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**ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY**

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**Mass Intentions for**  
May 10 – May 15

Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg  
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck  
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck  
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg  
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg  
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck

Intention for  
Shirley Halbach  
Sue Hayek  
Paul J. O'Connor  
Virgil Neubauer  
For the People  
Florence McCormick

**SOMETHING MORE** – The celebration of the Ascension challenges to find the Cosmic Christ in some way moving in deep relationship with each part of creation.

Immersed in creation, Jesus suffered, died and rose. The same Jesus lay in the stable, stayed behind in the temple, worked as a carpenter, went to a wedding and brought his friends who helped drink up the wine. The same Jesus joined sinners who were baptized by John; he challenged the religious and civic elite, spoke out and was put to death for it. It was the same Jesus the Christ who had within him all that could change this world, one person at a time.

So, when this Jesus ascends to heaven, let us be challenged to understand a Christ whose Spirit penetrates into all humanity. From within, Christ's Spirit continues his work of transforming this world into the reign of God.

Jesus told his disciples, "Do not depart from Jerusalem...stay in the city." For good reason: He was entering into their being, right where they were.

Let us not depart from our city, our parish, our family, our job. Let us stay in the communities where God has placed us. We can be reassured, knowing that Jesus' Spirit has "ascended" into us right where we are, and we will be his witnesses here and now.

**Income Weekend May 1, 2016**  
**Adult Budget \$ 4,218.00 Needed \$ 5,154.00**  
Annual Adult Budget \$ 268,000.00

**Ascension of the Lord Sunday** *Focus:* Trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

It is easy to trust that which we can see, hear or otherwise tangibly sense. Trusting someone or something in their absence can be difficult. When our hearts are awakened to faith in Jesus Christ, it is through the prompting of the Holy Spirit. This gift of faith enables us to see that we can trust the Spirit's guidance.

**And Still More** – A young priest celebrating the children's Mass, was fielding questions. One child asked him why he bowed his head before he began preaching every Sunday. The priest answered, "I'm praying that the Lord will give me a good homily." The child then asked, "Oh, then why doesn't God answer your prayers?"

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he left the disciples with the responsibility of preaching to all nations in his name. Some preachers have a special preaching talent, and some are still learning. We should pray that the Spirit of the Lord help them in their task.

**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 June 4th inside and out—we need women, men and teens!! Supplies furnished except rakes to rake rocks from the lawn. Please bring a rake if you can! We will be starting at 8:30 am.

**Our Deepest Sympathy** and prayers are extended to the family of Marvene Niedermann of Reinbeck, whose funeral was celebrated on Thursday, May 5 at St. Gabriel. May she know the fullness of God's peace and love in the heavenly kingdom.

**Archbishop Emeritus Jerome Hanus, O.S.B.** will be celebrating his 50th anniversary to the priesthood on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raphael, Dubuque. The public is invited to attend the Mass celebrated by Archbishop Hanus, with a simple reception following until 11:30 a.m.

**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

**St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location**  
Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes

## Other Announcements

**Corporal Works of Mercy--** HFP Circle and the Faith Formation programs have been working together this year to provide for the Corporal Works of Mercy in this Year of Mercy. Students and circle members fed the hungry by making frozen casseroles to take be served at Catholic Worker House and Hospitality House. They visited the imprisoned in nursing homes; clothed the naked by providing blankets to those in nursing homes and shelters and cut shoe patterns for children in Uganda. As a parish, we also have given drink to the thirsty by providing water and formula for babies, and helped to shelter the homeless by helping Catholic Worker House buy another house. Thank you to all the parishioners, parents, and students that have helped in some way! Be sure to check out all the pictures on Facebook and bulletin boards in the churches!

**Pop Your Tops!--** We need your pop tabs for our next Corporal Work of Mercy project, Visit the Imprisoned. We will be collecting pop tabs (from aluminum beverage cans) to be given to the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville, Iowa. The tabs are recycled and the material sold to help pay for GED's and continuing education for women in the facility. There will be a container at churches to place your tabs in.

***Congratulations*** to the following students who received the sacrament of 1st Communion: *Megan Bruns, Creyton Eberhart, Lane Girsch, Brannen Jensen, Pete Lebo, Brandon Mills, Mailea McLean, Rhianna Murty, Peter O'Donnell, Finley O'Neill, Brinn Schneider, Noah Sealman, Seeri Smith, Jaiden Soppe, Elise Thome, and Camden Tott. May the Eucharist help nourish them on their spiritual journey!*

**10 Ways to Grow Closer to Christ in 2016:** Please visit these websites suggested by the Archdiocese, Road Warriors for Christ: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/news/road-warriors-for-christ-6022> Practicing Forgiveness: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/news/as-we-forgive-those-who-trespass-against-us-2928> How to show Mercy Video: <http://skitguys.com/blog/post/how-to-show-mercy>

**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.

**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. The 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 14	May 15
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Clara and Marty	Don Davidson
Extraordinary	Mary Schwennen	Julie Grunklee*, Cheryl Osterhaus*, Amy Seitz*
Ministers	Mary Ann Bergman	Cynthia Becker, Wanda Christensen, Michelle Coulter
Of Holy	Nancy Brannon*	Michelle Cox, Steve Cox, Bryce Dall
Communion		Bob Glick, Margie Glick
Greet	Jeremiah & Tanya Hook	Steve Cox Family, Roger & Sally Dostal, Laurie Folkedahl Steve & Cindy Gerhard
Gifts	Dan & Beth Bruns	Steve Cox Family
Reader 1	Kathy Hosch	Janelle Onnen
Reader 2		Rick Ogle
Server	Gannon Oberhauser	Devon Kollasch, Alayna Kollasch
Server	Riley Oberhauser	Dalton McIntire
Usher	Bob & Peg Neavins	Justin Nicklaus, Tom Lang, Robert Lang
Usher		Curt Juel, Curt Jacobi, Mike Bennett
Video		David Martens
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Angie Oberhauser	Judy Kershaw / Mary Linder / Diane Stephan
Collection Counters	Mike & Nancy Brannon / Tony Dunn	Mike & Georgia Bennett, Denny Greiner, Wilbur Kielly