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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
Feb 21 – Feb 26

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Joe Hemrich
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Paul J. O'Connor
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Mary Benson
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	John Berezcki
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	Living Family of Philip Kucera
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	For the People

Something more..... Love your enemy. In this way, you will be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. Few of us will be called to love in such horrific circumstances. But all of us have people around us who are difficult to love. It might be that co-worker who loudly snaps her gum in the next cubicle, or perhaps the committee chair who never listens to our ideas. It might be the protesters blocking traffic, or a family member with whom we haven't spoken in many months. The wisdom of the world might call us to be righteous in our particular situation, but as Paul tells us in the second reading, the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God. God calls us to holiness. The man who shot those nine people was certainly not a friend. He was indeed their enemy. Yet, even in the midst of unimaginable pain, their family members knew that this man was still their neighbor. From somewhere deep inside themselves they knew that they were called to love that neighbor, to love their enemy. Did their forgiveness mean they no longer hurt? No. I am quite sure the family members of those victims continued to ache deeply. Yet their decision to love and forgive not only stopped a potential cycle of violence and vengeance, it made it possible for good to follow. Only twenty-three days after the shooting, the Confederate flag — long believed to be a racist symbol — was removed from South Carolina's statehouse. These family members reflect the spirit of today's readings. They show us how to be holy and perfect as the Lord our God is holy and perfect. They show us that with God's grace, it can indeed be done.

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

Ash Wed, March 1, FF Family Activities following Mass/Prayer Service
No Adoration or am Mass, Wed March 1st
Ash Wednesday Service, 12:00 pm @ P

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.
FF, Wednesday, Feb 22, 6:30 – 7:45

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Focus: As we are loved and forgiven by God, we are to love and forgive others.

God the Father sent his son, Jesus, to win our salvation and reveal the way we need to live, that we might come to share eternal life in heaven. The teachings of Jesus make it clear that God loves us without limit, and is ever-willing to forgive. Thus, to walk in God's way of love we must strive to love all people, including our enemies, and be willing to forgive.

Holy Family Circle Update: Christmas Cookie and candy sale netted us a profit of \$3700 with \$902 coming from the craft table. THANKS to everyone for all your hard work. We are again working with Janine Stewart, the Rotary Club and the FF Students to fill 30 Layette bags for expectant mothers in Nicaragua. The ladies have been busy sewing receiving blankets of which three will be placed in each bag. WE ARE COLLECTING TEE SHIRTS WHICH WILL BE SENT TO NICARAGUA AND WILL BE MADE INTO DIAPERS. ALL SIZES AND COLORS CAN BE USED! The FF Students will be collecting other items to be placed into the layette bags at a later date. The ladies of HF Circle would like to thank Ilene Bernhardt for being our treasurer these many years. She has decided to retire and we wish her well. We have truly appreciated all she has done for us. Sooo put your feet up and rest but remember I have your phone number on speed dial and will be calling soon--for coffee! Elaine

Couples of Faith Thank you to everyone that was able to join us for our Valentine's Dinner. It was a huge success and we hope that many of you are able to continue to join us for our next three date nights Mar 5, Apr 2, & May 5. (May is our end of the year Date Night/Game Night!) Join us Sunday, Mar 5, from 5 – 7pm for food, fun, fellowship, free childcare & a door prize! Please RSVP to cnorth3412@gmail.com or 319-215-6118. Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone in the parish for the cards, gifts, support and prayers while Val has been in the hospital. We feel very blessed to have great support. Val and baby are still doing well. Val Bovy Family

Congratulations to Bill Halbach on the diamond jubilee of his membership in the Catholic Order of Foresters. Bill received his 75 year pin this week.

Income Weekend Feb 12, 2017

Weekly Collection \$ 2,670.00 Needed \$ 4,800.00
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

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

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

Youth Events Kick Off, 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.

NCYC - It's not too late to sign up for NCYC 2017! We are hoping to offer NCYC at a cost of \$200 per participant and there are also financial aid resources available which could reduce the cost even more. Please contact us if cost is a concern because we don't want anyone to miss out on this opportunity. If you are wanting to sign up or have any questions please contact Lyndsay.

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.

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

Lenten Online Discussion Group we will once again be hosting an online discussion group during Lent. We will share comments, ask questions of each other and reflect on the book *Resisting Happiness* by Mathew Kelly. Participating is easy, can be done from your own home, on your own time. If you are interested in joining this discussion, please let Alyssa Sealman (dbq169ff@dbqarch.org) or Liz Nilles know so we can order the necessary number of books. Watch for upcoming information concerning website and log in information!

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.

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 25	Feb 26	Ash Wed Noon @ P	Ash Wed 6:30 pm @ R
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach & Choir		Susan Halbach
Cantor	Kyle	Don Osterhaus		Don Osterhaus
Extraordinary	Becky Lievens	Connie Becker, Joe Becker Cynthia Becker, Georgia Bennett	Volunteer	Michelle Cox
Ministers	Mary Schwennen	Karen Benson, Wanda Christensen	Marti Hall	Steve Cox
Of Holy	Tamara Tingle*	Cheryl Osterhaus, Amy Seitz Michelle Coulter, Rick Ogle*	Becky Lievens*	Elaine Folkerts
Communion		Diane Stephan, Shirley & Bill Rogers*HB		
Greet	Bob & Peg Neavins	Janine Stewart, Leon Aalderks Family Joe & Connie Becker	Kathy Chapman	Michael & Georgia Bennett Richard Benson Family Agnes Biersner
Gifts	Chad & Nikki Schipper	Leon Aalderks Family	Chris & Terri Thome	Richard Benson Family
Reader 1	Cam Coy	Sue Sonnenberg	Cam Coy	Janine Stewart
Reader 2		Diane Stephan		Mike Williams
Server	Halie Petersen	Avery Coulter, Rachael Kaufman	Volunteer	Ben Freese, Francesca Brown
Server	Carly Hook	Sophia Folkerts, Brielle Coulter		Kasey Seitz, Derek Kinney
Usher	Larry & Vi Kisner	Robert Lang, Tom Lang, Dave Martens	Tony & Julie Dunn	Todd Rickert
Usher		Justin Nicklaus, Rick Nilles		Rich Riesberg, Bill Rogers
Video		David Martens		
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Angie Oberhauser	Elaine Folkerts / Kathy Juel / Janelle Onnen	Nancy Brannon	Carol Garwood/Judy Martens
Collection Counters	Josh Petersen, Roger Oberhauser	Ron & Colleen Pappas, Joe Davis, Diane Stephan	Richard & Cam Coy	