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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Intentions for
Mar 28 – Apr 2

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
Albert Brandl
Fr. John Kissling
Hilda Kucera
All Souls in Purgatory
For the People
Earl McCormick

Something more..... Naaman's healing, David's selection as king, and the blind beggar's healing all involve people being sent, and taking steps to go beyond hesitations, first impressions and expectations. I wonder if the person healed of blindness in today's Gospel was excited to have mud put on his eyes, or did he feel foolish stumbling to the pool? God wants action from us. Samuel steps up to God's challenge, despite fear. The person healed risks looking foolish yet acts nevertheless. Are we willing to imitate them? We may avoid accepting our mission, and have many excuses. Today's Gospel is full of them: "It's not really the blind beggar." "He really wasn't blind from birth." "Jesus can't be God because he cured on the Sabbath." "Ask our son — I'm not going to commit myself to an answer." Forget the excuses. Rather, ask yourself: "What would we see and do, if we were not afraid?" The second reading briefly touches on things seen: "Everything exposed by the light becomes visible." Do we submit our decisions to the light that is Christ, so we can see situations with new eyes? Do we wonder if the man born blind expected the consequences of seeing. Could he foresee being grilled by the Pharisees, ridiculed, mistreated and thrown out of his faith community? Once our eyes are open, it's difficult to ignore what is seen. In being sent, we exercise faith. We hope. Things may not turn out as we expect. Anything is possible when God sends us forth.

Please have bulletin announcements into the office by Thursday's at 3:00 pm

Just Ahead

FF, both sites, Wed, April 5 @ 6:30

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.

FF, Wed, March 29, 6:30 pm @ P

Stations Only, Friday, March 31, 6:00 pm @ P

Fourth Sunday of Lent -Focus: The blind man's conversion of heart stands in stark contrast to the stubborn blindness of the Pharisees.

Observing how a blind man negotiates his or her way through life is inspiring. Observing blindness of the heart, however, is troubling. Those who are blind to the truth often stumble through life because of obstacles they place in their own paths. When we seek the truth of the Gospel, we are like the blind man who came to believe in the Son of Man.

Stations & Soup St. Gabriel

Tuesday at noon March 28th & April 4th
Thursday at 6:00 pm March 30th & April 6th
St. Patrick Stations of the Cross only
Friday March 31st at 7pm.

Holy Family Circle Update: Today & next Sunday April 2nd all the free will donations collected for donuts will go to the NCYC & Totus Tuus Fundraiser. **Also on April 2, the HFC will be serving a breakfast casserole, fresh fruit and donuts. Come and enjoy!!! And support our youth!!**

Our Deepest Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Diane Carol Kopsa, of Cedar Falls, formerly of Grundy Center, whose funeral was celebrated on Monday, March 20th at St. Gabriel Church, Reinbeck. May she know the fullness of God's peace and love in the heavenly kingdom.

Our Deepest Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Vernon Quint, of Ryan, (Father of Rev. Dennis Quint), whose funeral was celebrated on Wednesday, March 22nd in Ryan. May he know the fullness of God's peace and love in the heavenly kingdom.

Income Weekend Mar 19, 2017

Weekly Collection \$ 2,716.00 Needed \$ 5,800.00

Income YTD as of February 28, 2017

Total Collections \$ 177,139.42 Total Budgeted \$172,000.00

Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.

Stations & Soup, Tuesday, March 28, Noon @ R

FF, Wed, March 29, 6:30 pm @ R

Stations & Soup, Thursday, March 30, 6:00 PM @ R

Other Announcements

Road to Jesus Fundraiser - Thank you for your generous support of our youth fundraiser. We will be taking the boards down after Mass this weekend. If you would still like to make a donation, we would welcome them anytime! Thank you!!

Couples of Faith - Only 2 more date nights left!! Please join us for our next date night on Sunday, April 2 from 5 – 7 pm “Set your mind on things above” Check-in and Social Time begin at 4:45. COF shares information with couples on how to enrich their relationship with each other and with God. This is a very informal group and we do not put any pressure on anyone to speak. Come and just listen. Join us for food, fun, fellowship, and a door prize! Child care provided. Please RSVP to 319-215-6118 or cnorth3412@gmail.com. All married or engaged couples are welcome. Please come and check us out and bring your friends! Also, join us for our end of the year “*Season Finale Game Night*” on Sunday May 7th. No pressure here either! Just a lot of fun and laughs!!

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry –The second KC fish fry will be held April 7th, 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 April 2, 2017. Thank you for your support.

Easter Lily Memorial Contributions: Envelopes are available for parishioners to make a contribution for Easter lilies in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone. We are asking \$15 for each lily. Envelopes are in the narthex on the credenza. Please take one home and return it by Sunday, April 9.

Lenten Online Discussion Group Join our parish online discussion group! During Lent we will share comments, ask questions of each other and reflect on the book *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. Participating is easy. From your computer or iPad go to <http://resistinghappiness.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.

2017 Catholic Men’s Conference The 21st Annual Catholic Men’s Conference is Saturday, April 1st at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker is Doug Barry from the Lincoln, Nebraska diocese and for the first year there will also be a Spanish speaking keynote speaker, Deacon Freddy Palacios from the Archdiocese of Chicago. The conference includes breakout sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jackels. Register in advance by March 17th 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.

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.**

	Apr 1	Apr 2
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Kyle	Steve Tscherter
Extraordinary	Becky Lievens*	Diane Stephan, Patty Jacobi*, Pat Brown
Ministers	Greg Lievens	Michelle Brown, Bob Glick, Margie Glick
Of Holy	Tamara Tingle	Dean Eslinger, Rose Kramer*, Rick Nilles
Communion		Ann O’Connor, John Schreck
Greet	Jeff & Ashlee Tott Family	Michelle Coulter Family, Ben & Amy Dall Family Steve & Michelle Cox Family
Gifts	Vi & Larry Kisner	Ben & Amy Dall Family
Reader 1	Kathy Hosch	Ethan DeWall
Reader 2		Julie Grunklee
Server	Halie Petersen	Andrew Cox, Rachael Kauffman
Server	Megan Bruns	Jadyn Petersen
Usher	Dennis & Sherry Gaul	Curt Juel, Robert Lang, Tom Lang
Usher		David Martens, Justin Nicklaus, Todd Rickert
Video		Mike Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Becky Lievens	Connie Becker / Diane Stephan / Janine Stewart
Collection Counters	Kyle Tingle	Rod & Mardel Brockett, Denny Greiner, Wilbur Kielly