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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Mass Intentions for
Apr 11 – Apr 16

Intention for

Tuesday.....NO Mass @ P
Wednesday.....NO Mass @ R
Holy Thursday....6:30 pm @ R Loren, Kathy & Gerard Kucera
Good Friday.....3:00 pm @ P
Good Friday.....6:30 pm @ R
Holy Saturday...7:30 pm at Reinbeck Paul J. O'Connor
Easter Sunday....7:30 am Parkersburg John Berezcki
Easter Sunday....9:30 am at Reinbeck Don Coleman

Something more..... God is the one who identifies with and enters the experience of the people with whom he is madly in love. Our God is sending a message through Jesus in this Palm Sunday celebration that he wants everyone to hear with utter clarity: “Nothing human is abhorrent to me.” All of life — even the most horrible kind of suffering, even death — is something so precious that God wants to be in solidarity with it. God wants to embrace it and transform it. That’s who our God is. So, what is it that this same God wants from us? Jesus wants us to die with him. Only the death he’s talking about is not the one when our earthly time is over. The death in which our God is interested is the death of our egos. He wants us to die to that part of us that wishes to enthrone our own selves, that part of us that dreams of being adored, worshiped, acclaimed, glorified. God wants us to “die before we die,” as theologian Richard Rohr so aptly puts it in many of his writings. So, again: Who is our God? What is it that he wants? These two questions that haunted my friend Jim are the same ones that have mystified modern-day and ancient philosophers alike. In the end, the lessons of Palm Sunday give us the answers to both questions. Perhaps the apostle Paul sums it up as well as anyone could: “Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.” Our God wants us to embody the humble actions of Jesus: the God who “emptied himself” — the God who sat on a donkey.

Focus: Embracing the cross of Jesus leads to everlasting life.

The cross of shame in Jesus’ time has become for us the sign of victory over sin and death. Through his perfect sacrifice of love on the cross, Jesus won forgiveness for our sins and defeated the power of sin and evil. By so doing, Jesus transformed the cross from an instrument of death into the tree of life and source of our salvation.

Good Friday Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. When you contribute to this collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Thank You We would like to give a big Thank You to Holy Family Circle for donating the donuts and the breakfast the last 3 weeks, and to all of you who so generously donated! For the 3 weeks, over \$1000 was raised, with over \$700 from the breakfast alone! We are very grateful to the generosity of so many, in helping to make our Totus Tuus and NCYC programs a success!

Our Deepest Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of August Steven Steinmeyer of Grundy Center, who passed away on Wednesday, March 29th, Father of David (Sarah) Steinmeyer, of Grundy Center. May he know the fullness of God’s peace and love in the heavenly kingdom.

Holy Week:

Tuesday: There will be a Chrism Mass at 2:00 pm at St. Patrick’s in Cedar Falls. There will be no evening Mass in Parkersburg.

Wednesday: No morning Mass @ R

Holy Thursday: Mass 6:30 pm @ R

Good Friday: Mass 3:00 pm @ P

Mass 6:30 pm @ R

Holy Saturday: 7:30 pm @ R

Easter Sunday: Mass 7:30 am @ P

Mass 9:30 am @ R

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

Just Ahead

FF, both sites, Wed, April 19, 6:30 pm

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

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

NO FF, Wed, April 12, @ P

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

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

NO FF, Wed, April 12, @ R

Income Weekend Apr 2, 2017

Weekly Collection \$ 5,444.00 Needed \$ 6,400.00

Income YTD as of March 30, 2017

Total Collections \$ 198,607.42 Total Budgeted \$201,000.00

Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

Other Announcements

Washer & Dryer St. Gabriel has a working washer and a nonworking dryer for sale. If interested, please contact Elaine Folkerts for more information 319-404-3706 or 319-345-2090.

St. Patrick Counters Needed We are in need of more people to help with the counting after Masses at St. Patrick. Counters are usually scheduled for one month at a time to count the offertory collection after Mass on Saturday evenings for that month and as needed for any other Masses. Time commitment is usually for 1 to 2 months out of the year. So the more people that can help the better! If anyone is able to help with this, please let Fr. David know or contact the office. Thank you!

