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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
Aug 23 – Aug 28

Intention for

Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Frank Kurtenbach
Wednesday....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Jim Bernhardt
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Sara Kelly
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Bob Kurtenbach
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	Liane Kolecheck
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	For the People

SOMETHING MORE – Love, by its very nature, takes us out of ourselves. That's what marriage is all about. That's what raising a child is all about. That's what family is all about.

Love is about solidarity, not individualism. It's about community, not aloneness. It's about sharing, not taking. It's about service, not self-satisfaction.

But our natural response to all this is to say that it's too hard, too difficult, too demanding.

Jesus' response to our natural reaction is captured in the first word he uses to answer the man's question: *strive*. In the original Greek, the word connotes engaging in an intense struggle and effort against great opposition. It is similar to the word describing the passionate anguish that Jesus himself endured in the agony in the garden.

Strive. Struggle. Endeavor. Attempt...These are the words that the disciples of Jesus are to take to heart.

Our faith journey is one of striving to find openings in order to see the light of hope. It's one that embraces the old saying that goes: "The candle says to the darkness, 'I beg to differ.'"

Strive to "Be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate." Strive to "Forgive seventy times seven, as your Father does." Strive to "Seek first the kingdom of God." Strive to be among those to whom the Lord will say, "I was hungry and you gave me food."

To enter through the narrow gate is to follow Jesus, to love what Jesus loved, and to live like Jesus lived. Strive.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – FOCUS: *We are to strive to enter through the narrow gate, that we might be judged worthy of entering into eternal life.*

Jesus teaches in the Gospel that we are to strive to enter through the narrow gate; that we might be judged worthy of sharing eternal life in heaven. By this, Jesus means we should endeavor to travel lightly, unencumbered by the attachments of this world. This will allow us to keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, and our feet planted on the path of salvation.

And Still More – You've probably seen cartoons by Dan Reynolds in Reader's Digest and on greeting cards. He has one in which St. Peter is locked outside the Pearly Gates — using a fishing rod to try and snag his big key ring through the bars. If you've ever locked yourself out of the house, you can relate. Today's Gospel warns us: "After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.' " No one wants to be locked out. Jesus urges us to enter the kingdom through the "narrow gate." If the key to heaven is love, then we must keep that key close to our hearts. Humility also helps. Those who exalt themselves will never be able to squeeze through the humble door that leads to life.

Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of Charles Juel, father of Curt Juel, of Dike. May God grant him eternal rest in the fullness of God's kingdom.

Registration is now open for Faith Formation! Our first session will be on September 7th at 6:30pm. Please log in to <http://myschoolsystems.com/archdbq/dbq169/registration.php?who=student> to register for our program. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information and dates! Any questions, contact Alyssa in the office.

Income Weekend August 14, 2016
Weekly Collection \$ Needed \$ 4,800.00
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$ 270,000.00

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

Just Ahead

Catechist Inservice Wed, Aug 31, at 6:30 pm @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes

www.Catholicmissionky.org

Piarist Father's Appalachian Mission School, Prestonsburg, KY

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes

Other Announcements

Our Sunday Visitor Envelope's Our new offering envelope program will begin on January 1st, 2017. However, we will need to get info to OSV several months in advance. Our weekly offering envelopes will now be mailed every 2 months directly to your home. Unless you need to make one of the following changes, there is nothing you need to do. We will need to know if you wish to opt out of receiving your envelopes. If you give when you can, or do EFT payments from your bank you may not want or need envelopes mailed, which will save on cost for the church. We would encourage more people to consider giving through EFT payments. If you opt of receiving weekly envelopes, we will still need to know whether you would still like to receive the Special Offering envelopes, such as Christmas, holy days etc for the year. Also, please notify the office if you have any change of address. We will be able to update any new changes every couple of months after the 1st of the year. Please contact the office if you need more information. There are also copies of the notice letter on table in narthex. Thank you!!

Year of Mercy--Sunday, August 28, is the next special Sunday in this year of mercy--Shelter the Homeless. Suggestions include contributing to Habitat for Humanity or volunteering time at a homeless shelter. It would also link with contributing to the Nicaragua project.

