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**MARCH 5, 2017**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**Mass Intentions for**  
Mar 7 – Mar 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  
Arnold Wagner  
Dort Christensen  
Lois Stephan  
Albert Brandl  
All Souls in Purgatory  
For the People

*Something more.....* Jesus, on a purely human level, must be tested to see if, unlike the ancient Israelites who flunked the test, he can remain utterly faithful to Abba, his father. This test is essentially the very same one that we all have to pass if we are to assume a position of power in our own lives whether as a husband or wife, a parent, a leader of any kind.

The test given Jesus and to us is threefold: Jesus is asked to deny who he truly is: the Son of God. Will we claim our identity as God's very own, acknowledging our true identity as human beings who are made in the image of God?

Jesus is told he can be the source of great signs and wonders. Will we forsake our desire for fame and adulation, and instead live a life of humility focused on service?

Jesus is told he will be given all the power and glory of the world's kingdoms. Will we be able to resist the power inherent in greed, lust, vengeance and all the glamour the world offers?

Temptations are powerfully seductive and alluring. In the example of Jesus, we are invited to resist them as did Jesus. On this First Sunday of Lent, our Gospel challenges us to do the same. Among the central themes of this season is the recognition that we all have to do battle against temptation — especially the temptation to misuse power. To assist us in this conversion process, the church asks us to remember and to practice the message found in Deuteronomy: Go into your own wilderness for forty days. Pray, fast, become contrite, increase our service to others – all of this testing to know what was in your heart, and to remind us once again: “The Lord, your God shall you worship and him alone shall you serve”

*First Sunday of Lent – Focus: Jesus is the model of love and obedience.*

It can be difficult to be obedient. Temptations, deceptions and lack of will can contribute to our failures. When we focus on what love asks us to do, however, we can overcome the obstacles to our desired choices and behaviors. Jesus serves as the model of love and obedience, and relying on him in prayer gives us strength to make the right choices.

**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](mailto:bojecker@mchsi.com) on or before March 5, 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.

**Stations & Soup** St. Gabriel will have Stations & Soup on Tuesdays, at noon. St. Patrick will have Soup & Stations on Fridays, 6:00 pm. There is a possibility for Stations in the evening at St. Gabriel. If you are interested in leading Stations on an evening, please contact the office.

**Fair Trade Coffee** will be for sale today after Mass. Please help support third world farmers with your purchase. Thank you!

**Communal Penance Today**  
**at 1:00 pm at St. Gabriel.**

**Income Weekend Feb 26, 2017**  
**Weekly Collection \$ 3,073.00 Needed \$ 4,800.00**  
**Income YTD as of January 31, 2016**  
Total Collections \$160,859.42 Total Budgeted \$152,800.00  
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

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

**Just Ahead**

Parish Council Mtg, Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 @ R  
HFC Mtg after Mass, March 12 @ R  
NO FF, both sites, Wed, March 12, Spring Break

**St. Patrick, Parkersburg location**

**Confessions: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.**  
FF, Wed, March 8, 6:30 @ P  
Stations & Soup, Friday, March 10, 6 pm @ P

**St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location**

**Confessions: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.**  
Stations & Soup, Tuesday, March 7, Noon @ R  
FF, Wed, March 8, 6:30 @ R  
Reconciliation, Wed, March 8, during FF @ R

## Other Announcements

**Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers** are extended to the family of Mary E. Bixby Coleman of Dike, whose funeral was celebrated on Tuesday, February 28, at St. Gabriel Church in Reinbeck. May she know the fullness of God's peace and love in the heavenly kingdom.

**Couples of Faith** join us for our Date Night Session tonight, "Give God Some of Your Time." From 5 – 7 pm. Check-in and Social Time begin at 4:45. Join us for food, fun, fellowship, and a door prize! Child care provided! Please RSVP to [cnorth3412@gmail.com](mailto:cnorth3412@gmail.com) or 319-215-6118. **Upcoming Date Nights:** Apr 2, "Set your mind on Things Above" & May 7 "Season Finale Game Night." Come to one or all and bring your friends!! All married or engaged couples welcome!!

**Fundraiser** Thank you to all who have donated so far to our Fundraiser! We will continue to have the boards out for the next several weeks. All funds raised will go to Totus Tuus, a week long summer program for kids grades 1-12, and 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. Thank you for your continued support!

**2017 Catholic Men's Conference** The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.catholicmenonline.org) Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque Catholic Men's Fellowship.

**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.

**Join us on Sundays during Lent for *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*.** This program provides the Church's teaching about the sacrament of Confession, including a practical "walk through" of what happens in the confessional and how every moment connects to Scripture, Catholic Tradition, and God's passionate desire to be with you. We will meet at St. Patrick's in Parkersburg every Sunday during Lent, beginning at 6:00 pm.

**HFCircle** is collecting used clean tee shirts to be sent to Nicaragua to be made into diapers please bring to church. For more information contact Elaine Folkerts. 319-404-3706

**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.**

	Mar 11	Mar 12
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Kathy	Don Osterhaus
Extraordinary	Greg Lievens	Greg Lievens (D), Ann O'Connor, Bobbi Petersen
Ministers	Cam Coy	John Schreck, Sue Sonnenberg, Janine Stewart
Of Holy	Julie Dunn*	Rose Kramer*, Gary Mauer, Kathy Mauer
Communion		Ron Hayek, Patti Jacobi*
Greet	Dennis & Sherry Gaul	Rod Brockett Family, Gene & Mary Burry Jane Brown
Gifts	Cindy Kannegieter & Susie Hook	Rod Brockett Family
Reader 1	Kate Petersen	Kathy Zeiner
Reader 2		Wanda Christensen
Server	Gannon Oberhauser	Sadie Brockett, Paul Brockett
Server	Cooper Hoff	Gabe Nederhoff, Payton Petersen
Usher	Bob & Peg Neavins	Chad Vandenberg, Michael Bennett, Richard Benson
Usher		Gene Burry, Brian Corwin, Tom Corwin
Video		Todd Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Becky Lievens	Rose Kramer / Mary Linder / Tera Gunnarson
Collection Counters	Richard & Cam Coy	Margie Glick, Mary Linder, Bob Eisenman