Reader 1	Don Osterhaus		Julie Grunklee
Reader 2	Debrann Scott		Kathy Mauer
Server	Colton Glick		Avery Coulter
Server	Nolan Freeman, Jared Freeman		Taylor Frischmeyer Madelene Frischmeyer
Usher	Joe Davis, Dave Martens, Denny Greiner		Roger Dostal, Dean Eslinger Darrin Folkerts
Usher	Ron Hayek, Justin Nicklaus Roger Dostal		Ryan Folkerts, Chris Frischmeyer Julie Frischmeyer
Video	None		Brenda Davis
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Helen O’Connor / Judy Martens		Connie Becker / Rita Amling / Julie Grunklee
Collection Counters		Jeff & Ann Badger	