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SEPTEMBER 27, 2015
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions for
September 29 – October 4

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
Johanna Thrasher
Denise Lawler Family
Mary Ellen Stock
Virgil Neubauer
For the People
Agnes Mary Oppold

SOMETHING MORE – *It would be better, Jesus says, to cut off your hand or foot or pluck out your eye than to use it to abuse another human being or the common good that supports us all.*

These metaphors are extreme, but they convey the terrible consequences of certain kinds of sin. Better to have a millstone hung around your neck and be flung into the sea than to hurt a child, a woman, a poor person. How explicit would Jesus make his condemnation of modern-day slavery in sweatshops and in the sex trade?

To turn away or close our eyes to these evils in our own towns and cities is to ignore Jesus' warnings about what our hands and feet and eyes are really for. Why did we stand by silently and passively when victims all around us cried out for our help?

The Gospel is for heroes, but even more for us when we perform ordinary acts of awareness and compassion. Someone who gives a glass of water to a thirsty brother or sister will not lose their reward, Jesus says. It is a good place to start, for if we can see someone's thirst, we will see other needs as well. Small beginnings can lead to transformation. On judgement day we will learn what we already know, that every human being is part of one family. Everyone belongs inside the circle and at the table. If each one of us brings just one other person to the table and to God, everyone will be there. A small cost to pay for getting to heaven.

Just Ahead

- ❖ Faith Formation, Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 pm both locations
- ❖ MS/HS Liturgy Saturday, October 10, 5:30 pm @ P
- ❖ HS Liturgy, Sunday, October 11, 9:30 am @ R
- ❖ Holy Family Circle Meeting, Sunday, October 11 after Mass
- ❖ Couples of Faith, Sunday, October 11, @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confession each Saturday beginning at 4:45 pm for 30 minutes
Faith Formation Wednesday, September 30, 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Jesus asks us to remove the obstacles that hinder our relationship with him.

While Jesus' words in the Gospel might sound harsh, they come from Christ's deep desire that we be with him forever. We need to remove from our lives all the obstacles that get in the way of that relationship with him. Removing the barriers that stand in the way of having a closer relationship with Jesus requires placing our trust and faith firmly in him.

AND STILL MORE – Real life takes a toll on all of us. As we age, we surrender our youth, our health, even body parts that get replaced if we can afford it. Dentures, hearing aids, a hairpiece, a prosthetic limb are all signs of that diminishment.

But loss can be gain if we also surrender our pride, our capacity for sins that could hurt us spiritually or in our relationships.

Today's Gospel warns us to avoid sin at all cost: "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." The passage goes on to say that the same applies to your foot or eye.

In the end, it is better to lop off what would have weighed us down or tripped us up. Travel light, let go, avoid what is harmful, and go swiftly home to God's all-embracing love.

We would like to recognize and acknowledge Alyssa Sealman for her 5 years of service as our Faith Formation Coordinator. Please take time to congratulate and thank her for a job well done! May she continue to be a beacon of God's light to our Faith Formation Program.

Income Weekend September 20, 2015

Adult Budget \$ 3,920.55 Needed \$ 5,154.00

Annual Adult Budget \$ 268,000.00

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

Confession each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am for 30 minutes
Faith Formation Wednesday, September 30, 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

Other Announcements

The Pope Francis Comments on Discipleship “The Christian isn’t someone who is baptism and the goes on his way...the first fruit of baptism is that you belong to the Church, to the People of God. A Christian without the Church is incomprehensible”

Fair Trade Coffee Reminder that Holy Family Parish is selling Fair Trade coffee 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 other humans make a living for themselves as well as creating a safe work environment for them. You can consider buying this coffee as a donation to charity!! Chocolate and tea are two other items that will be for sale in the future. Coffee is for sale the 1st Sunday of the month but you can contact any member of the Social Justice committee to buy it any time. This coffee is also used after Mass every 1st Sunday.

