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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
Sept 12 – Sept 17

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	John Michalski
Wednesday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Marcella High
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Mike Lemker
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Hans Halvorson
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	For the People
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	Eugene & Margaret Klein

Something more..... In today's Gospel reading, it's easy — perhaps tempting — to hear Jesus telling us to be sin-finders: Call out the one who sins against you. If they don't listen, then go and get one or two more to help you call the sinner out so they will get the picture. And, if that doesn't work, bring the whole village in. If that still doesn't do the trick, be gone with them. Sounds pretty harsh, doesn't it? If we're an habitual sinner, maybe it even sounds enjoyable! In any case, we should pause before jumping to the "Jesus is being harsh" conclusion. Because for those of us who know sin's impact (hint: that's all of us), this passage today has a lot of healing power. Jesus knows we need each other. He knows those who attempt the journey on their own would be lost — even with a compass and a map. Paul tells the Romans in today's reading that whatever other commandment there may be is summed in this saying: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Even though they never met, Paul and Jesus were on exactly the same page. As a Christian, there just isn't much difference between me and my sisters and brothers. What we do to others, we do to ourselves and vice versa. Jesus knows we need to heal and restore relationships to be a loving community. People in the Western world might have a hard time with that approach. We like to keep things private. In the case of wrongdoing, that may mean sweeping the issue under the rug. So, we're challenged when Jesus steps in and says, "Not so fast folks. You've got some cleanup to do." Our gut instinct is to pretend that Jesus isn't talking to us. He must mean someone else or some other group of people. But, what if we genuinely took the last words of this Gospel to heart, and let them frame our whole way of thinking about the matter. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

FOCUS: *Let our lives be rooted in love.*

Today's second reading reminds us that our lives are to be rooted in love, for love fulfills the law. More specifically, the more we are able to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, the more we will keep the commandments and experience the blessings God wishes to bestow on us such as peace, joy and fulfillment.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin again next Sunday, September 10th. Children's Liturgy is the second Sunday of each Month during the school year. It is a chance for children ages 2 up to 2nd grade to hear the readings and prayers in wording they can better understand. If you would like your kids to participate, send them forward when Father David calls them up before the first reading. He will say a blessing and send them out. They will return at offertory.

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.

The Annual CROP Walk for Hunger will begin in Grundy Center on September 24 at 1:45 pm behind the high school. There will not be a special collection this year but all are encouraged to support this ecumenical effort. You may walk with the group, financially support a walker or pray for those around the world who lack clean water and food. Please contact Cheryl Osterhaus 319-824-6788 for more information.

Income Weekend September 3, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 2,870.00 Needed \$ 4,850.00
Income YTD as of August 31, 2017
Total Collections \$37,481.00 Total Budgeted \$42,900.00
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$275,000.00

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

Just Ahead

HFC Mtg today after Mass
1st Confirmation Session today after Mass

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location
Confessions: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.
Faith Formation, Wed, Sept 13, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location
Confessions: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.
Faith Formation, Wed, Sept 13, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

HFP Prayer Chain Contacts:
By Email: Greg Lievens, dbq169D@dbqarch.org
By Phone: Judy Martens, 641-751-1452

Other Announcements

Congratulations to Michael Schreck and Amber Kurdelmeyer who were united in the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, September 9th, at St. Gabriel Church, in Reinbeck. May God bless your union as it serves as a beautiful symbol of His love for each of us.

Our 1st Couples of Faith Date Night is tonight from 5-7 pm at St. Gabriel's church hall. A taco bar with all the fixings, beverages and childcare will ALL be provided at no cost. You just need to come. Check-in & Social will begin at 4:45 pm. We will present the Choice Wine session Find God in Yourself. All married & engaged couples are welcome to attend for an evening of food, fun, fellowship and some tips to enrich your relationship with your spouse through God. Please RSVP to Deacon Greg at 319-240-0840 or greg.hfp@gmail.com (to make sure we have enough food.) See you there!

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.

The American Martyrs Retreat House "Coming Home – A Healing Retreat Program for Military Veterans," September 22-24, 2017. For many soldiers, life, including their spiritual life, has been forever changed by the experience of military service, deployment, and mobilization. The Veterans' Retreat is a Christian-based program designed to help military men and women come to spiritual healing and reconciliation with God and one another. It specifically addresses the issue of Post-Traumatic *Spiritual* Stress Disorder. Coming Home is a two-night weekend retreat offered at no cost to veterans and their significant other (should they wish to attend) in a place of safety, respite, and support. Retreat leader, Sr. Linda McClenahan, a veteran herself, served as a communications Sergeant in the III Corps area of Vietnam. She is now a Dominican Sister and Licensed Professional Counselor and Therapist. To register contact Mayslake Ministries at 630-852-9000. If you would like to help sponsor a veteran please send your donation to: American Martyrs Retreat House, 2209 N. Union Road, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. Questions call 319-266-3543 or email dbqamrh@dbqarch.org

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.

	Sept 16	Sept 17
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Kyle	Steve Tschertner
Extraordinary	Nancy Brannon*	John Schreck, Sue Sonnenberg, Janine Stewart
Ministers	Ashlee Tott	Linda Williams, Mike Williams, Deb Woodhouse
Of Holy	Tamara Tingle	Dean Eslinger, Rose Kramer*
Communion		Shalene Peterson, Gary Mauer
Greet	Roger & Angie Oberhauser	Mike & Carla Knutsen John & Rose Kramer Dean & Donna Larsen
Gifts	Vi & Larry Kisner	Dean & Donna Larsen
Reader 1	Mary Sullivan	Bryce Dall
Reader 2		Don Davidson
Server	Riley Oberhauser	Baylee Petersen, Alana Corwin
Server		Ella Barragy
Usher	Dennis & Sherry Gaul	Don Schmidt, Ron Hayek, Curt Jacobi
Usher		Robert Lang, Tom Lang, Dave Martens
Video		Susie Billerbeck
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Angie Oberhauser	Judy Kershaw / Mary Linder / Amy Dall
Collection Counters	Chris & Terri Thome	Greg & Brenda Snider, Helen O'Connor, Larry Krebsbach