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**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
**St. Gabriel**  
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Parkersburg

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**AUGUST 20, 2017**  
**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**Mass Intentions for**  
Aug 22 – Aug 27

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Jack Michalski
Wednesday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Marlys Cizek
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Sara Kelly
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Gladys Dekker
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	Liane Kolecheck
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	For the People

**Something more.....** Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus himself struggling with these very questions through an encounter with a woman — a very persistent woman, who refuses to take “no” for an answer. At first, Jesus demonstrates how uncomfortable he is with her because she is not Jewish. She is part of another culture, another country, another religion. And so initially, Jesus stays with his “own kind,” and states: “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Most everyone can identify with this point of view. We are uncomfortable, at least initially, with anyone who is “different.” Jesus is depicted in today's Gospel reading in much the same way. But, notice one huge distinction: It is the woman's faith that make all of the difference and changes Jesus. Ultimately, it's not her persistence that transforms Jesus. Instead, it's his amazement at the depth of her love for her daughter and her recognition of the breadth of God's love for all humans. It's her belief that God loves all people and will heal all people. The other major issue, that of women, is presented in a subtle, yet equally significant way. Women had no rights at that time — legally nor religiously. Yet, again and again, Jesus broke the rules of his religion and culture, by listening to women, conversing with them, healing them, and including them among his primary followers. Jesus even went so far as to use women as examples for us all, such as the woman in today's Gospel who is given the ultimate compliment of teaching Jesus. What Jesus finds remarkable is the woman's faith. That's our lesson from today's Gospel: It will be our faith that will lead us through all the heartaches and the demons that torment us. It will be our faith that will overcome all our many biases and prejudices and give us hearts large enough to welcome everyone. It will be our faith that will transform us. Just as it did for Jesus.

**FOCUS: God offers salvation to all who have faith in him and follow his ways.**

The Lord welcomes to the kingdom all who believe in him and follow him. His mercy and love is extended to all. Let us strive not to focus on each other's differences, but to view others through the eyes of Jesus, and seek to celebrate that we are all children of God by reaching out to one another with love and kindness.

**Faith Formation** We are a month away from our first Faith Formation session of the year, September 13th!! Sessions will be held on Wednesdays throughout the school year from 6:30-7:45 pm. Registration is now open at [www.myschoolsystems.com/ArchDBQ/DBQ169/](http://www.myschoolsystems.com/ArchDBQ/DBQ169/). There are also paper registration forms available at both churches. If you are in need of your username or password, or if you have any other questions, please contact Alyssa.

**Shoe Collection** The "Soles for Souls" shoe collection will continue through the month of August and we would appreciate any good, new or used shoes. They can be placed in the box in the narthex of each church. Be sure and tie them together. Thank you.... The Social Justice Committee

**Meals on Wheels** Volunteers are needed to deliver Grundy Center Meals on Wheels! If you are willing and able to pick up approximately fifteen meals at the Community Center and deliver them to homes of local residents, this might just be the ministry for you. We need help on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of January and August to complete our 2018 schedule. Please call the church office or Cheryl Osterhaus (319-824-6788) to volunteer. A huge thank you to all who currently provide this valuable service.

**St. Gabriel Piano Fund Drive** - Thank you for your contributions toward the new piano. We are over half way there! Keep it up!! The music ministers appreciate everyone's efforts assisting in this worthwhile project. Hope you enjoy the breakfast this morning.

**HFP Prayer Chain Contacts:**

By Email: Greg Lievens, [dbq169D@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq169D@dbqarch.org)  
By Phone: Judy Martens, 641-751-1452

**Income Weekend August 13, 2017**

Weekly Collection \$ 2,615.00 Needed \$ 4,700.00

**Income YTD as of July 31, 2017**

Total Collections \$21,483.00 Total Budgeted \$23,500.00  
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$275,000.00

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

**Just Ahead**

KC Mtg, Thursday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm @ St. Gabriel

**\*Catechists Needed\***

Several Catechists are still needed to teach our FF classes this year. If you are interested in serving in this rewarding ministry, please contact Alyssa.

