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**JULY 23, 2017**  
**THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**Mass Intentions for**  
July 25 – July 30

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  
Gladys Dekker  
Bill Davis  
Mike Lemker  
Francis Babinat  
Liane Kolecheck  
For the People

**Something more.....** Jesus teaching through parables requires active participation on the part of the listener. In the parables, answers and insights aren't doled out in neatly packaged portions; instead, we have to work for them.

What might be the meaning today as we listen again to the familiar words of the parables of the wheat and the weeds, the mustard seed, and the leaven? All three parables speak of a slow, silent growth. Almost in secret, wheat and mustard seeds planted in the ground crack open to allow a sprout of new life to take hold in the soil.

By the time the tiniest green shoot is visible to a passing human, a vast system of roots has already firmly established itself below ground. Nourished by the roots the plant grows and grows, day by day transforming itself into something that can bring forth fruit and offer shelter. What might this everyday transformation tell us about the kingdom of heaven's silent growth in the here and now?

The vast majority of Jesus' parables deal with everyday occurrences such as a merchant buying pearls, a woman searching for a coin, or a traveller in need of help. Instead of pointing to the fantastical, Jesus calls attention to reality. As he tells the crowds in Luke's Gospel, "the kingdom of God is among you" (17:21). In order to live in this kingdom, we need only eyes to see it and ears to hear. To enter into a parable, one must be willing to let go of the security offered by answers and definitions. What might we discover if we dare to open ourselves to the incomprehensible mystery of the kingdom of heaven? Perhaps like the seeds of mustard and wheat, we will also experience transformation. The only way to find out is to trust Jesus, the parable teller, as he gently calls us to become "parable people."

**NOTICE**

**Fr. Braak will be filling in for Fr. David on  
Saturday, July 29 & Sunday, July 30**

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

**St. Patrick, Parkersburg location**  
**Confessions: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.**

**FOCUS: The Holy Spirit brings life and peace.**  
Today we hear about God as a Father who is both merciful and just, about God who is mighty, and about the Spirit who comes to our aid. Let us turn to the life-giving Holy Spirit for guidance and grace so we may continue growing in holiness, so we bear an effective witness to the Gospel, and so we may experience Christ's gift of peace more fully in our lives and hearts.

**The ACCW Waterloo Deanery meeting** will be held on Monday July 31, at Immaculate Conception in Gilbertville. Mass will begin at 6:30 pm followed by light lunch and meeting. Any questions contact Margaret Babinat 319-479-2753.

**Reinbeck Community Blood Drive** will be held on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Memorial Building in the Community Room, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, 208 Broad Street, Reinbeck. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

**Grundy Center VBS--"Maker Fun Factory"** will be held July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:15-8:15 pm, at the Grundy County Fairgrounds. Online registration is available at [grundycentervbs.net](http://grundycentervbs.net) or paper forms are in the narthex. You can also sign up to volunteer at this site also. Any questions, contact Alyssa Sealman or Michelle Brown.

**Summer Forum Series** (formerly summer at the cellar) is presented by the Waterloo Catholic Parishes. Next program dates, Tuesday-July 25 and Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at COR – 220 East 4<sup>th</sup> St., Waterloo. Details can be found at [www.waterloocatholics.org/summer-forum-series](http://www.waterloocatholics.org/summer-forum-series).

**St. Gabriel Piano Fund Drive** - We are off to a great start - \$2100 was donated the first week! A thermometer will be placed in the narthex to show where we are at. Remember, our goal is \$13,500 so we have a long way to go. We appreciate any and all donations /memorials toward the piano. Keep up the good work! Questions, please visit with Susan Halbach, Jerry Zeiner, or Paula Steimel.

**Income Weekend July 16, 2017**  
Weekly Collection \$ 3567.00 Needed \$ 4,700.00  
**Income YTD as of June 30, 2017**  
Total Collections \$259,173.42 Total Budgeted \$270,000.00  
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

**HFP Prayer Chain Contacts:**

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**St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location**  
**Confessions: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.**

