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FEBRUARY 5, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
Feb 7 – Feb 12

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
Don Hulme
Bill Davis
Barbara Krebsbach
All Souls in Purgatory
Hilda Kucera
For the People

Something more..... Jesus challenges us to embrace the ultimate antidote to all of this darkness. He calls us to create lives of generosity, gratitude and selflessness. He shines a beacon of hope in the midst of this negativity that surrounds us, and tells us instead: “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

In our second reading today, the apostle Paul reminds us in very graphic terms that “You were once darkness, but now you are the light in the Lord. Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.” Jesus goes on to challenge us even further. We are also to be salt — the “salt of the earth.” It’s difficult for us today to understand how critically essential salt was to the ancient world. The great early civilizations first developed near deserts close not only to water, but to salt resources. The ability that salt provided to preserve food was a requirement for people of that time. But beyond this, salt gave flavor to food, and that’s what Jesus emphasizes. We are to become people who bring a whole new taste to the world we live in. We are to bring “the flavor of God” to all that we do and say. Light and salt are strongly connected. From Jesus’ point of view, the more we create a “God flavor” to life, we become light. We dispel the darkness we find around us. That new taste, that new “God flavor” becomes contagious. It spreads. It multiplies. When you were baptized, a candle was lit, and the priest prayed over you: “This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly ... may you walk always as a child of the light.” God has passed the light of the heavens on to you and to me. Let each of us hold our lives “in the light” and illumine the world we live in by flavoring it with the taste of God.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Focus: We are called to be salt and light to others.

As we continue in ordinary time, we are challenged to see it as a blessed opportunity to share and witness to others through the daily events of our lives. We are to be a light for other - illuminating the way, and salt for others – giving flavor to their lives: drawing them closer to God through the witness of our lives.

And Still more.... Mother Teresa needed two miracles to become Saint Teresa. The first miracle attributed to her occurred in 1998. Monica Besra, an east Indian woman who was in excruciating pain from an abdominal tumor, was taken under the care of the Missionaries of Charity sisters. On their way to a small prayer room, Monica was struck by a blinding light from a portrait of Mother Teresa. Later the nuns placed a Mother Teresa medallion on Monica’s stomach and continued to pray for her. The next morning the pain subsided and the tumor had vanished. The second miracle took place in 2015. Marcilio Andrino, of Santos, Brazil, claims that Mother Teresa saved his life. Andrino suffered from several brain tumors dating back to 2008. Andrino’s wife spent months praying to Mother Teresa. After unsuccessful treatments, he went into a coma and was scheduled for emergency surgery. As Andrino was wheeled in for the operation, his entire family gathered in prayers to Mother Teresa. When the surgeon came into the operating room he found Andrino awake and pain free. Today’s Gospel tells us that our light must shine before others so that they may see our good deeds which glorify our heavenly Father. Looking back on our Jubilee Year of Mercy the good deeds of Saint Teresa are an inspiration to us which glorifies God. It was an inspiration that she was canonized during the Year of Mercy. Her humble acts of mercy were an inspiration to a world that acclaimed her.

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

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 8, 6:30 – 7:45

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.
FF, Wednesday, Feb 8, 6:30 – 7:45

Liturgy Mtg, Thursday, Feb 9, 6:00 pm @ R

FFC Mtg, Thursday, Feb 9, 6:30 pm @ R

Income Weekend Jan 29, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 3,667.50 Needed \$ 5,200.00
Income YTD as of December 31, 2016
Total Collections \$ 138,172.33 Total Budgeted \$132,000.00
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

Other Announcements

“Couples of Faith – Night of Elegance Valentine Dinner” Sunday, February 12, social time starting at 4:45 with drinks and appetizers in St. Gabriel Hall. This special night is open to everyone!! Come by yourself or with friends or you could even bring your spouse!! We will have a special table served meal prepared by our HFP Women’s Circle and Corn Crib Creations. Music provided by Paula Steimel’s group, “Plezant Company.” All ages and faiths welcome! Please join us for a free night of fun, fellowship, food, FREE CHILDCARE, music and door prizes!! We ask that you please **RSVP** for yourselves and child care as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly. Please call, text or email Cole North, 319-215-6148 or cnorth3412@gmail.com (No special dress code required!)

HFP “Souper Bowl” Who is going to win the "Souper Bowl" at Holy Family Parish? Vote for the team you think will win the Super Bowl - the Atlanta Falcons or the New England Patriots - by placing cans of soup in the collection bin for your favorite team! We will count the cans of soup after the Super Bowl to see who wins the HFP "Souper Bowl"!!! Vote as many times as you want!! Go HFP!!! The soup will be donated to Operation Threshold and an outlet in Parkersburg. Have a fun time supporting your team for the Super Bowl and helping those in need.

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.

Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers are extended to the family of Albert F. Johnson, Jr. and Elizabeth L. Johnson, both of Colorado and both formerly of New Hartford, whose funerals were celebrated together on Thursday, January 26, at St. Patrick Church in Parkersburg. May they know the fullness of God’s peace and love in the heavenly kingdom.

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 visit

American Martyrs Retreat House, 2209 North Union Road, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. Women’s Retreat February 17-19, 2017

Theme: "We are God's work of art ... and, We are fellow workers with God."

Ephesians 2:10, 1 Cor 3:9 **Director: Sr. Jeanine Kuhn** is a former director of the AMRH. She has served as a teacher, pastoral associate and Congregational leader. Sr. Jeanine is a spiritual director and gives retreats and renewal days. She celebrated her Diamond Jubilee (60 years) as a member of the Sisters of the Presentation, in July of 2016. 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. **To register or for questions, contact AMRH at one of the following:** Email: dbqamrhsec@DBQarch.org Phone: 319-266-3543

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 11	Feb 12
Accompanist	Lisa	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Clara / Marty	Larry & Connie Rohach
Extraordinary	Greg Lievens	Greg Lievens (D), Kathy Juel, Ann O’Connor
Ministers	Mary Schwennen*	Bobbi Petersen, John Schreck, Sue Sonnenberg
Of Holy	Tamara Tingle	Rose Kramer*, Gary Mauer, Kathy Mauer
Communion		Ron Hayek*, Patty Jacobi
Greet	Chris & Terri Thome	Robin Olson, Judy Kershaw, Kenny Ackerman, Justin & Sue Nicklaus
Gifts	Gary & Mary Wolfe	Robin Olson / Judy Kershaw
Reader 1	Mary Sullivan	Debrann Scott
Reader 2		Jim Selenke
Server	McKenna Tingle	Andrew Cox, Braden Jensen
Server		Joe Folkerts, Drew Sonnenberg
Usher	Susie Hook	Dean Eslinger, Darrin Folkerts
Usher	Cindy Kannegieter	Ryan Folkerts, Chris Frischmeyer, Julie Frischmeyer
Video		Todd Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Becky Lievens	Helen O’Connor / Mary Linder / Janine Stewart
Collection Counters	Josh Petersen, Roger Oberhauser	Shannon Appel, Mary Linder, Bob Eisenman