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**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
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**APRIL 17, 2016**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**Mass Intentions for**  
April 19 – April 24

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Arnold Wagner
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Sue Hayek
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	LuAnn Schreck
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Marvin Ostwinkle
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	Myrtle Kurtenbach
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	For the People

**SOMETHING MORE** – *“My sheep hear my voice...and they follow me.”*

We must first, “hear” the voice of Jesus. What better way to do that than by reading and absorbing his teachings in the Gospels, in the letter of Paul: in the marvelous Exodus tales of rescue from enslavement, in the preaching of the prophets about how mercy, not sacrifice, is most pleasing to God, and in the promise contained in the hope for One who will liberate us from suffering and death.

And then we must take up the most difficult task of all: We must FOLLOW. Not just worship. Not just praise. We must undertake the hard work of doing, of following.

Here’s how Fr. Jose Antonio Pagola sums up what following Jesus means: “It is to believe what Jesus believed, to love what Jesus loved, to defend the dignity of the human person as Jesus defended it, to be with the powerless and vulnerable as Jesus was, to be free to do good as Jesus did, to trust the Father as Jesus trusted Him, and to face life and death with the great message of Easter: HOPE! VICTORY!

When we listen deeply through meditating on God’s Word, then we will be motivated and strengthened to follow: The reward? We, too, become one with the Father! ALLELUIA!

**Fourth Sunday of Easter** *Focus: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.*

Jesus Christ promised eternal life to all who follow him. We follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by recognizing his voice in Sacred Scripture and in the teachings of the Church, by listening to him speaking in our hearts in prayer, and by practicing his teachings in our daily lives. When the situation is appropriate, we share our faith with others.

**And Still More** – If we were shepherds, we would better understand Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel. City-dwellers almost never have the occasion to see shepherds in the fields, but there are still many places around the world where shepherds roam the pastures, tending their flocks.

It is a hard life. Shepherds live out in the open with their sheep. They sleep under the sky and watch through the long night. At sunrise they guide their sheep through the next day’s search for food. The sheep and their shepherd become one as they voyage together out across the grasslands. While the shepherd depends upon the sheep for his or her livelihood, the sheep depend on the shepherd to protect and care for them.

After a time, the sheep come to know their shepherd’s voice. They will not follow anyone else but him. Another shepherd cannot step in and steal the sheep away. In their lonely profession the shepherds sacrifice themselves for their sheep just as Jesus did when he died for us.

**St. Patrick Parishoners** - We are in need of a new Parish Council Member from St. Patrick. Prayerfully consider being part of this important ministry. Please contact Fr. David as soon as possible.

**Our Deepest Sympathy** and Prayers are extended to the families of Wesley Bernhardt of Odebolt, Ia. who passed away on March 1<sup>st</sup> and Bob Bernhardt of Clarion, Ia. who passed away on April 5<sup>th</sup>, brothers of Jim Bernhardt - Deceased, & Ilene Bernhardt of Dike. May they know the fullness of God’s peace and love in the heavenly kingdom.

**Income Weekend April 10, 2015**  
**Adult Budget \$ 4,784.00 Needed \$ 5,154.00**  
Annual Adult Budget \$ 268,000.00

**Just Ahead**

- ❖ FF Wed April 27, 6:30 – 7:45 pm both sites
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will be on April 24 & 30
- ❖ Finance Com Mtg, Mon, Apr 25, 7 pm @ R
- ❖ KC Mtg Thursday, Apr 28, 7 pm @

**St. Patrick, Parkersburg location**

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes  
FF, Wednesday April 20, 6:30 – 7:45

**St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location**

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes  
FF, Wednesday April 20, 6:30 – 7:45 @ R

## Other Announcements

**Couples of Faith End of The Year *Not So Newlywed* Game Night!!** Please join us for a fun evening at our end of the year Date Night/Game Night on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 5 – 7 pm at St. Gabriel. All married & engaged couples of all ages and faiths are welcome to come and enjoy food, fun, fellowship, a lot of laughter! There will be prizes for the winning couples and a door prize!! Even if you have never attended couples of faith before, you won't want to miss this!! Meal, beverages and childcare all provided. Please **RSVP** for couples and childcare to [cnorth3412@gmail.com](mailto:cnorth3412@gmail.com), or text or leave message to 319-215-6118.

**Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Meeting – March 19, 2016** The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) is an advisory body to Archbishop Jackels. At its most recent meeting, the council heard and discussed plans for promotional and educational programs about Natural Family Planning. The council offered ideas on what can be done to help in this effort. More information can be found on the Archdiocesan website at [dbqarch.org](http://dbqarch.org). Search "APC Minutes". Or call 563-556-2580, ext. 283.

**1st Communion Services** will be held on April 24th at St. Gabriel and April 30th at St. Patrick during regular Mass times. Please be mindful that extended family and friends will be in attendance those days. Please be courteous and welcoming to those that may be joining us from other areas and faiths!

**Area Blood Drives: Grundy Center Lions Club Blood Drive** will be Thursday, April 21 from 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Grundy Center Community Center, 705 F Ave. To make an appointment, please contact LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 or visit website at [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org) **Dike-New Hartford High School Blood Drive** will be on Monday, April 18 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the DNH High School Gym, 330 Main St. Dike. To make an appointment for this blood drive, please contact Amy Seitz at 319-989-2485 ext. 1710 or visit [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.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](mailto: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.

**The Our Call to Share** collection will be taken up in our parish on the weekend of April 30-May 1, 2016. The **Our Call to Share** is a combination of several collections including: Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Communications (including the Witness). You will be receiving a brochure and offertory envelope in the mail. Details regarding the collection are explained within the brochure. On the offertory envelope you will have the choice of how you would like to have your contribution distributed. Please return your envelope to our parish the weekend of April 30-May 1. Thank you!

**"Faith in College" Scholarship Program--** Holy Family Parish recognizes the importance of young adults in the Church and the need for young adults to continue their commitment to their faith while attending college. For that reason, HFP will consider granting scholarships up to \$500 per student based on involvement in church life either on campus or in the local parish while attending college. It is not necessary to attend a Catholic college or university to be awarded this scholarship. High School seniors and all undergraduates are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Applications are on parish website, tables in both church narthex areas, or by contacting Alyssa.

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

	April 23	April 24
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Judie Krebsbach & Susan Halbach
Cantor	Clara and Marty	Don Davidson
Extraordinary	John Schwennen*	John Schwennen (D), Judy Jewett*, Sue Messerly
Ministers	Mary Ann Bergman	Ann Lebo*, Kathy Mauer*, Ann O'Connor
Of Holy	Nancy Brannon	Bobbi Petersen, Sue Sonnenberg, Janine Stewart
Communion		Gene Brandt, Mike Williams
Greet	Dennis & Sherry Gaul	First Communion
Gifts	Bob & Peg Neavins	First Communion
Reader 1	Mike Brannon	Pat Brown
Reader 2		Joe Davis
Server	Gannon Oberhauser	Ella Barragy, Alana Corwin
Server	Riley Oberhauser	Francesca Brown
Usher	Chris & Terri Thome	Ron Hayek, Denny Greiner, Max Girres
Usher		Rosanne Girres, Ryan Folkerts, Darrin Folkerts
Video		Todd Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Mary Schwennen	Helen O'Connor / Kathy Juel / Janine Stewart
Collection Counters	Kyle & Tamara Tingle	Laurie Folkedahl, Ron Hayek, Don Schmidt, Wanda Christensen