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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Intentions for
February 16 – February 21

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Johanna Thrasher
Wednesday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Dorothy Christensen
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	John Berezcki
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Don Becker
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	Florence McCormick

SOMETHING MORE – In today's Gospel, Jesus follows the lead of the Spirit by submitting to personal purification and testing, going out into the Judean wilderness to fast for 40 days. After this, comes the encounter with Satan, who tempts him in every way possible, hoping to seduce him into following his own guidance and power. Jesus emerges as God's suffering servant rather than the powerful Messiah.

Two thousand years later, the followers of Jesus are still called to be servant-evangelists. Pope Francis reminds us that the Gospel brings joy to our hearts. He also shows us in his own life how to "back up and turn around" to find Jesus' message, even when it must be recovered from the layers of legalism, pomp and privilege that so easily infect people when they become powerful.

Pope Francis, like Jesus, has identified with the lowliest of God's people and those most in need. He has entered the desert of simplicity and the poverty in his lifestyle, public gestures and actions. Like Jesus in the wilderness, he has avoided the temptations that can isolate leaders in high office, so he is free to share the joy that comes from being a servant.

The season of Lent invites us to simplify our lives, to identify with what is most basic. If we listen deeply, the Spirit will lead us into the desert to fast, pray and face our temptations. Only then will we be prepared to follow Jesus all the way to Jerusalem.

Just Ahead

- ❖ FF, Wed Feb 24, 6:30 – 7:45 pm, Elem Confessions @ R
- ❖ KC Mtg, Wed Feb 25, 7 pm @ R
- ❖ Communal Penance, Sunday Feb 28, 2:00 pm @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
FF Wednesday, Feb 17, 6:30 – 7:45 pm Confessions @ P

First Sunday of Lent *Focus: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

Throughout our Judeo-Christian history, people have cried out to God for help, and the Lord has protected us, provided for us, and helped us to grow into a mature relationship with him. We know, as Jesus knows, that we are to call upon the Lord for help, but not to test him, as the devil sometimes tempts us to do.

AND STILL MORE – For stand-up comedians timing is important. For example, comedians might open with the hook: "A man cannot live on bread alone." They let the statement float in mid-air for a pregnant moment then give the punch line. "He needs peanut butter too."

In today's Gospel, Luke tells us that Jesus did not live on bread alone. He lived without it. During the 40 days of temptation in the desert, Jesus ate nothing. Hungry from his long fast, Jesus was taunted by Satan, who suggested turning the stones into loaves of bread. Defiantly, Jesus quoted from the Book of Deuteronomy, citing the fall of manna from heaven. Scripture says we are fed by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. During this season of Lent, let us feast on the Word of the Lord.

Congratulations to Calvin Daniel, son of Curt & Patty Jacobi of Reinbeck, who was cleansed in the waters of baptism, Sunday Jan 31, at St. Gabriel in Reinbeck.

What's the deal with frankincense and myrrh? Applications of essential oils in Biblical times were extensive. 36 of the 39 books of the Old Testament and 10 of the 27 books of the New Testament mention essential oils or the plants that produce them. These oils were used to heal bodies, minds, spirits and homes. They were the original source of healing prior to all the modern medicine we find today. You are invited to learn about Oils of the Bible **February 16, 6:30 pm @ R**. Bring your Bible with you. Snacks and oils to smell and touch provided. Please note: this is not a sales event. Just come and learn about the rich history of oils in the Bible and how they were used. Questions? Please RSVP to Ginger L'Heureux at [319.883.9181](tel:319.883.9181)

Income Weekend February 7, 2015
Adult Budget \$ 3,452 Needed \$ 5,154.00
Annual Adult Budget \$ 268,000.00

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
FF Wednesday, Feb 17, 6:30 – 7:45 pm @ R
MS Liturgy Sunday, Feb 21 @ R

Other Announcements

Vocations Office Coordinator -The Archdiocese of Dubuque has an immediate opening for a Vocations Coordinator. This 30 hr per week position will be located in Waverly to provide support to the Vocations Director. Responsibilities include coordinating special events such as parent/seminarian gatherings, ordinations, board meetings and vocations awareness events, maintaining social media sites and providing general office support such as answering phone, assisting with correspondence, mailings, maintaining files, spreadsheets and databases. Must be a multi-tasker, excellent communicator and able to maintain confidentiality. Prefer active Catholic. Competitive compensation and benefits. Email resume and cover letter to DBQCHR@dbqarch.org.