OUR SOCIAL JUSTICE SEPTEMBER PROJECT: Parkersburg Clothes Closet. Thanks to everyone who supported our Soles 4 Souls campaign. This month we are collecting new socks and underwear for the Parkersburg Clothes Closet. These items are most needed, according to our parish member, Mary Schwennen, who has run the Clothes Closet for many years with her family and friends, donating a night each week to assist area families in need. You may deposit the socks and underwear for all ages, toddlers to adult, in our new collection boxes at each church. Contributions are welcome as well. Make your donation payable to HFP and designate it for the Clothes Closet. Bless you!

HOLY FAMILY CIRCLE wants to remind everyone that DECEMBER 5 will be our annual HOLIDAY CANDY & COOKIE SALE! We will also have a craft table and would appreciate any items you would like to donate. More info will be coming in the next few months. Thanks to all who help with this. Call Elaine with questions (345-2090, 404-3706)

Fall Bible Series at St. Patrick Church, Cedar Falls Fr. Dennis Colter will again offer a fall series of bible reflections. They will begin Oct. 8 at 6:30 pm and continue each Thursday through Nov. 19, with the exception of Nov. 5. The first session will be in the St. Patrick Commons. Bring any bible. The sessions do not depend on one another so you can come to as many or few as you wish. Sessions will involve not just an explanation of content and context but also some personal witness on my part.

NCYC We have 19 youth and 5 adults who will be traveling to Indianapolis to the National Catholic Youth Conference in November. Please keep our group in your prayers!!

Confirmation Candidates & Parents: Please check your e-mail to ensure you are receiving information from me. If you did not receive a test e-mail, please contact Amy Dall ASAP!! to avoid missing out on reminders. E-mail: dbq169ym@dbqarch.org or text 319.415.6370.

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

Anyone of Any Age is welcome to take a MagnifiKid weekly mass handout located by the missalettes. Fantastic information for all ages: All readings and prayers of the Sunday Mass with explanation of words and meanings of rituals, a daily prayer adapted from the Liturgy of the Hours, Many suggestions on how to live the entire week with the Lord, various games, a comic and activities to help your child learn about Christian Life and Culture, and a parent’s guide with suggestions for family prayers.

Meals-on-Wheels Volunteers needed in Parkersburg to deliver Meals-on-Wheels on Wednesdays during the month of October. Sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

LIFE CHAIN PRO-LIFE EVENT On Sunday, October 4, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, you are invited to join thousands of fellow Christians in forming one of over 1900 Life Chains scheduled for this time nationwide (34 are in Iowa). Pro-lifers have again chosen the sidewalks along Highway 175 in front of the County Courthouse in Eldora as their chain location. Participants only job is to hold furnished signs saying “Abortion Kills Children” or “Adoption the Loving Option” and spend the hour quietly and peacefully witnessing to all who pass that life is a gift from God. If you would like more info, please call Dave Splett at 858-2464.

	October 3	October 4
Accompanist	Lisa	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Linda	Don Davidson
Extraordinary	Jeff Badger*	Rick Ogle, Linda Williams, Bobbi Ann Peterson*
Ministers	Ann Badger	Mike Williams, Shalene Peterson, Deb Woodhouse
Of Holy	Mary Ann Bergman	Rick Nilles, Rita Amling, Janelle Onnen*
Communion		Cynthia Becker, Amy Seitz*
Greet	Dan & Beth Bruns Family	Rick & Liz Nilles, Todd & Janelle Onnen, Mike & Georgia Bennett
Gifts	Chris & Terry Thome Family	Rick & Liz Nilles
Reader 1	Kathy Hosch	Wanda Christensen
Reader 2	Kathy Hosch	Amy Dall
Server	Sam Badger	Kelly Brockett, Sadie Brockett
Server	Cooper Hoff	Paul Brockett
Usher	Chad & Nikki Schipper	Todd Rickert, Rich Riesberg, Reno Rodeghiero
Usher		Greg Snider, Michael Bennett, Kenny Ackerman
Video		Susie Billerbeck
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Nancy Brannon	Helen O’Connor / Diane Stephan / Janine Stewart
Collection Counters	Kyle & Tamara Tingle	Rod & Mardel Brockett, Denny Greiner, Wilbur Kielly