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THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
July 11 – July 16

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
Hilda Kucera
LuAnn Schreck
James Bernhardt
Don Hulme
Lori Hoff
For the People

Something more..... We each have bows and swords that can hurt our neighbors. Swords come in the form of words and actions. What swords do we brandish? Are you holding the sword of discrimination? Of bitterness? Without these swords, we are free to live as the king who declares peace to his people.

How frustrating it must have been for Jesus. He was sent by God to bring people to God. Yet, some of those considered wise in the day had no understanding, constantly questioning Jesus. Trying to trip him up with responses to all of the laws they created, they seemed to want Jesus to fail. Perhaps the mercy offered by Jesus was a much greater threat.

In today's Gospel Jesus gives thanks that the little ones understand. They learn with their heart. Many of the Pharisees and others are so bogged down in the rules and regulations that they can hardly grasp what Jesus is telling them. The only way to learn about God is through Jesus because Jesus is the way to the Father. Jesus wants to reveal the Father to all, but perhaps it is only the young that are open to knowing the God of compassion and understanding.

Jesus offers something that the laws cannot. He offers an easing of burdens to the people. His yoke is easy and his burden is light. We are not alone in our burdens. How can we prepare our hearts and minds to understand what Jesus is asking?

How can we bury our own swords and unstring our harmful bows? Can we string our bows with loving kindness? Can we string our bows with compassion for those struggling to get by with little?

Children don't need manifestos on the merits of law. They understand through simple ways. Don't you find it easier to learn the importance of loving your neighbor through a parable? It's both memorable and manageable.

Aren't children often less encumbered by worries sometimes listening with their hearts to God's word. How will you open your heart to hear God's word today?

FOCUS: True peace comes from following the ways of our humble savior.

Each day, we pursue earthly goals such as a better job or a bigger house. If we're not careful, our heroes can become those who have achieved such things. But today's readings invite us to know the true peace that comes from following the ways of a humble Savior, who sought only to do his Father's will.

Lifetouch Pictures For those of you that had your picture taken by Lifetouch, but did not purchase any pictures, please pick up your free 8x10 in the office. If you are planning on submitting a picture for the directory, please have your photo to the office no later than July 15th. Sooner if possible! If you are submitting a professional photo, you will need to **please submit a waiver** from the photographer. If the photo you are submitting was in the last directory, you do not need a waiver.

Eucharistic Ministers we are missing several "pyx" (containers for hosts for homebound) from the Sacristy. Please check to see if you have any at home and bring back to church. Thank You.

Fr. Dan Knipper's 50th Ordination Anniversary - On July 10 a Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered at 7 p.m. at American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls, followed by a reception in the dining room. Fr. Knipper in the 1980's and 90's served I.C. parish & Don Bosco High School in Gilbertville, St. Mary parish in Waterloo, St. Mary Parish in Dike, AMRH Director & UNI campus ministry. All are welcome to join Father on July 10th.

Summer Forum Series (formerly summer at the cellar) is presented by the Waterloo Catholic Parishes. Next program dates are Monday-July 10, Monday-July 17, Tuesday-July 25 and Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at COR – 220 East 4th St., Waterloo. Program details can be found at www.waterloocatholics.org/summer-forum-series.

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.

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

Income Weekend July 2, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 2,997.00 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

Other Announcements

Vacation Bible School

Parkersburg Community VBS is this week! You can register with this link <https://vbspro.events/p/events/parkersburgcommunityvbs>. This year it will be held at the Christian Reformed church right up the street from St. Patrick. VBS runs Monday-Thursday from 6-8 pm. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to help (adults or MS/HS kids) please contact Lyndsay Petersen or Terri Thome.

Mark your calendars!! Reinbeck Community "Shake It Up" Bible School is being planned for July 17 – 20. It will be held at the UCC church 6:00 – 8:00 pm. There is no fee! Our church is in charge the evening of Tues. July 18. Please call or text Brenda Snider at (319) 240-8691 if you can help that week or help provide snacks/drinks. Thank you for getting involved!

Grundy Center VBS--"Maker Fun Factory" will be held on 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.

HOLY FAMILY CIRCLE MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO July 16 after mass. Emily Snider will be talking on her work with a Catholic Missionary project in Milwaukee WI. All are invited to this meeting. Sewing Day has been scheduled for July 19 at 9 am till 12 pm. All skill levels are needed. We will be working on mittens and laying out quilt squares for quilt tops. Questions: Elaine Folkerts [319-404-3706](tel:319-404-3706) Thanks goes out to Joe, Tyler, Karen, Connie and Agnes for helping serve the community meal in Dike. We served around 90. Thanks to Agnes Jerry Ilene and Brenda for helping with the Catholic Worker House meal. We served around 70.

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!

NOW is the time to register for IMPACT! Are you ready to be inspired? Go deeper? Be transformed? The next cohort of IMPACT will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hiawatha, beginning September 2017. **Registration remains open until July 31st.** For more information, visit DBQArch.org/Impact.

Attention Married Couples: "God reveals Himself through the Love of a couple" **Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.** Upcoming Dates; October 27-29 @Cedar Falls. November 10-12 @Iowa City. For information and to register go to iowa-www.me.org or call 563-608-3305 or email: JLJwwme08@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.**

	July 15	July 16
Accompanist	Steven	Rita Duchenwald
Cantor	Kathy	Rick Ogle
Extraordinary	Kelsie Tingle	Elaine Folkerts, Bob Glick, Margie Glick
Ministers	Mary Schwennen*	Kari Kemmer, Ann O'Connor, Bobbi Petersen
Of Holy	Tamara Tingle	Kathy Mauer, Tim Melloy, Rick Nilles
Communion		Janelle Onnen, Tina Lyon*, Max Girres*
Greet	Jeremiah & Tanya Hook	Rod Brockett Family Jane Brown Gene & Mary Burry
Gifts	Jeremiah Hook Family	Gene & Mary Burry
Reader 1	Marty Petersen	Bryce Dall
Reader 2		Don Davidson
Server	Carly Hook	Sydney Petersen, Joe Folkerts
Server	Addison Hook	Thomas Corwin
Usher	Gary & Mary Wolfe	Reno Rodeghiero, Bill Rogers, Don Schmidt
Usher		Darwin Sents, Greg Snider, Chad Vandenberg
Video		Todd Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Mary Linder / Diane Stephan / Joe Davis
Collection Counters	Bob & Peg Neavins	Mardel Brockett, Rod Brockett, Agnes Biersner, Rosanne Girres