Let God Hear Our Prayer for Vocations! Please join us in a Holy Hour at St. Joseph, Bellevue, on Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 pm. This Holy Hour will be led by Archbishop Jackels and will provide an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration, to hear the witness of a seminarian's experience of God's call, and to encourage those who may have a vocation to the priesthood. Please come help fill the church with our prayers!

Holy Family Circle and Faith Formation Classes at St. Gabriel on Feb. 17 will be making fleece tie blankets for shelters. If you have a student and could lend us a good pair of scissors please send with them (please mark with your name). This is a project following the Works of Mercy, clothe the naked. We have already done a clothing drive and thought this was another way for the students to be involved in helping others. Questions contact Elaine Folkerts or Alyssa. Adults are welcome to come that night and help also.

Wine Tasting this year will be Friday, Feb 19 @ 7 pm @ R. Please bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer to share! Contact Tina Lyon with any questions. If you are not a wine drinker, please feel free to bring your own drink and come and enjoy the fun!

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - The first KC fish fry will be held **March 4th**, serving from 5:00 to 7:00 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 **February 28, 2016**. Thank you for your support.

Join our parish online discussion group! During Lent we will share comments, ask questions of each other and reflect on the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly. Participating is easy. From your computer or iPad go to <http://rediscoverjesus.boardhost.com> and register. To register from a phone go to the website and click on the 3 horizontal bars and chose Desktop format. TO REGISTER, simply provide the information that is asked. Note: We recommend using your first and last name together as a username as a way for people to get to know one another.

Baby Formula Thank You: Thank you goes out to all those who contributed baby formula during Year of Mercy January "Work Week" to "Give Drink to the Thirsty". Some of you may have decided to not use bottled water during that week and others decided to donate baby formula to the Clothes Closet in Parkersburg. Thank you all for your Corporal Work of Mercy. The week of February 28 is the next "Work Week". Please watch the bulletin for further details.

"Soup"er Bowl Sunday: Evidently we have a large contingency of Denver Bronco fans. They overwhelmingly beat the Carolina Panthers in the "Souper Bowl" with a score of 113-41!! Congratulations to the Bronco fans!! Whatever the outcome, the big winner was Operation Threshold who happily received all the soup. Thank you for your participation and support.

Queen of Peace in Waterloo will be hosting a mission Feb 27- March 1 with Fr Dennis Koopman OFM preaching on the Year of Mercy He is a Franciscan priest from Garnavillo IA. He has been preaching parish mission the last 20 years after teaching at Quincy College. Sunday Feb. 27 at 630 pm will be the opening session "Living in the embrace of God's love". On Monday Feb 29 at 630 pm "Forgiveness as a path to Peace" with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Tuesday March 1 at 630 pm "Healing the Human Heart" with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

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

	February 20	February 21
Accompanist	Steven	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Don O.	Don Osterhaus
Extraordinary	Marti Hall	Tina Lyon*, Janelle Onnen*, Cheryl Osterhaus*
Ministers	Jeff Badger*	Judy Jewett, Rose Kramer, Mike Williams
Of Holy	Ann Badger	Joe Becker, Connie Becker, Michelle Coulter
Communion		Bobbi Petersen, Linda Williams
Greet	Chris & Terri Thome	MS Liturgy
Gifts	Bob & Peg Neavins	MS Liturgy
Reader 1	Kathy Hosch	MS Liturgy
Reader 2		MS Liturgy
Server	Riley Oberhauser	MS Liturgy
Server	Gannon Oberhauser	MS Liturgy
Usher	Jeremiah Hook Family	MS Liturgy
Usher		Robert Lang, Tom Lang, David Martens
Video		Mike Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Angie Oberhauser	Elaine Folkerts / Judy Martens / Amy Dall
Collection Counters	Josh Petersen/Roger Oberhauser	Ron & Colleen Pappas, Joe Davis, Diane Stephan