The Reinbeck Blood Drive will be August 22nd from 2 to 6 at the Reinbeck Memorial Building. Anything you do will help the American Red Cross save lives. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact the blood drive coordinator, Brenda Davis at 319-240-5853.

Where has the summer gone? School is right around the corner for students of all ages who will begin another year of studies and becoming more informed and involved in their curriculum. We too, here at Holy Family, will be starting another year of **The Process of RCIA**, where we will learn about our faith, its history and what it means to everyday Christians, just like you and I. We will begin early in September, and wrap up around Easter. Come and join us, if you want to renew your faith or if you would like to begin full worship in the catholic faith. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this experience, let me know or ask them to attend an information session when we begin this process. Thank you! Deacon John Schwennen.

NEEDED: Confirmed active Catholics, age young adults to young at heart, to be a part of our **Team Confirmation 2017**. Excellent Matthew Kelly program which will enrich your faith as you assist our teens to make the decision to go forward as Catholic Christians. Assisting at our 12 meetings on Sundays following mass from September through May. For more details, contact Deacon Greg at 319.240.0840 or greg.hfp@gmail.com. Listen to your heart. Are you being called?

Nicaragua Women's Shelter – The Shelter is in need of donations to make Layettees. Items needed are washcloths, hand towels, bath towels (not plush) and new or used t-shirts. Please drop off items in the wooden box in the narthex. Monetary donations to purchase the rest of the items for each layette would also be appreciated. The total cost of each layette is about \$20. Checks can be made out to Holy Family Parish, marked “Nicaragua Women”. All contributions need to be to the church by Sunday, August 21 in order for the layettes to be packed for shipping. Thank you!! Please contact Sue Messerly with any questions, slm@reinbeck.net

Couples of Faith We are excited to announce the start of our 4th year of “Couples of Faith Date Nights” with **The Choice Wine Program – 7 Steps to a Superabundant Marriage!!** This program places authentic marital happiness within every couple’s reach. God does not want our marriages to simply survive. He wants them to be filled with superabundant joy, the joy he experienced inside the home at Nazareth. All married and engaged couples of **all ages and faith's** are welcome!! Please feel free to invite other couples to come with you! Our first date night will be Sunday, September 11 from 5 to 7 pm. Food, beverages and child care all provided!! Enjoy a taco bar and enter to win a door prize!! Please **RSVP** by text or message to Cole North 319-215-61148 or email at cnorth3412@gmail.com. Also, COF is in need of an adult to help with child care on date nights. Please contact one of the COF Team members if you are interested. Thank you!!

Operation Threshold is in need of cleaning supplies – dishwashing soap, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, etc.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Worker House is in need of – disposable shavers, deodorant & Cleaners

	Aug 27	Aug 28
Accompanist	Lisa	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Clara / Marty	Rick Ogle
Extraordinary	John Schwennen	John Schwennen*, Joe Davis*, Brenda Davis,
Ministers	Marti Hall*	Judy Jewett, Barb Melloy*, Tim Melloy
Of Holy Communion	Mary Ann Bergman	Pat Brown, Michelle Brown
Greet	Larry & Vi Kisner	Wanda Christensen, Michelle Coulter Curt Jacobi Family, John & Rose Kramer Greg Snider Family, Wilbur Kielly
Gifts	Chris & Terri Thome	John & Rose Kramer
Reader 1	Kathy Hosch	Mary Linder
Reader 2		Pat Brown
Server	Gannon Oberhauser	Alayna Kollasch
Server	Cooper Hoff	Devon Kollasch
Usher	Al & Patty Hoff	Darrin Folkerts, Ryan Folkerts, Chris Frischmeyer
Usher		Julie Frischmeyer, Max Girres, Roseanne Girres
Video		Brenda Davis
Sacristan / MC / Announcements	Mary Schwennen	Mary Linder / / Joe Davis
Collection Counters	Josh Petersen and Roger Oberhauser	Ron & Colleen Pappas, Joe Davis, Diane Stephan