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MAY 21, 2017
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass Intentions for
May 23 – May 28

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Martha Pace
Wednesday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Mary Coleman
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Dale McIntyre
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	Bernard & Bernadean Smeltzer

Something more.....In today's Gospel Jesus prepares his friends for this time that will come. He assures them, "I will not leave you orphans." This verse in John is the only time the term "orphan" is heard in all four Gospels. And it gives us a new image of Jesus, that of a parent. In this parenting, Jesus is joined by a new figure he introduces as the "Advocate ... the Spirit of truth." The disciples are moving into a new time — one of great hope and also of great pain. Shortly after promising to send them the Advocate, Jesus tells the disciples why they will need one: "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you" (John 15:20). Our first reading picks up after Stephen is stoned in Jerusalem — the first of the apostles to be martyred. As many disciples are scattered from Jerusalem, Philip finds himself in Samaria. Instead of seeking shelter and protection, we are told he "proclaimed the Christ to them" thereby sharing the joy of the good news at every opportunity. The second reading is drawn from the First Letter of Peter, who, tradition suggests, wrote it shortly before his martyrdom in Rome. Peter urges the community to "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." Indeed, that is the audacious message of these first followers of Jesus — continue to proclaim the Christ to all who will listen even as your very lives are demanded of you. In our own lives as Christians we also face challenges, persecutions and transitions. Some may be as simple as bearing with a difficult coworker or cranky child, but others (the death of a spouse, mental illness, addiction) may demand everything of us. In all that we encounter, we can hold on to Jesus' promise, "I will not leave you orphans." We know that we have an advocate who remains with us and an attentive parent who holds us close as we embrace a new reality. We now are the ones who must proclaim the Christ to a world desperately in need of mercy and love. May we always be ready to give an explanation for our hope.

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

Just Ahead

Confirmation, Sunday, June 4th

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

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

FOCUS: *Living as a disciple of Jesus requires that we be ever-ready and willing to share our faith with others.* The first reading reminds that as disciples of Jesus, we must be willing to share with others the reason for our hope. Meeting this challenge requires first and foremost that Jesus, in whom we are saved and redeemed, is the source of our hope. We also need to pray each day so that we have the grace and strength we need to share our faith when the opportunity presents itself.

The Rosary will be said before Mass on Sunday mornings during the month of May at 9:10 am. Please join us!

"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 or Lyndsay. **Applications are due by May 31st.**

St. Gabriel Spring house Cleaning will be Saturday morning, June 10th at 8:30 am. We will need women, men & teens!! We will need help cleaning inside the church, maintenance to the grounds outside and washing windows. Supplies will be furnished. Please bring rakes & trimmers for outside if you have them.

Flower garden volunteers needed for the memorial and perennial gardens---the job for the memorial garden will be watering, deadheading and pulling weeds out of flower beds and rock landscaping---included with the Memorial garden will also be walking the rock landscaping around the church checking for weeds and deadheading. The perennial garden is self watering, but will need deadheading and weed control---contact Donna at 319-788-6485. Volunteers are also needed for the vegetable garden---contact Brenda at 319-240-5853. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex for all three jobs---thank you for volunteering!!!

Income Weekend May 14, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 4,286.00 Needed \$ 5,000.00
Income YTD as of April 30, 2017
Total Collections \$ 220,115.42 Total Budgeted \$226,600.00
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

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

Other Announcements

Our parish Confirmation is Pentecost Sunday - June 4th at our 9:30 AM Mass. Please continue to pray for our 30 candidates expected to receive this sacrament with our celebrant, Archbishop Jackels. The dinner, rehearsal and night of reflection will be Saturday, June 3rd, beginning at 6:00 PM at St. Gabriel. All candidates and their parents or guardians should have their completed consent forms into the Church office by Tuesday, May 23rd. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Greg at 319.240.0840 or greg.hfp@gmail.com, or one of the other team leaders.

New HFP Directory!! We are taking pictures for a new HFP Directory on June 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17. We would like everyone to sign up as soon as possible. Pictures will be taken at St. Patrick's on Tuesday, 13th & Wednesday 14th from 2 to 9 pm. St. Gabriel's schedule will be Thursday, 15th & Friday, 16th from 2 to 9 pm. Saturday, 17th will be from 10 am to 5 pm at St. Gabriel. **To schedule at St. Patrick** please call Jan Smeins at 319-346-2320. **To schedule at St. Gabriel** please call Judy Jewett at 319-345-6375, or Donna Larsen at 319-239-7715. Tables will be set up in the narthex of both churches to sign up after Mass for the next few weekends also.

TOTUS TUUS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!! We've tried to make it easy for you and have an online form that you can fill out using this link <https://goo.gl/forms/KTo1aFJYM8fyYyZ92> or we have paper copies available in the back of either church. As a reminder Totus Tuus will be held June 18-23, 2017. Mon-Fri 9 am-2:30 pm for grades 1-6 and Sun-Thurs 7 pm-9:15 pm for Grades 7-12 (17/18 school year). There is no cost to you for Totus Tuus and all are welcome even if you cannot make all of the days!! Please contact us if your children are in need of a ride and we will try to put you in touch with someone who may be able to bring them! Contact Alyssa or Lyndsay with any questions.

Annual Birthright "Baby Shower" The Social Concerns Committee is having our annual "Baby Shower" for Birthright during the month of May. We would appreciate the following items for this worthy cause: Diapers to size 3, onesies and sleepers up to 6 months, newborn pacifiers, blankets, gently used maternity clothes, baby bath, ointment, wipes, and etc. plus monetary donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your generous support!

Are you also looking for more? IMPACT may be right for you! The next cohort of IMPACT will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hiawatha, beginning September 2017. For more information and dates: <https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/adult-faith/impact/information-for-the-2017-2019-impact-sessions/>

Cards for Soldiers Please remember to pick up a card to send to a soldier. Cards are located on the board in the basement of St. Gabriel just outside of St. Gabriel Hall. Addresses are provided. A note from home will brighten their day!!

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. Upcoming Dates; October 27-29 @ Cedar Falls, November 10-12 @ Iowa City, JJjwwme08@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.**

	May 27	May 28
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Clara / Marty	Don Osterhaus
Extraordinary	Mary Ann Bergman*	Janine Stewart, Rick Nilles, Julie Frischmeyer
Ministers	Kelsie Tingle	Amy Seitz, Connie Becker, Joe Becker
Of Holy	Tamara Tingle	Michelle Cox, Julie Grunklee*, Ron Hayek
Communion		Bobbi Peterson, Shalene Peterson, Bill & Shirley Rogers*
Greet	Bob & Peg Neavins	Bobbi & Shalene Peterson Mike & Linda Rickert Bill & Shirley Rogers
Gifts	Chad & Nikki Schipper	Bobbi & Shalene Peterson
Reader 1	Marty Petersen	Rick Ogle
Reader 2		Janelle Onnen
Server	Halie Petersen	Madelene Frischmeyer
Server	Aidalyn Tott	Colton Glick, Sarah O'Donnell
Usher	Larry & Vi Kisner	Max Girres, Rosanne Girres, Robert Lang
Usher		Tom Lang, Curt Jacobi, Rick Nilles
Video		Todd Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Angie Oberhauser	Rose Kramer / Rita Amling / Julie Grunklee
Collection Counters	Mike & Nancy Brannon / Tony Dunn	Ron & Colleen Pappas, Joe Davis, Diane Stephan