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MAY 1, 2016
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass Intentions for
May 3 – May 8

Intention for
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg Dec Members Kucera Family
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck Sam Biersner
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck LuAnn Schreck
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg Johanna Thrasher
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg For the People
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck Eddie Cecak

SOMETHING MORE – In today's Gospel Jesus is talking to his disciples on the night before his death. This is his going away conversation. Jesus is aware of all that can happen, and the Father sees it and will bring good out of it.

Jesus taught his disciples what they need to know for now. Down the road the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will bring into clarity all that they have experienced together and all that he has taught them. They will mourn his passing, but they will find new life in the message he has given them. The Spirit will grow in them.

Today we read this Gospel as we reflect on the lives of the disciples just before Jesus departs from them at his ascension. They will again experience the loss of his companionship. They will again need their faith strengthened. They must rely on the strength of their relationship with Jesus and the presence of his spirit in them.

We are in that space ourselves today. Our relationship with Jesus who is not physically present, must carry us. Our participation in the life of the Spirit enlightens us and lifts our lives.

Sixth Sunday of Easter Focus: *Jesus offers us a peace the world cannot give.*

The peace of Christ is truly a precious gift, offering us the blessed assurance that Jesus walks every step of our journey of faith. Jesus leads and guides us along the path to everlasting life, giving us the strength and grace to overcome obstacles and difficulties along the way.

And Still More – The late Johnny Carson played a turbaned character named "Carnac the Magnificent" on the "Tonight Show" who gave answers to questions in a sealed envelope before they were even asked. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples things before they happen. He predicts that the disciples will fail him, but that they will recover. "And now I have told you this before it happens." Earlier he assured them: "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Because he will be with us always, Jesus tells us not to be troubled or afraid. "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you."

The Rosary will be said before Mass on Sundays during the Month of May at 9:10 am @ R. Please join us!!

Help Needed: If anyone would like to help maintain our Memorial Garden or Perennial Garden, please contact Donna @ 319-788-6485, or the office. Thank you!

Spring House Cleaning of St. Gabriel's will be May 28th inside and out—we need women, men and teens!! Supplies furnished except rakes to rake rocks from the lawn. Please bring rake if you can! We will be starting at 9:00 am.

Income Weekend April 24, 2015
Adult Budget \$ 2,677.00 Needed \$ 5,154.00
Annual Adult Budget \$ 268,000.00

Just Ahead

- ❖ Holy Family Circle Mtg, May 15, after Mass
- ❖ Confirmation, Sunday May 22, @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
Adoration, Friday, May 6, 7:00 am @ P

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
Social Justice Mtg, Monday, May 2, 6:30 pm @ R
Adoration, Wed, May 4, 7:30 am @ 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 cnorth3412@gmail.com, or text or leave message to 319-215-6118.

The Our Call to Share collection taken up in our parish this weekend supports the annual collections for Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services, and Catholic Communications (including the **Witness**). If you didn't bring your envelope this weekend, please bring it next weekend or drop it off at the parish office. Thank you for your financial generosity and your prayerful support of these important efforts of the Church.

KC Rose Drive - The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual rose drive after Mass the weekend on **May 7th & 8th**. The funds collected will be donated to the local chapter of Birth Right that serves our area. Thank you for your support.

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.

St. Edward Parish in Waterloo, IA is hosting the **Surge of the Heart** Parish Mission, May 8-10, from 6:30-7:40 pm each night. Our mission presenter is Jon Leonetti, an international Catholic speaker, radio host, and best-selling author of two books entitled, *Mission of the Family* and *Your God Is Too Boring*. Jon travels extensively, helping Catholics understand this greatest story ever told—the story of Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church. And you're a part of it! There is no cost for this event. Bring your family and friends! 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.

	May 7	May 8
Accompanist	Linda	Steve Halbach
Cantor		Rick Ogle
Extraordinary	John Schwennen	John Schwennen (D), Julie Frischmeyer*, Judy Jewett
Ministers	Tamara Tingle*	Gary Mauer, Janelle Onnen*, Julie Grunklee
Of Holy	Marti Hall	Connie Becker, Joe Becker, Georgia Bennett
Communion		Karen Benson, Gene Brandt, Max & Rosanne Girres**
Greet	Cindy Kannegieter & Susie Hook	Bob & Kathy Eisenman, Brad Evenson Family, Glen & Joann Witt
Gifts	Roger & Angie Oberhauser	Bob & Kathy Eisenman
Reader 1	Kelsie Tingle	Kathy Mauer
Reader 2		Julie Merfeld
Server	McKenna Tingle	Andrew Cox, Amy Cox
Server	Cooper Hoff	Joe Folkerts
Usher	Chad & Nikki Schipper	Reno Rodeghiero, Rich Riesberg, Todd Rickert
Usher		LeRoy Oetker, Dave Martens
Video		Brenda Davis
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Mary Schwennen	Carol Garwood / Kathy Zeiner / Joe Davis
Collection Counters	Mike & Nancy Brannon / Tony Dunn	Robin Olson, Chris & Carrie Moorman, Darrell Folkerts