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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
Feb 14 – Feb 19

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
Arnold Wagner
Dort Christensen
Sara Kelly
Albert Brandl
For the People
Bill Davis

Something more..... Did Jesus really mean “pluck out your eye” or did he mean divert your eyes when you know your gaze is not respectful? Did he really mean “cut off your hand” or did he mean think about what that hand is capable of? Jesus asks that we not let the laws become stumbling blocks but instead be a foundation for growth. Don’t go to the altar without taking responsibility for your actions. Bring to fruition the steps that bring forth wholeness to brokenness. The struggle with keeping the law should be taken seriously because it is the foundation of right relationship. Using that struggle helps to integrate morality and ethics into our daily lives and to build up the kingdom of God. Keeping the law is the work of mercy and love that heals. As the psalmist cries out: “Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law.” The law which manifests the basic values in an ever-changing world invites us to enter into the mystery. Consider the chaos without the continual fulfillment of the laws.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time–Focus: God gave us commandments because he loves and cares for his people.

Throughout human history, one of the norms that guided people was that their word was their bond. Although more people feel free to not honor a commitment when it no longer suits them, we are called to live differently. For Jesus teaches clearly that our “yes” is to mean yes and our “no” is to mean no.

And Still more.... Following the Jubilee Year of Mercy, many remarried Catholics continue to wait in hope for a Vatican change that would allow them to return to the sacraments. Some church leaders would see Jesus’ preaching in today’s Gospel as a hard line. That doesn’t make things easier for change. Marriage is once and forever. Case closed. Yet the reality of the world of 2017 has become much different than that of the world of the first century Christians. Divorces now claim more than half of all marriages. Non-married families are increasing and many couples just live together. The acceptance of same-sex marriage adds another dimension to the milieu. Pope John Paul II never tired of reminding us: “The future of humanity depends on marriage and the family.” Standing chest deep in the outgoing tide, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has made marriage and family issues a top priority.

Grundy Center Lions Club Blood Drive will be Thursday, February 16, from 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Grundy Center Community Center, 705 F Ave. To make an appointment, contact John Kramer at 319-825-6246 or www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

Please Take Note: Confessions will be heard the first and third weekends of the month or by appointment. Effective Immediately.

Income Weekend Feb 5, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 3,805.50 Needed \$ 4,800.00
Income YTD as of January 31, 2016
Total Collections \$160,859.42 Total Budgeted \$152,800.00
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

Mark your calendars

There will be Communal Penance on
March 5th at 1:00 pm at St. Gabriel.

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

Just Ahead

Finance Mtg, Tuesday, Feb 21, 6:00 pm @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.
FF, Wednesday, Feb 15, 6:30 – 7:45

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.
FF, Wednesday, Feb 15, 6:30 – 7:45
EM Training, Wednesday, Feb 15, 7 pm @ R during FF

Other Announcements

Catholic Charities Did you know that Catholic Charities offers a diverse array of programs and services throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque, including Mental Health Counseling, Crisis Pregnancy and Post Abortion Counseling, Affordable Housing, Refugee Resettlement, Immigration Legal Services, Jail & Prison Ministry, mentoring and support for single parents and Disaster Services? Support these services with your gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

Beginning next weekend, February 18th and 19th, we will be kicking off a joint fundraising effort for two upcoming youth events. In June our parish will be hosting Totus Tuus, a week long summer program for kids grades 1-12. In November, teens from our parish will be heading to Indianapolis for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). We are hoping to raise enough money to offer Totus Tuus to our students and families at no cost, and to pay half of each participant's NCYC trip. We will spend a few minutes talking about our fundraising at the beginning of Mass next weekend, and will be available for questions after. In celebration of our kick off, we would like to invite everyone to a Spaghetti dinner after Mass on Saturday (Feb.18th) at St. Patrick. Join us for dinner or pick up a to go container!

Women, do you want to support our pastor through prayer? A new ministry, called Seven Sisters Apostolate, invites women of any age wanting to commit to offering a Holy Hour for our pastor, Fr. David Kucera in front of the Blessed Sacrament, in our parish church, or any Catholic church or adoration chapel, on a specific day each week. For more information about this Apostolate and to make your prayer commitment, contact Cheryl Scott at 319-296-5864 or email scottmjca@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - The first KC fish fry will be held March 10th, serving from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at St. Gabriel's church. Parishioners willing to assist by working at the event or providing bars may sign up on the sheet in the narthex at St. Gabriel or St Patrick. You may also contact Joe Becker (319-989-2405) or bojecker@mchsi.com) on or before March 5, 2017. Thank you for your support.

Birthright of Black Hawk Co will be selling raffle tickets to raise money to pay off our building fund. Grand prize is the option of \$1,000 cash or a John Deere riding lawn mower. Second prize is a catered dinner for 8 by "Moment in Thyme". Tickets are \$20 each, but only 400 tickets will be sold increasing your chance to win. Please support Birthright with this effort. Help us support women with unplanned pregnancies. Contact Nancy Brannon 319-231-0911 for tickets.

Congratulations to the Atlanta Falcons for their victory in the Holy Family Parish "Souper Bowl"! Okay, we know they didn't win the big one but they did triumph in the collection of soup. 53 cans of soup were donated in favor of the Falcons compared to 40 for the Patriots. Thank you for your generous contributions of soup to Operation Threshold and the Parkersburg Food Pantry. Way to go, HFP!

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.**

	Feb 18	Feb 19
Accompanist	Steven	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Don Osterhaus	Steve Tschertter
Extraordinary	John Schwennen	John Schwennen (D), Janine Stewart, Linda Williams
Ministers	Marti Hall*	Mike Williams, Judy Jewett, Mary Linder
Of Holy	Mary Ann Bergman	Barb Melloy*, Tim Melloy, Janelle Onnen
Communion		Tina Lyon* Rita Amling
Greet	Larry & Vi Kisner	MS Liturgy
Gifts	Chris & Terri Thome	MS Liturgy
Reader 1	Tamara Tingle	MS Liturgy
Reader 2		MS Liturgy
Server	Gannon Oberhauser	MS Liturgy
Server	Cooper Hoff	MS Liturgy
Usher	Al & Patty Hoff	MS Liturgy, Marc Gunnarson, Ron Hayek
Usher		Curt Jacobi, Curt Juel
Video		Susie Billerbeck
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Mary Schwennen	Connie Becker / Rita Amling / Amy Dall
Collection Counters	Josh Petersen, Roger Oberhauser	Robin Olson, Chris & Carrie Moorman, Darrell Folkerts