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**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
**St. Gabriel**  
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**St. Patrick**  
Parkersburg

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**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**Mass Intentions for**  
March 17 – March 22

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  
Allison Archibald  
Dale Greiner  
Sara Kelly  
Marilyn Dunn-Babbitt  
For the People  
Don Coleman

**One of the more memorable events in the ministry of St. Patrick** (385-461) was an incident that took place at the Hill of Slane in 433 AD, one year after he returned to Ireland as its second bishop. Initially St. Patrick settled in County Down, but a year later he set sail southward, and he chose the Hill of Slane as a place to proclaim Christianity in the Boyne River Valley area. There was another important hill in the same region, the Hill of Tara, ten miles from the Hill of Slane, and when visibility was good, it was possible to see from one hill to the other. The Hill of Tara was a cultic center where people worshiped the Celtic god of the sun, Lugh. In a primitive, prescientific society, the sun was accorded exalted importance because it is the main source of light, it brings warmth, and it makes the plants grow, and without plant food, the people perish. Consequently, pagan sun worship was deeply embedded in the fabric of the Celtic people.

The Celtic High King, renowned for his ferocity and brute strength, resided in Tara, and he led a fire ceremony for the druids and his subjects each year at the time of the Beltaine Festival during the Spring Equinox called the Feast of Tara. The king lit a sacred fire at the top of the hill to honor the pagan sun god, and it was left burning for a number of days. The king strictly prohibited any other fires that could be seen from Tara during the entire duration of the festival. St. Patrick was not intimidated and defiantly disregarded the king's order. St. Patrick boldly and bravely lit and blessed the Paschal fire and the Easter Candle during the Vigil Service on Holy Saturday night. The fire was left burning and could be seen clearly from the Hill of Tara. St. Patrick made an emphatic statement: Jesus is the light of the world, and none other, not even Lugh, the pagan sun god. Jesus is the true light that enlightens everyone, the light shining in the midst of the darkness.

On Easter Sunday, Jesus was the light rising in glory, the light that dispels the darkness of our hearts and minds, the light that inflames the hearts of believers with heavenly desires and purifies the mind, the pillar of fire that banishes the darkness of sin, a light that mingles with the lights of heaven, and a peaceful light shed on all humanity. King Loegaire planned to have St. Patrick killed, but the king was so impressed by his devotion, that he allowed St. Patrick to continue his missionary work in his kingdom.

**FOCUS: The goodness and mercy of Jesus is life-giving.**

Lent, with its disciplines of prayer, fasting and charity, is all about repentance, renewal and healing from sin. The Gospel tells of Jesus' encounter with a woman who had a long history of brokenness and isolation. As she meets Jesus and experiences his life-changing mercy, so, too, can we receive new life and living water from the Word and sacrament in which we encounter Christ.

**NOTICE** Due to the concerns with COVID - 19 (Coronavirus), we will be suspending holy water, communion from the cup, holding hands for the Our Father and shaking hands at the sign of peace until Easter. Only those with a gluten intolerance will be able to take communion from the cup. Also, there will be no communion to the homebound until further notice as the nursing homes and assisted living homes have restricted visitors.

**Stations & Soup** will be **Tuesday, March 17, 24, & 31** at St. Gabriel. All are welcome. Stations begin at noon followed by a light soup luncheon. There will also be Stations on **Wednesday evenings starting at 6:15 @ R** for anyone interested in coming. Student based Stations will be used at this time.

**Easter Lilies** Envelopes for Easter Lilies are available in the narthex of both churches if you would like to purchase one in honor of a loved one. They are \$15 each. Please return envelopes to the office by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Income Weekend March 8, 2020**  
Weekly Collection \$ 2,531.00 Needed \$ 4,100.00  
**Income YTD as of February 29, 2020**  
Total Collections \$ 185,316.47 Total Budgeted \$ 176,900.00  
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$270,000.00

**HFP Prayer Chain Contacts:**

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**By Phone:** Judy Martens 641-751-1452

**Rosary:** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 9:10 am @ R

**St. Patrick, Parkersburg location**

Confessions: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.

NO FF, Wed, March 18, Spring Break

**St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location**

Confessions: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 8:45 am or by Appt.

No FF, Wed, March 18, Spring Break

## Other Announcements

**Stewardship** When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

**St. Gabriel Coffee/Donuts & Cleaning Schedule** the new schedule for April 2020 to March 2021 was emailed out this week to all St. Gabriel parishioners who have an email. If you do not have email, you can pick up a printed copy in the narthex. Also, if you know someone that does not have internet access, please let them know that the schedule is out. Each group is scheduled for 1 Sunday during the year to serve Coffee/Donuts and then are to do cleaning duties that week. Instructions are on the Schedule. Any questions please contact Donna Larsen 788-6485 or Judy Jewett 345-6375. Thank you for your volunteer work!

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> KC fish fry will be held April 3rd, serving from 5:00 to 7:00 at St. Gabriel's church. Parishioners willing to assist by working at the event or providing bars may sign up on the sheets in the narthex at St. Gabriel or St Patrick. You may also contact Joe Becker ([319-989-2405](tel:319-989-2405)) or [bojecker@mchsi.com](mailto:bojecker@mchsi.com) on or before March 29 7, 2020. Thank you for your support.

**Knight of Columbus Thank You** - The Knights of Columbus first fish fry on March 6th served 425 adults and 36 children. The Knights thank those who provided bars and/or worked at the event.

**Thank You from Catholic Charities** - These past many weeks Catholic Charities has received strong prayerful and financial support as part of their 2020 Annual Appeal. These gifts provide needed funds to provide assistance to the most vulnerable in our communities and in our families. Thank you to all who have given so generously. It is never too late to join this important effort. To learn more about Catholic Charities or to give go to <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>.

**Eagle Center Fish Fry** Best Fish Fry in Black Hawk County! St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church, Eagle Center is hosting a fish fry on Friday, March 27. The dinner will include a generous portion of fish, baked potato, homemade salads, and melt in your mouth best homemade pies you have ever tasted. Cost is \$10 for adult, \$5 for kids 5-12, and free for kids under 5. It will run from 5-7 pm and carry-outs are available.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Start a new chapter in your marriage by attending one of these upcoming weekends. April 24-26th @ Ankeny; May 29-31st @ Dubuque; Nov 6-8th @ Coralville. For more information or to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305.

	<b>St. Patrick Sat, March 21, 5:30 pm</b>	<b>St. Gabriel Sun, March 22, 9:30 am</b>
Accompanist	Steven	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Kathy	Julie Grunklee
Extraordinary	Volunteer	Joe Becker, Steve & Michelle Cox, Julie Frischmeyer
Ministers	Volunteer	Mary Linder, Tim Melloy, Rick Nilles
Of Holy	Volunteer	Ann O'Connor, Janine Stewart, Kathy Zeiner
Communion		Hans* & Sue Seeman, Barb Melloy*, Mary Linder*
Greet	Volunteer	Steve & Michelle Cox Rick & Liz Nilles Chris & Julie Frischmeyer
Gifts	Volunteer	Steve & Michelle Cox
Reader 1	Tamara Tingle	Kate Offner
Reader 2		Rick Nilles
Server	1 to 2 Volunteers	Thomas Corwin, Devon Kollasch
Server		Olivia Woodley
Usher	Volunteer	Kenny Ackerman, Darrin Folkerts
Usher		Chris Frischmeyer, Greg Snider
Video		Matt Cox
Sacristan/MC /A-ments	Sue Jansen	Connie Becker / Mary Linder / Janine Stewart
Collection Counters	Chris & Terri Thome	Helen O'Connor, Greg & Brenda Snider