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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
Sept 26 – Oct 1

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
Mike Lemker
James Bernhardt
Marcella High
Hans Halvorson
For the People
Don Coleman

Something more..... God invites us to imitate divine generosity: the extravagant God, who gives and forgives without limit. The early-hires complain. "You have made them equal to us!" Imagine for a moment that you are one of the people hired in that final hour. What's your reaction to seeing the ones who worked all day get the same pay as you? What was God thinking to pay you first? Why not pay those hired at dawn first, and let them leave, and more privately lavish generosity on you? Was God showing off? But what if everyone hired in the Gospel is in one family? The second reading calls us "brothers and sisters." Would the landowner's pay-scale be more palatable if the one hired at the end of the day is my sister, my mother? Would we feel more lenient? The landowner promises to pay what is just, but on a pay-scale we don't anticipate, or use ourselves: God is good to all; generous to a fault. Extravagantly merciful, allowing rain on the good and the bad (Matthew 5:45). God seeks out workers constantly. All day God goes to our town squares and invites — through us. Workers are passively standing around. They don't approach the landowner. What does this say about God? In Isaiah, we are commanded to seek God while God may be found. But what if we don't search for God? The landowner will come looking. God seeks me out. Today's readings are an invitation for us to go looking for God's forgotten ones. To treat them not with a human standard of fairness, but with a holy abandon of love, compassion and un-earned generosity. Why? Because we have seen the effects of bottomless compassion — thoughts very much unlike our own.

FOCUS: *God's ways are not our ways.*
We must be mindful that the Lord's ways truly differ from our ways. They are wonderful and mysterious. This is shown in the fact that God loves us unconditionally, and is ever-willing to forgive. God continually works by the power of the Holy Spirit to draw all people closer to himself. And God is near to all who call upon him.

The Our Call to Share Collection, supports the efforts of the Catholic University of America, The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry, Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Home Missions, and World Missions. Please be as generous as possible, using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes can be put in the weekend collection basket or dropped off in the office. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of these important efforts.

Parkersburg Meals on Wheels Volunteers are needed in Parkersburg to deliver meals on wheels on Wednesdays during October. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of St Pat's.

Crop Walk Today at 1:45 pm meet behind the Grundy Center High School for the annual CROP Walk for Hunger. Join with others from area churches to use your feet to be the feet of Jesus for those in need around the world. Don and Cheryl Osterhaus will be walking and would gladly take your contributions to the event if you can't attend.

Fall Festival Meeting There will be a Fall Festival Mtg tonight at 5:00 pm @ St. Gabriel. All are welcome to attend!

The Month of the Holy Rosary October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be said before Mass on Sunday mornings in October at St. Gabriel starting at 9:10 am.

Income Weekend September 17, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 3,879.00 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 at 3:00 pm

Just Ahead

Knights of Columbus Mtg, Thursday, Sept 28, 7 pm @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.
Faith Formation, Wed, Sept 27, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

HFP Prayer Chain Contacts:

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St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

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Faith Formation, Wed, Sept 27, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Other Announcements

Congratulations to Jordan Hagedon and Sierra Kubik who were united in the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, September 16th, at St. Gabriel Church in Reinbeck. My God bless your union as it serves as a beautiful symbol of His love for each of us.

Fair Trade Coffee HFP is selling Fair Trade coffee (and Chocolate while supply lasts) for cost to help create opportunity for small-scale farmers of underprivileged countries make a living. As followers of Christ, we are called to demonstrate special concern for the most vulnerable members of our human family. By purchasing this coffee, we are providing a chance to help others make a living for themselves. Fair Trade is for sale the 1st Sunday of each month, but you can contact any member of the Social Justice committee to buy it anytime.

Holiday Cookie Walk & Candy Sale the Holy Family Circle's annual Cookie Walk will be on December 9th (one week later than usual but just for this year). We will again be having craft tables for vendors. All items are welcome! More information will follow as this date gets closer. Thank you for supporting this event. Any questions please contact Elaine Folkerts, 319-404- 3706, ddemfolks@aol.com

Annual Catholic Women's Conference All are invited to attend a special day at the 57th Annual ACCW convention / 85th Birthday celebration, hosted by St. Patrick Parish in Tama, IA. Archbishop Michael Jackels will celebrate Mass along with other priests. Special guest speakers Barbara Heil and Mary Pedersen will enlighten us with their talks. Enjoy a delicious home cooked meal, silent auction, and much more. The cost of the event is \$20. Early bird price by Oct 1st is \$15. Hotel accommodations are available near the church. Send payment to: Mary Esther Pullin 2185 W Shaulis Road, Waterloo, IA 50701. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board or go to the events page at: <https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/council-of-catholic-women/events/> For questions call ACCW president, Sheila Rassman, 563-569-8387.

Strong Catholic Marriage Workshop – Saturday, October 14, 2017

Married and engaged couples are invited to “*Essential Elements for a Strong Catholic Marriage*,” a workshop 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 14th from 9:00 am to 4:00 PM. The presenters will be Greg and Julie Alexander, founders of the Alexander House, a non-profit apostolate dedicated to the education and enrichment of marriage and family life. The cost for the day is \$75 per couple, including lunch. For more information, to download the flyer, and to register online for this event, go to: www.dbqarch.org/marriage-event; or contact Matt Selby, Director of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, at (563) 556-2580, Ext. 233 or m.selby@dbqarch.org. **Registration is due by Friday, October 6th.** For all our Holy Family 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.

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 30	Oct 1
Accompanist		Steven Halbach
Cantor		Steve Tschertter
Extraordinary	Mary Schwennen*	Wanda Christensen, Amy Dall, Ben Dall
Ministers	Ashlee Tott	Julie Grunklee, Mary Linder, Ann O'Connor
Of Holy	Cam Coy	Janelle Onnen, John Schreck
Communion		Amy Seitz*, Diane Stephan*
Greet	Kathy Chapman	Rick & Elisabeth Nilles Helen O'Connor Paul & Ann O'Connor
Gifts	Chris & Terri Thome	Rick & Elisabeth Nilles
Reader 1	Kate Petersen	Julie Grunklee
Reader 2		Mary Linder
Server	Carly Hook	Alana Corwin, Thomas Corwin
Server	Addison Hook	Francesca Brown
Usher	Tony and Julie Dunn	Kenny Ackerman, Michael Bennett
Usher		Richard Benson, Agnes Biersner
Video		Mike Rickert
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Helen O'Connor / Diane Stephan / Janelle Onnen
Collection Counters	Chris & Terri Thome	Shannon Appel, Mary Linder, Bob Eisenman