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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass Intentions for
April 26 – May 1

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Frank Kurtenbach
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Paul J. O'Connor
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Sara Kelly
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Joe Kurtenbach
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	Leyron McCormick

SOMETHING MORE – *The disciples' faith in Jesus would have to endure his death by crucifixion and the dark interval of his absence before they came to understand the resurrection. John's Gospel more than any other shows the crucible of suffering that prepared Mary, Peter and the other disciples to understand Jesus' death as an act of love. His lifting up on the cross was the final sign that revealed God's unconditional love for a sinful world, a love so absolute that it rejected rejection itself and befriended enemies. In St. Paul's words, "Christ died for us while we were still sinners" a love so great it is able to draw all things to Jesus. This is the measure of Christian love: not just loving those who love us, but loving our enemies so deeply that we make them our friends.*

Such love is only possible because of the resurrection. Only if we are secure in the promise of eternity will we risk giving ourselves away for love. This is perfect union with Jesus, who did precisely that so we might have eternal life.

Fifth Sunday of Easter *Focus: Behold, God has made all things new.*

In this Easter season, we celebrate the timelessness of God's creation and loving intercession in the world: from the covenant with the Jews, through the incarnation of the Word, to our celebration of the Eucharist today. God's sacrificial love has redeemed us, creating a new heaven and a new earth, wiping away sin and death.

And Still More – A first grader arrived for class an hour late. The teacher asked him why he was so late. "Well, teacher," he said, "I had to say goodbye to my pets." The teacher frowned, "That shouldn't take you an entire hour."

"Well," explained the young boy, "I have a very large ant farm."

Imagine God keeping track of all of us individually. God looks in on us as we go about our business; is interested in all we do; and even more, God loves us. Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus loves us and that he calls us to love one another. Love is the central teaching of Jesus. If we can get that part right, the rest will follow.

May Crowning for **St. Patrick** will be on Saturday, April 30 by the 1st communion children; for **St. Gabriel** on Sunday, May 1 please have children come to the conference room before Mass to receive flowers to place at the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you!

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 on those days. Please be courteous and welcoming to those that may be joining us from other areas and faiths!

Congratulations to Emarie Elizabeth, daughter of Brent & Val Bovy of Dike, who was cleansed in the waters of baptism on Sunday, April 17 at St. Gabriel in Reinbeck

Congratulations to Hayes Robert, son of Tyler & Katie Witte of Grundy Center, who was cleansed in the waters of baptism on Sunday, April 17 at St. Gabriel in Reinbeck

Income Weekend April 17, 2015
Adult Budget \$ 3,417.00 Needed \$ 5,154.00
Annual Adult Budget \$ 268,000.00

Just Ahead

❖ KC Mtg Thursday, Apr 28, 7 pm @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
FF Final Night, Wednesday April 27, 6:30 – 7:45

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
Finance Com Mtg. Mon, Apr 25, 7 pm @ R
Parish Council Mtg, Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 @ R
FF Final Night, Wednesday April 27, 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 1st 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 north3412@gmail.com, or text or leave message to 319-215-6118.

Holy Family Circle and Faith Formation will be assembling freezer meals on Wednesday, April 27th for the Corporal Work of Mercy- Feed the Hungry. We are still in need of a few items, if you would like to donate any ingredients, see the list in narthex after mass. You are also welcome to donate your time and join us that night, starting at 6:30 pm at St. Gabriel.

HELP US on May 1st following Mass! Bid/Buy/Donate to our Confirmation class's **PIE/DESSERT AUCTION** and **FREEWILL BAKE SALE**. The class responded to Sr. Marie Heses's talk last Sunday with the challenge to raise \$3,000 toward the convent being built at the new spiritual retreat center in Willey, IA - Domus Trinitas (Home of the Trinity). Your generous support is appreciated. Contact Amy at dbq169ym@dbqarch.org or Deacon Greg at greg.hfp@gmail.com for any questions.

Holy Family Circle will be again making receiving blankets through the summer for the Rotary Club to send to Nicaragua in the fall. If you can help, please contact Elaine. The material will be provided for you and you will need to cut into 36 inch pieces and hem them at home on your own time. There will be a sew day in August at the church when we will work on putting quilts together. Thanks, Elaine

The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting baby items for Birthright for the month of May. Nancy Brannon, who is the Director of Birthright and a member of our parish, is very pleased that we will be helping as she needs to replenish the items. Following are her suggestions: Clothing sizes for newborns to 18 months; diapers (newborn size); pacifiers; baby lotion; shampoo; Desitin; baby blankets; used maternity clothes; and monetary donations. "To uphold, at all times, that any pregnant girl or woman has the right to whatever help she may need to carry her child to term, and to foster respect for human life at all stages of development." Birthright is run by volunteers.

Fair Trade Coffee Reminder that Holy Family Parish is selling Fair Trade coffee for cost to help create opportunity for small-scale farmers of underprivileged countries make a living. As followers of Christ, we are called to demonstrate special concern for the most vulnerable members of our human family. By purchasing this coffee, we are providing a chance to help other humans make a living for themselves as well as creating a safe work environment for them. You can consider buying this coffee as a donation to charity!! Chocolate and tea are two other items that will be for sale in the future. Coffee is for sale the 1st Sunday of the month but you can contact any member of the Social Justice committee to buy it any time. This coffee is also used after Mass every 1st Sunday.

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 30	May 1
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Kyle	Don Osterhaus
Extraordinary	Cam Coy*	Tina Lyon*, Mary Linder, Michelle Brown
Ministers	Julie Dunn	Barb Melloy*, Rick Ogle, Diane Stephan
Of Holy	Becky Lievens	Linda Williams, John Schreck, Reno Rodeghiero
Communion		Deb Woodhouse, Pat Brown, Bill & Shirley Rogers**
Greet	1 st Communion	Joe & Connie Becker, Mike Knutsen Family, Brian & Mary Corwin
Gifts	1 st Communion	Joe & Connie Becker
Reader 1	Kate Petersen	Don Davidson
Reader 2		Ethan DeWall
Server	Halie Petersen	Timothy Scott
Server	Carley Hook	Sydney Petersen, Baylee Petersen
Usher	Gary & Mary Wolfe	Chris Frischmeyer, Julie Frischmeyer, Dean Eslinger
Usher		Roger Dostal, Ethan DeWall, Joe Davis
Video		Susie Billerbeck
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Connie Becker / Judy Martens / Amy Dall
Collection Counters	Kyle & Tamara Tingle	Mardel Brockett, Rod Brockett, Agnes Biersner