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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
 Aug 29 – Sept 3

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	NO MASS
Wednesday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	NO MASS
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	NO MASS
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	NO MASS
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	James Bernhardt

Something more..... Jesus chooses Peter to lead the other apostles for two reasons. First, his Father chooses Peter at Caesarea Philippi by revealing to him what flesh could never know, that Jesus was the Christ, God’s Messiah. Peter is the only one who knows the answer to Jesus’ question: “Who do you say that I am?” Second, Jesus understands that Peter can only preach God’s reconciling love if he first experiences it himself. It is because Peter will fail so completely and weep so bitterly over his denial of Jesus that, when he is finally reconciled with Jesus at the Sea of Tiberius, he will truly understand God’s message of mercy (Jn 21:15-19).

In that heart-rending scene, Jesus will walk Peter back through his denials by asking him three times, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” To be the rock on which the church is founded, Peter must first experience the breaking open of his proud heart, like the rock Moses struck in the desert to yield water (Nm 20:11). Peter’s tears were his baptism of mercy. It is because of his suffering that he was able to proclaim God’s unconditional love to sinners. He was a sinner saved by that love. It may seem ironic that today’s Gospel passage is often used to assert the superiority of the Catholic church over other Christian denominations. Based on this text, the primacy of the popes and apostolic succession are emphasized as proof for the authority of Catholic teaching.

Yet, the real drama in this story is that Peter has primacy because he is first in failure, first in suffering, first in his need for God’s mercy in order to serve the church. Pope Francis began his time as pope by acknowledging that he was a sinner and that God had first “mercied” him before choosing him.

This is the point of today’s Gospel? Isn’t this the call that comes to all of us? “Be merciful, for God has shown you mercy.” Perhaps the greatest obstacle to showing mercy is that so many Christians feel they have never needed it. Conversion begins here, with the grace to know ourselves deeply enough to acknowledge our sinfulness and need for God’s forgiveness and love. Without this, especially in our human relationships, where all of us fail repeatedly, we will miss the very meaning of the Gospel and the joy of sharing it with others.

FOCUS: Belief in Jesus as the Messiah is central to being a disciple.

Peter’s statement of faith that Jesus is the Messiah, the son of God, comes not from human knowledge, but through a revelation from God. As Jesus announces that Peter is the bearer of the keys to the kingdom, Peter is given the power to bind and loose. Similarly, Jesus gives us unique gifts by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are to use to bear witness to the Gospel.

Faith Formation our first Faith Formation session of the year will be on 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/. 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.

St. Gabriel Piano Fund Drive - Thank You! Thank You! St. Gabriel music ministers would like to thank everyone for the wonderful turnout at the breakfast Sunday morning. Generous donations brought in \$1000.00 that will go to the purchase of a new piano. Thank you also to Agnes Biersner & Elaine Folkerts for organizing the breakfast and all the music ministers and parishioners who donated the wonderful food for the breakfast.

Fair Trade Coffee will be for sale the weekend of Sept 2 & 3 after Mass. Please help support third world farmers with your purchase.

Annual Report The parish annual report has been emailed out to all parishioners. If you have email and did not receive it, contact the office so we can update our email list. If you do not have email, copies are available in the back of each church.

Income Weekend August 20, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 3,313.00 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

HFP Prayer Chain Contacts:
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Please have bulletin announcements into the office by Thursday’s at 3:00 pm
Just Ahead

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: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.
 Adoration, Friday, Sept 1, 7 am @ P

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location
Confessions: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.
 KC Mtg, Thursday, Aug 31st, 7:00 pm @ St. Gabriel

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.

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/, 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)

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.

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 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 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.**

	Sept 2	Sept 3
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Clara / Marty	Don Osterhaus
Extraordinary	Tamara Tingle	Gene Brandt, Wanda Christensen, Michelle Coulter
Ministers	Cam Coy*	Michelle Cox, Steve Cox, Amy Dall
Of Holy	Julie Dunn	Janelle Onnen, Cheryl Osterhaus, Amy Seitz
Communion		Patty Jacobi*, Judy Jewett, Max & Rosanne Girres(HB)*
Greet	Chad & Nikki Schipper	Ron Hayek Curt Jacobi Family Bob Johanns Family
Gifts	Jim & Rosalee Weber	Curt Jacobi Family
Reader 1	Marty Petersen	Pat Brown
Reader 2		Wanda Christensen
Server	Halie Petersen	Jack Nolder, Tyler Nolder
Server	Megan Bruns	Andrew Cox
Usher	Don & Kathy Hosch	Brian Corwin, Ethan DeWall, Roger Dostal
Usher		Dean Eslinger, Darrin Folkerts, Tom Corwin
Video		Mike Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Connie Becker / Diane Stephan / Diane Stephan
Collection Counters	Chris & Terri Thome	Laurie Folkedahl, Ron Hayek Don Schmidt, Wanda Christensen