## Other Announcements

**HFP Service Project for July – Supplies for Layette Bags for New Mothers in Nicaragua** Through an ecumenical effort as a part of Rotary International and Hope & Relief International, a shelter was built for expectant mothers where they are educated on how to care for themselves and a newborn, plus they are given a layette bag with supplies to get them started after their baby is born. There is a need for 1,600 layettes each year and these – and the home and education – have proven to be life savers as the infant mortality rate has been reduced significantly. Our parish prepared 50 layette bags last year and is trying to do the same or more for 2017. **Here's how you can help.** 1) **Donate items to be included in layettes.** We need: bath towels (not plush), hand towels, baby wipes, diaper rash ointment, baby shampoo and bars of baby soap. 2) **Cash donations** to be used to purchase diapers made from t-shirts by the women in Nicaragua--Which can be put in an envelope marked Layette Project in the weekly collections or leave at the office. 3) **Attend the parish breakfast on July 23** after Mass at St. Gabriel. Sponsored by Holy Family Circle, this is a free will offering and proceeds will go toward supplies for the bags. Questions? Contact Janine Stewart – 319-231-5553 or Elaine Folkerts – 319-404-3706. Thank you!

**Shoe Collection** We will again be doing the "Soles for Soles" shoe collection during August and would appreciate any good new or used shoes. With school starting soon it would be a good time to check your closets! They can be placed in the box in the narthex of each church beginning in August. Be sure and tie them together. Thank you.... The Social Justice Committee

**The DREAM Project at AMRH celebrates it's 10-year anniversary July 28 and 29.** Ten years ago Dan Rigel attended a New Years Eve retreat and fell in love with American Martyrs Retreat House. Together with Sr. Jeanine Kuhn, PVBM, the Director at the time, they began the Dream Project to help with revitalizing the building and grounds. This year, once again volunteers from across the Archdiocese will gather to share prayer, food, and fellowship while working on renewal projects. There is no charge to volunteers for overnight stay, meals, or retreat, but pre-registration is requested. Monetary donations may be sent to the retreat house designated for the Dream Project. To register or donate or for questions, call 319-266-3543 or email [dbqamrhsec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqamrhsec@dbqarch.org) **Join the Dream Team at AMRH!**

### **Strong Catholic Marriage Workshop – Saturday, October 14, 2017**

Registration is now open for “Essential Elements for a Strong Catholic Marriage”, a workshop for couples interested in improving communication, experiencing healing and forgiveness, exploring the role of service and prayer, and cherishing the marriage intended by God. The workshop will take place at **St. Gabriel, Reinbeck on Saturday, October 14, 2017** from 9 am to 4 pm. The presenters will be Greg and Julie Alexander, founders of Alexander House, a non-profit apostolate dedicated to the education and enrichment of marriage and family life. \$75 per couple includes lunch & snacks. For more information, and to register online for this event go to <https://www.dbqarch.org/event> or contact Matt Selby at (563) 556-2580, ext. 233 or [m.selby@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.selby@dbqarch.org).

**Marian Retreat for Men & Women** will be at the American Martyrs Retreat House, 2209 North Union Road, Cedar Falls on August 11-13. **Theme:** “Our Lady of Fatima – 100 Years Later”, **Retreat Director:** Fr. Jerry Kopacek. The retreat begins at 8:00 pm Friday and concludes after lunch on Sunday. For further information or registration contact AMRH at [dbqamrhsec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqamrhsec@dbqarch.org) or 319-266-3543.

**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.**

	July 29	July 30
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Kathy	Larry & Connie Rohach & Choir
Extraordinary	Tamara Tingle	Connie Becker, Joe Becker, Cynthia Becker
Ministers	Mary Schwennen	Georgia Bennett, Karen Benson, Gene Brandt
Of Holy	Mary Ann Bergman*	Michelle Brown, Pat Brown, Dean Eslinger
Communion		Diane Stephan*, Julie Frischmeyer
Greet	Chuck Etjen Susie Hook	Brian & Mary Corwin Michelle Coulter Family Steve & Michelle Cox Family
Gifts	Jeremiah Hook Family	Steve & Michelle Cox Family
Reader 1	Mary Sullivan	Mary Linder
Reader 2		Kathy Mauer
Server	Halie Petersen	Benjamin Freese, Derek Kinney
Server	Isaac Foxen	Matthew Cox
Usher	Chris & Terri Thome	Mike Williams, Tom Corwin, Ethan DeWall
Usher		Roger Dostal, Dean Eslinger, Darrin Folkerts
Video		David Martens
Sacristan / MC /Announcements		Connie Becker / Mary Linder / Janelle Onnen
Collection Counters	Bob & Peg Neavins	Robin Olson, Chris & Carrie Moorman, Darrell Folkerts