“Volunteer Section” One of the most rewarding parts of being a deacon, is working with parishioners in growing the catholic faith and growing our assembly here at Holy Family. Parishioners here always seemed to be willing to help out when and where they are needed. This past weekend I witnessed two times when this occurred. One, when two first time servers stepped up when they were needed. Another, when a college student came back and took instruction on how to be a eucharistic minister. Many thanks go to these volunteers and all the rest who volunteer their time and talents to keep our faith growing and vibrant. Jesus calls us all to continue his mission he started here on earth. The rewards may seem nonexistent for much of this ministry, but that is not how we are called to serve. Jesus continues to call more workers to the vineyard for the crop is large and the workers are too few, we continue to need music ministry, readers, extraordinary ministers, council members, committee members, servers, catechists, workers inside and outside the church. Please continue to be generous with your time and talents, and maybe listen to the calling from God, when you see or hear of a need in the church. Thanks again for all you do. Deacon John

Grundy Center Lions Club Blood Drive will be Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Grundy Center Community Center, 705 F Ave. To make an appointment, contact John Kramer at 319-825-6246 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

Marriage Encounter Event “Learn how to live your Marriage Sacrament as God intended” **Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Event.** For information, dates and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call [563-608-3305](tel:563-608-3305). Upcoming Dates; October 27-29 @Cedar Falls. November 10-12 @Iowa City Jjwwme08@gmail.com

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 13 Holy Thursday @ R	Apr 14 Good Friday @ R	Apr 15 Holy Saturday @ R	Easter Sunday 7:30 am @ P	Easter Sunday 9:30 am @ R
Accompanist	Susan Halbach	Susan Halbach	Steve Halbach	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Rick Ogle	Steve Tscherter	Larry & Connie Rohach & Choir	Clara/ Marty	Rick Ogle
Extraordinary	Greg Lievens (D), John Schwennen (D), Kelley Sents	Amy Seitz	John Schwennen Shalene Peterson	Tamara Tingle*	Wanda Christensen, Michelle Coulter
Ministers	Ron Hayek, Judy Jewett, Mary Linder	Greg Lievens (D)	Bobbi Peterson, Gene Brandt, Barb Melloy	Mary Schwennen	Michelle & Steve Cox Sue Messerly, Kelley Sents
Of Holy	Janine Stewart, Linda Williams, Cheryl Osterhaus		Tim Melloy, Rick Nilles Karen Benson	Ashlee Tott	Diane Stephan*, Patty Jacobi, Bobbi Petersen
Communion	Tina Lyon			Kelsie Tingle	Ann O'Connor, Dean Eslinger Bill & Shirley Rogers*
Greet	Justin & Sue Nicklaus, Tim & Barb Melloy		Chris Frischmeyer Family, Steve & Cindy Gerhard Brad Evenson Family	Jeremiah & Tanya Hook	Laurie Folkedahl Ryan Folkerts Family Max & Rosanne Girres
Gifts			Brad Evenson Family	Jeff & Ashlee Tott Family	Ryan Folkerts Family
Reader 1	Julie Merfeld	Don Davidson	Debrann Scott	Kate Petersen	Kelley Sents
Reader 2	Mike Williams	Wanda Christensen	Jim Selenke		Sue Sonnenberg
Server	Avery Coulter, Tyler Vandenberg	Sydney Petersen Jack Nolder	Derek Kinney, Taylor Frischmeyer	Carley Hook	Francesca Brown Tanner DeWall
Server	Connor Luhning	Tyler Nolder	Timothy Scott	Halie Petersen	Kasey Seitz
Usher	Michael Bennett Greg Snider	Richard Benson, Gene Burry	Ethan DeWall Roger Dostal Darrin Folkerts	Gary & Mary Wolfe	Denny Greiner, David Martens Ron Hayek, Rich Riesberg
Usher	Kenny Ackerman, Chad Vandenberg	Brian Corwin, Tom corwin	Ryan Folkerts, Chris & Julie Frischmeyer		Max Girres Robert Lang
Video					Susie Billerbeck
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Elaine Folkerts, Mary Linder	Rose Kramer/ Kathy Zeiner	Mary Linder/Rita Amling	Mary Schwennen	Judy Kershaw, Diane Stephan Diane Stephan
Collection Counters			Greg & Brenda Snider Helen O'Connor	Kyle Tingle	Robin Olson, Chris & Carrie Moorman, Darrell Folkerts