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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Intentions for
February 23 – February 28

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Bob Kurtenbach
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Paul J. O'Connor
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Sara Kelly
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Berneita Neubauer
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	Julia Ricke
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	For the People

SOMETHING MORE – Transfiguration moments are experiences of enchantment that open our everyday mind to the heaven that is already present, if we can see it.

Scriptures describes these moments continually. The Acts of the Apostles tells us transfiguration is the awareness that “we live and move and have our being in God.” It is the gift of wisdom that Moses received when he went up on the mountain, just like the apostles in today’s story, and realized he was “standing on holy ground.” What Moses also grasped was that the famous “burning bush” he saw was not an earthen plant on fire, but the gift of vision in his eyes, he could see differently.

Thomas Merton said, “Life is this simple: we are living in a world that is transparent and the divine is shining through it all the time.” If we can see it.

Unfortunately, like the apostles in today’s Gospel, we are often asleep. Consequently, we tend to miss the clues, the hints, the suggestions of Something being afoot that is beyond our everyday recognition, Something that is way more than meets the eye.

This is what Lent is really all about. It’s a time to sharpen our inner eyes so that we can better see the “holy ground” in our lives.

Second Sunday of Lent *Focus: Through placing our faith and trust in Jesus, our lives can be changed and transfigured.*

Living as a faithful disciple of Jesus requires that we strive to follow his example, practice his teachings in our lives and go where he leads us. And although we will have ups and downs, Jesus will work by his grace, and through our efforts to be faithful to him, to change and transfigure our lives so they are blessed with joy and peace.

AND STILL MORE – When the sun goes down, the natural world is plunged into darkness. The brightest light at night, out in the country, comes from the full moon. In ancient times, candles and torches lit the way for people after hours. Their shadows danced on the walls in the flickering light.

As we imagine the story of Jesus’ transfiguration, we can envision people in the nearby villages looking up at the dark mountainside to see a bright light on the distant summit.

On the mountaintop itself, the disciples cowered in terror as the whole place lit up with impossible incandescence. The Transfiguration of Jesus in today’s Gospel was overwhelming because, like Moses, the disciples got a glimpse of God. May our faith turn on the lights and illuminate Christ in our lives.

Congratulations to Hayden Robert, son of Chad and Jacqueline Eberhart of Parkersburg, who was cleansed in the waters of baptism, Sunday February 14, at St. Gabriel in Reinbeck.

Stations of the Cross and Soup! St. Patrick's: Fridays, Feb. 26 and March 11. Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at about 7:00 p.m. **St. Gabriel:** Tuesdays at Noon during Lent. Stations will begin at noon with soup luncheon following. There will be a time for discussion of Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly during and after lunch. Everyone is welcome at both sites!

Thank You: I would like to thank Holy Family Parish for your generous donation to American Martyrs Retreat House. AMRH relies on the generosity and support of so many good people like you to further our mission to provide the spiritual means in a hospitable environment for people to encounter and deepen their relationship with God. Thank you again. God Bless, Deacon Al Weber, Director AMRH

Catholic Worker House HFP collection was \$2,485.00, Knights of Columbus matching donation \$1,500, Total Donation to Catholic Worker House: \$3,985.00.

Just Ahead

- ❖ FF, Wed Feb 24, 6:30 – 7:45 pm, Elem Confessions @ R
- ❖ **Communal Penance**, Sunday Feb 28, 2:00 pm @ R
- ❖ KC Mtg & Set up Fish Fry, Thursday Mar 3, @ 7 pm @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
FF Wednesday, Feb 24, 6:30 – 7:45 pm @ P

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
FF Wednesday, Feb 24, 6:30 – 7:45 pm, Confessions @ R

Income Weekend February 14, 2015
Adult Budget \$ 5,137.28 Needed \$ 5,154.00
Annual Adult Budget \$ 268,000.00

Other Announcements

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.

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](tel:319-989-2405) or bojecker@mchsi.com on or before **February 28**, 2016. Thank you for your support.

Year of Mercy "Work Week - Visit the Imprisoned" begins February 28. During the week of February 28 please reflect on the following and try to complete at least one of them: Pray for the imprisoned and the families of inmates; Bring elderly to Mass; Visit those "imprisoned" in their homes, care centers, etc. where they are unable to move about freely (if you know of those who are homebound send them a card letting them know they are being prayed for); Bring the Eucharist to homebound.

Queen of Peace in Waterloo will be hosting a mission Feb 28- 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 and Anointing of the Sick. Tuesday March 1 at 630 pm "Healing the Human Heart"

The 20th Annual Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, March 12th at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker is Fr. Scott Courtney from the Lincoln, Nebraska diocese. The conference includes breakout sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jackels. Register in advance by February 27th and save \$10! Advance registration is \$35 for adults, \$5 for students and \$50 for one adult and three or more students. For more information and to register go to www.catholicmenonline.org Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque Catholic Men's Fellowship.

American Martyrs Retreat House Men's Retreat March 18 – 20, 2016 Title: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord" As our families become more under attack, we want to make conscious decisions of whom we will serve...the world or the Lord. **Director: Fr. James Starbuck** Fr. Jim was ordained a priest for the Oakland Diocese of California. He served in the military as a surgical nurse and later, after his ordination and a time in parish work, as a Chaplain. Fr. Jim lives in Cedar Falls. He gives retreats, missions, renewal days, is a spiritual director, and he has a healing ministry. He speaks from his heart sharing his own relationship with Jesus and the work of the Spirit The retreat begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday and concludes after lunch Sunday. The cost of the retreat is \$135.00. A \$25.00 deposit secures your reservation and is credited to your offering for the retreat. Questions or to register call 319-266-3543 or email dbqamrhsec@dbqarch.org

D.E.W. (Disciple Experience Weekend): How does one become a more deliberate disciple? How does a disciple live out the Joy of the Gospel? How does Catholic Social Teaching inform discipleship? Come and explore these questions from April 8-10, 2016, Immaculate Conception School, Gilbertville. This spiritual growth opportunity is open to both men and women. Participants may stay overnight onsite or make arrangements elsewhere. The fee for DEW is \$ 50.00 to cover materials and meals. For more information and to register, please visit www.dbqarch.org/dew

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

	February 27	February 28
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Judie Krebsbach / Susan Halbach
Cantor	Kyle	Rick Ogle
Extraordinary	Mary Ann Bergman	Bobbi Peterson*, Amy Seitz*, Kelley Sents*
Ministers	Cam Coy	Ron Hayek, Steve Cox, Michelle Cox
Of Holy	Julie Dunn*	Georgia Bennett, Elaine Folkerts, John Schreck
Communion		Sue Sonnenberg, Mary Linder
Greet	Kyle & Tamara Tingle	John & Rose Kramer, Chris Moorman Family, Todd & Janelle Onnen
Gifts	Gary & Mary Wolfe	Chris Moorman Family
Reader 1	Marty Petersen	Wanda Christensen
Reader 2		Ethan DeWall
Server	Clara Petersen	Derek Kinney, Alysa Fekkether
Server	Halie Petersen	Tom Smith
Usher	Don & Kathy Hosch	LeRoy Oetker, Rich Riesberg, Don Schmidt
Usher		Greg Snider, Kenny Ackerman, Curt Jacobi
Video		Todd Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Carol Garwood / Diane Stephan / Julie Grunklee
Collection Counters	Josh Petersen/Roger Oberhauser	Laurie Folkedahl, Ron Hayek, Don Schmidt, Wanda Christensen