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MARCH 13, 2016
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Intentions for
March 15 – March 20

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Don Becker
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Sue Hayek
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Warren & Dorothy Schlicht
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Frank Kurtenbach
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	Bob & Joyce McCormick

Fifth Sunday of Lent *Focus: Our dignity and worth as individuals do not come from our own merits, but from God's free gift of grace.*

Whether we sin or do good, God's love for us remains constant. We cannot judge our worth based on our own merits and piety. We must continue to strive to live in accord with God's calling, trusting not in ourselves but in the power and compassion of God.

SOMETHING MORE – Jesus challenges the scribes, Pharisees and others to take inventory of themselves, not of other people. For some, that was a new thought – not passing judgement on others and instead making an honest judgement of our own life. Is that not a difficult task for any of us, even in our “enlightened” age? How much easier, even satisfying, it seems to be for us to pass judgment on other people. How hard it is for us to see our own true selves.

We live in a complex and conflicting world. We have to make value judgements all the time. But that is different from judging the lives and motives of others. Our egos are so needy that we often seek approval by declaring that others are not right and valuable.

The “new thing” that we learn from scriptures today is “Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone.” Judgement is mine says the Lord. And fortunately, that judgement of God is done with compassion and mercy.

“See, I am doing something new!” “I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland.” We can all drink of this water, the redeeming mercy and love of God, and share it generously with others.

AND STILL MORE – The theme of last Sunday's parable of the prodigal son continues this Sunday, but with a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. Instead of the prodigal son's father, we have Jesus, who asks her: “Has no one condemned you?” She replies, “No one.” Jesus forgives her: “Then neither do I condemn you.” Jesus hears the woman's confession and then absolves her: “You may go. But from now on avoid this sin.”

By intervening, Jesus rescued the woman from stoning, lifted her up and set her onto a new path. Lent presents us with the chance to look more deeply at our own lives. In the Rite of Reconciliation, we, like the woman, receive counsel, absolution and a penance. The sacrament reveals Jesus offering us mercy and showing us a path forward that will avoid the consequences of sin that can rain down like stones upon us.

Easter Lily donation envelopes for Easter will be on the table in the narthex. Please drop off in the office or in collection basket on Sunday. \$15 per plant is requested.

Stations of the Cross and Soup: will be Tuesday March 15 & 22 at Noon at St. Gabriel. Stations will begin at noon with soup luncheon following.

Holy Week Mass Times

Tenebrae Service, Wed, March 23, 6:30 pm @ R,
Holy Thursday, March 24, 6:30 pm @ R
Good Friday, March 25, 3:00 pm @ P, 6:30 pm @ R
Office Closed Good Friday
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 26, 7:30 pm @ R
Easter Sunday, March 27, 7:30 am @ P, 9:30 am @ R

Just Ahead

- ❖ NO FF, Wed March 23, Holy Week, both sites
- ❖ Holy Family Circle Mtg After Mass, Sunday, March 13

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
NO FF Wed March 16, Spring Break

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
NO FF Wed March 16, Spring Break
KC Mtg & Set up, Thursday March 17, 7:00 pm @ R

Income Weekend March 6, 2015

Adult Budget \$ 5,119.00 Needed \$ 5,154.00
Annual Adult Budget \$ 268,000.00

Other Announcements

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – The second KC fish fry will be **March 18**, 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](tel:319-989-2405) or bojecker@mchsi.com) on or before **March 13, 2016**. Thank you for your support.

Thank you! Approximately 450 meals were served at the fish fry on March 4th. The Knights of Columbus would like to extend a special thank you to all the parishioners that helped at the event or made those delicious bars!!

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.

Couples of Faith Our next date night will be a special presentation by Deacon Mark & Rosann Sandersfeld – “Living a Scripture Based Marriage” on Sunday, March 13th from 5 – 7 pm at St. Gabriel. Come and hear what it means to love your spouse as Christ loves. Learn how a man and woman can truly live out their vows and God’s plan for marriage. All married & engaged couples are welcome as we enjoy food, fun and fellowship! **Couples of all ages and faiths are welcome!** Meal, beverages, child care and door prize all provided. Please RSVP to cnorth3412@gmail.com or call, text or message to 319-215-6118.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection we join Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability in this part of the world have been especially hard on Christians. Please be generous!

Sister Marie Hesed is coming to St. Gabriel Sunday April 17. Sister will be talking to us about her ministries. She worked with Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Mass this day will be at 10:00 am. Your family is invited to RSVP for Dinner and to hear Sister speak following Mass. Babysitting will be available. Please RSVP as soon as possible to the office at 319-345-2006 or dbq169sec@dbqarch.org.

Believe in the power of prayer! Our parish prayer chain will now have two ways to spread a prayer request - by phone OR by email. Call in your prayer requests to Judy Martens at 641-751-1452 or email them to Deacon Greg at greg.hfp@gmail.com. Judy and Deacon Greg will send our entire team of prayer warriors into action for your concern. Want to be part of this powerful ministry? Just let either of them know which way you want to be alerted to our next prayer request.

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

	March 19	March 20
Accompanist	Steven	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Kyle	Don Davidson
Extraordinary	Mary Ann Bergman	Julie Frischmeyer*, Kathy Mauer*, Barb Melloy*
Ministers	Greg Lievens*	Shalene Peterson, Julie Grunklee, John Schreck
Of Holy		Sue Sonnenberg, Rita Amling
Communion		Mary Linder, Alyssa Sealman
Greet	Chris & Amy May	Bill & Shirley Rogers, Jeff & Ashlee Tott, Alyssa Sealman Family
Gifts	Chuck & Kelly Etjen	Jeff & Ashlee Tott
Reader 1	Greg Lievens, Marty Petersen	Julie Grunklee, Mary Linder
Reader 2		Jan Onnen
Server	Mckenna Tingle	Nolan Dall, Ben Freese
Server		Tyler Vandenberg
Usher	Bob & Peg Neavins	Darrin Folkerts, Ryan Folkerts, Denny Greiner
Usher		Chris & Julie Frischmeyer, Chad Vandenberg
Video		Mike Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Helen O’Connor / Rita Amling / Diane Stephan
Collection Counters	Bob & Peg Neavins, Richard & Cam Coy	Margie Glick, John Kramer, Bill & Shirley Rogers