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JULY 30, 2017
THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
Aug 1 – Aug 6

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Catherine Michalski
Wednesday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Eugene & Margaret Klein
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Marcella High
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Don Hulme
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	Bill Davis

Something more..... Matthew's Gospel has Jesus sharing a series of quick anecdotes with his disciples. The kingdom of heaven is like this. The kingdom of heaven is like that. In each of the stories a gift is given to the main character such as treasure, wealth, success, but no matter what the circumstances of the story, there is always a choice to be made. What happens when you find a great treasure? What happens if you are so successful that your household is blessed with both new and old wines? In the many-faceted characters that Jesus presents, we can see ourselves — a laborer, a merchant, a scribe. All of us have different choices to make within our personal lives or professional occupations. But, what quality can transform any occupation to be nearer to the kingdom of heaven? The wisdom to discern the good from the bad. The wisdom to know what to do. The wisdom of an understanding heart. Now, and at any point in history, it is easy to become critical of others. We might pray or have prayed, "O God, we wish for the times of Solomon when the leader of the land had wisdom. Why can't our leaders have an understanding heart?" We might even nestle up to the conceit that "If I were in charge, I could do things better than him or better than her." Wouldn't it be nice to have a genie to grant us three wishes so we could change the world order? The moral of our Scriptures is, in fact, that we do have such a gift. We have the ability to ask God for an understanding heart to help us have the wisdom to know what to do here and now. What a different world it would be if we had the wisdom to pray for wisdom and worked diligently to apply it to our everyday decisions. Only then would all our stories end well. The stories would end like the kingdom of heaven which Jesus was known to proclaim, and the sequels would be equally magnificent.

FOCUS: Every good thing that happens to us provides a glimpse into the joy that will be ours in heaven.

When good things happen to us, we get an idea of what the kingdom of heaven is like: it is always time for celebration. Happily we do not have to wait until we die to join the celebration. For by placing our faith in Jesus and living according to his teachings, we can experience the blessings of the kingdom of God amidst our lives on earth.

Summer Forum Series (formerly summer at the cellar) is presented by the Waterloo Catholic Parishes. The last presentation will be Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at COR – 220 East 4th St., Waterloo. Details can be found at www.waterloocatholics.org/summer-forum-series.

Reinbeck Community Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, August 1st 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

St. Gabriel Piano Fund Drive - We are off to a great start of \$2850.00. A thermometer is 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.

Grundy Center VBS--"Maker Fun Factory" will be held July 30th - August 3rd from 6:15-8:15 pm, at the Grundy County Fairgrounds. Online registration is available at 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.

HFP Prayer Chain Contacts:
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Income Weekend July 30, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 3,834.00 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

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

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location
Confessions: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.
Adoration 7:00 am, Friday, Aug 4th @ P

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location
Confessions: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.
Adoration 7:30 am, Aug 2nd @ R

Other Announcements

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

Special Update on the Strong Catholic Marriage Workshop on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at St. Gabriel.

For all our parish couples who attend the retreat, HFP is offering a \$25 rebate of the \$75 registration fee after the retreat. The rebate offer is limited to engaged or married parish members. Our Couples of Faith team encourages couples to participate in this excellent and convenient opportunity. The workshop will be in place of our October Date Night program. The "Essential Elements for a Strong Catholic Marriage" workshop is 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. The work of the Alexanders has been used at prior Couples of Faith Date Night programs. \$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.

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Thank you to all who attended and supported the breakfast after Mass last Sunday. A little more than \$1,000 was donated and will be used to purchase supplies for the layette bags for new mothers in Nicaragua. A special thanks to Holy Family Circle for organizing the breakfast and to all who donated egg bakes and coffee cakes, as well as those who served the meal. Your generosity in financial donations and the items donated during July to put in the bags is much appreciated and will help greatly to reach our goal of donating layettes for this cause.

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 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.**

	Aug 5	Aug 6
Accompanist	Lisa	Steve Halbach
Cantor	Clara / Marty	Steve Tschertner
Extraordinary	Kelsie Tingle	Wanda Christensen, Michelle Coulter, Michelle Cox
Ministers	Ashlee Tott	Greg Lievens (D), Steve Cox, Rose Kramer
Of Holy	Greg Lievens (D)*	Gary Mauer, Kathy Mauer*, Barb Melloy
Communion		Julie Grunklee*, Ron Hayek
Greet	Chris & Terri Thome	Ben & Amy Dall Family Ethan DeWall Family Roger & Sally Dostal
Gifts	Gary & Mary Wolfe	Ben & Amy Dall Family
Reader 1	Cam Coy	Julie Merfeld
Reader 2		Janelle Onnen
Server	Carley Hook	Madeline Frischmeyer
Server	Addison Hook	Jack Nolder, Sarah O'Donnell
Usher	Susie Hook	Ryan Folkerts, Chris Frischmeyer, Julie Frischmeyer
Usher	Cindy Kannegieter	Max Girres, Roseanne Girres, Denny Greiner
Video		Mike Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Mary Schwennen	Elaine Folkerts / Judy Martens / Diane Stephan
Collection Counters	Josh Petersen / Roger Oberhauser	Rod & Mardel Brockett, Denny Greiner, Wilbur Kielly