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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Mass Intentions for
Jan 2 – Jan 7

Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	<u>Intention for</u>
Wednesday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	NO MASS
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	NO MASS
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Ray Bovy
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	Don Hulme
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	For the People
	Shirley Halbach

Something more.....Luke helps us understand how deeply committed Jesus' family was to fulfill all the Jewish expectations of being in right relationship with God. This family sought out God's every blessing as they began their life journey together. However, the story then widens to include two grandparent-type figures named Simeon and Anna. Their presence suggests that this child has a unique importance, a special calling — that he is one "destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel" and one who will be a "light ... to the Gentiles." When Simeon further announces that a sword will pierce the heart of Mary, the family story takes on a somber tone. Now we know that this "holy" family will suffer like any other. This troubling dimension to the story hints that this family will redefine the kind of family that Jesus will ultimately be dedicated to: the family of all humankind, a family gathered from the very ends of the universe. Luke's Gospel goes on to tell the tale of how Jesus will come to call God his father. The story emphasizes, in very dramatic ways, how Jesus' divine sonship — powerfully depicted in his baptism — will, from that moment on, take precedence over his ties to his human family. Joseph will no longer be talked about. Mary's heart will be wounded. A greater story will now dominate: the powerful tale of Jesus' healing and preaching and calling everyone to a conversion of heart and mind. It will include the horrifying tale of his crucifixion and death on a cross. But the story will ultimately end in triumph. It will close with a brand-new story — a tale of resurrection, a tale of victory, a tale of the development of a new holy family of God, the church. Even today that story continues with a new cast of characters — you and me. We are now writing the story of Jesus through our own lives. We have become the "holy family." It is now our story to tell.

FOCUS: Families are the domestic church, cultivating a family life centered on Christ.

Most people first experience faith within their family, where it is planted and nurtured. Mary and Joseph nurtured Jesus in the ways of faith, and helped him to grow in wisdom through their love and commitment to him and to each other, and through their obedience to Scripture and Tradition. It is through our trust in God and our love for one another that we bring Christ to life in our own families and communities.

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:1-800-876-3546) ext. 252.

THANK YOU THANK YOU...

for all the many cards and gifts I received for Christmas. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. I ask God to bless you richly with much joy, happiness and good health as we enter a New Year. Fr. David

Income Weekend December 24, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 6,066.00 (St. Gabe's total only) 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

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, Jan 3
 Adoration, Fri, Jan 5, 7 am @ P

***Please have bulletin announcements into the office by**
Thursday at 3:00 pm*
St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location
Confessions: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.
 NO Faith Formation, Wed, Jan 3

Other Announcements

Happy New Year

May the coming year be one of increased riches of grace- hearing His voice more clearly, knowing His heart more deeply, resting in His love more fully, trusting His care more completely, walking His pathway more peacefully, knowing His presence more intimately, blessed by His goodness more abundantly.

Fair Trade Coffee HFP sells 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 others make a living for themselves. Fair Trade will be for sale next Sunday, and is for sale the 1st Sunday of each month, but you can contact any member of the Social Justice committee to buy it anytime.

Join us for our next Couples of Faith Date Night, Sunday Jan 14th at St. Gabriel's. Hearty soups, stews as well as discussion about extending God's superabundant mercy, making it easy to be good and hard to be bad will nourish our bodies and marriages. Meal, beverages, child care and a door prize are all provided at no cost. Doors open 4:45 and we conclude by 7pm. All married and engaged couples are welcome-be sure to invite your friends and come to meet new ones! Please RSVP to Deacon Greg at greg.hfp@gmail.com or (319) 240-0840 by Saturday, Jan 13th if possible. Hope to see you there!

The Archdiocesan 2018 Women's Conference Beauty in Christ, is January 27, Doubletree Hilton in Cedar Rapids from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Doors open at 7 am. Invite your friends, sisters, mother, and daughters to this exciting event! Early bird register ends by Jan 10th to save \$10 off your registration fee. Visit www.archwomensconference.org to register. You will also find 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 Jan 6, 5:30 pm	St. Gabe's Jan 7, 9:30 am
Accompanist	Lisa	Steve Halbach
Cantor	Clara / Marty	Steve Tschertter
Extraordinary	Mary Ann Bergman	Julie Grunklee*, Bob Glick, Margie Glick
Ministers	Cam Coy	John Schreck, Patty Jacobi, Amy Dall, Ben Dall
Of Holy	Julie Dunn*	Dean Eslinger, Rose Kramer*
Communion		Elaine Folkerts, Julie Frischmeyer
Greet		Roger & Sally Dostal Bob & Kathy Eisenman Brad Evenson Family
Gifts	Kathy Chapman	Brad Evenson Family
Reader 1	Tamara Tingle	Pat Brown
Reader 2		Wanda Christensen
Server	Halie Petersen	Sadie Brockett, Ella Barragy
Server	Megan Bruns	Sophia Folkerts
Usher	Don & Mary Ann Bergman	Don Schmidt, Greg Snider
Usher		Chad Vandenberg, Kenny Ackerman
Video		Susie Billerbeck
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Connie Becker / Judy Martens / Amy Dall
Collection Counters	Bob & Peg Neavins	Margie Glick, John Kramer, Bill & Shirley Rogers