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

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

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confessions: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.  
Liturgy Mtg, Thursday, Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm @ R

## Other Announcements

### 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. This workshop will be in place of our Couples of Faith 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. \$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).

**Beauty Alive Events** The Archdiocese of Dubuque is deeply interested in providing quality ministry for women of all ages. Please invite a friend and attend one of seven, *Beauty Alive!* events to share your needs, desires, and ideas for women's ministries. Refreshments and door prizes at each site, including two free tickets to the Women's Conference, *Beauty in Christ!* For locations, dates & times, and to register for the event closest to you visit [www.dbqarch.org/offices/council-of-catholic-women/beauty-alive/](http://www.dbqarch.org/offices/council-of-catholic-women/beauty-alive/), or call the Archdiocesan Office of Faith Formation: 563-556-2580. (Also, mark your calendars for the Archdiocesan Women's Conference, *Beauty in Christ!* Coming up on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Doubletree, Cedar Rapids. For more information visit [www.archwomensconference.org](http://www.archwomensconference.org))

**Subscribe to the Archdiocesan Family Matters E-Newsletter!** You're invited to subscribe to the *Family Matters* e-newsletter, a monthly publication of the Archdiocese of Dubuque Family Life Office that is sent via email around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. The *Family Matters* e-newsletter includes information and inspiration to help you live your faith in your family. You may subscribe by emailing Lynne Chapman at [dbqcfsec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqcfsec@dbqarch.org) (you may unsubscribe at any time). Questions or suggestions for content may be directed to Matt Selby, Director of Family Life, at [m.selby@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.selby@dbqarch.org) or (563) 556-2580, Ext. 233.

**Following God's Lead in the Dance of Life** Retreat opportunity for Lay Formation and IMPACT alumni. Alumni of the Archdiocese of Dubuque's Lay Formation and IMPACT programs (or similar programs in other dioceses) are invited to a retreat at American Martyrs Retreat House in Cedar Falls, Saturday, September 30 through Sunday, October 1. Based on Joyce Rupp's book, *May I Have This Dance?*, the retreat will invite participants into a closer relationship with God through a variety of prayer experiences, talks, personal reflection, and small group discussion. **Cost is \$125; scholarships are available. For more information or a registration form, contact Theresa Alt at [alt.theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:alt.theresa@yahoo.com) or 319-447-1132.**

**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-wwwme.org](http://iowa-wwwme.org) or call 563-608-3305 or email: [JLJwwme08@Gmail.com](mailto: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.**

	Aug 26	Aug 27
Accompanist	Steven	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Don Osterhaus	Rick Ogle & Choir
Extraordinary	Ashlee Tott	John Schwennen (D), Connie Becker, Joe Becker
Ministers	Mary Ann Bergman	Georgia Bennett, Karen Benson, Barb Melloy
Of Holy	John Schwennen*	Tim Melloy, Rick Nilles, Julie Frischmeyer
Communion		Julie Grunklee, Ron Hayek*, Bill & Shirley Rogers-HB
Greet	Kathy Chapman	Max & Rosanne Girres Dale & Bea Greiner Helen O'Connor
Gifts	Chris & Terri Thome	Dale & Bea Greiner
Reader 1	Kathy Hosch	Kathy Zeiner
Reader 2		Mike Williams
Server	Carly Hook	Sydney Petersen, Rachael Kauffman
Server	Elise Thome	Gabe Nederhoff
Usher	Tony & Julie Dunn	Denny Greiner, Kenny Ackerman, Michael Bennett
Usher		Richard Benson, Agnes Biersner, Gene Burry
Video		David Martens
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Mary Schwennen	Helen O'Connor / Judy Martens / Janelle Onnen
Collection Counters	Josh Petersen / Roger Oberhauser	Ron & Colleen Pappas, Joe Davis, Diane Stephan