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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF CELL PHONE BEFORE MASS



Mass Intentions for
March 10 – March 15

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

Jim Boes
Joyce & Robert McCormick
Donna Ash
Vernon Quint
Ella Reiff
Mary Coleman

Catholic Charities Asks You to Help

Catholic Charities Asks You to Help - Did you know that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque holds no government contracts for funding, as compared to similar agencies across the U.S., which rely on budgets comprised of two-thirds public funding. This makes your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal all the more critical! Learn more: www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

Get your GREEN on and Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage! Our Couples of Faith Date Nights continue our new series on Sunday, March 8th. Join us for some great insights to help your marriage, all with some humor mixed in. YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE SEEN ANY PREVIOUS VIDEOS. This date night is from 5-7 PM at St. Gabriel Hall. Food, drinks and on-site child care provided! All married and engaged couples are welcome. Doors open at 4:45 to Check-in and Socialize and we end promptly at 7. You may even win our Door Prize of a \$25 gift card to Jameson's Public House in Waterloo to really kick up your heels on St. Patrick's Day (or any time you decide)!

We will be serving corned beef again (which had awesome reviews last year), cabbage, potatoes (chicken nuggets for the kids) and other items to enjoy. If possible, please RSVP for yourselves and if you need childcare by calling or texting Deacon Greg at 319-240-0840 and leave a message or email greg.hfp@gmail.com. DON'T FORGET TO WEAR SOME GREEN, TOO, JUST FOR FUN (no pinching if you don't, we promise!)

Dike-New Hartford High School Blood Drive, Friday, March 13, 8am to 11:45 am at the DNH High School Gym, 330 Main St. To make an appointment, contact Amy Seitz at 319-989-2485 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

HFP Prayer Chain Contacts:

By Email: Greg Lievens
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Rosary: Every 4th Sunday, 9:10 am @ R

Just Ahead

HFC Mtg
Sunday, Mar 8 after mass

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.
Faith Formation, Wed, March 11, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

FOCUS: A holy encounter with God calls us to act on our faith.

When Peter witnesses the transfiguration of Jesus, and the appearance of Moses and Elijah, his first instinct is to "freeze that moment," by providing tents for the three of them. But that encounter, like any encounter with God's majesty and providence, is not meant to be frozen or hidden in a tent. It is meant to move us forward in, and to act upon, our faith.

Stewardship

"Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

How Are You Going to Prepare for the Celebration of

Easter? Stations & Soup will start on **Tuesday, March 3** 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. This is an excellent way to reflect and prepare for the celebration of Easter.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – The 2nd 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 on or before March 29 7, 2020. Thank you for your support.

Income Weekend March 1, 2020

Weekly Collection \$ 3,538.00 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

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Other Announcements

Repent

Repent. It was a bold declaration. Jesus was saying to every one of his listeners, “You are a sinner.” It is not the sort of thing that people like to hear. Every person is guilty of evil-doing. No exceptions. Each person has freely chosen to disregard God’s commandments, offended God in multiple ways, inflicted harm upon others, been a source of conflict, caused unhappiness, disregarded the standards of right conduct, and done things that are hurtful to self.

Repent. It was more than a statement of fact. It was an order: “Stop it!” “Quit sinning!” Jesus did not make a request. It was a demand. It is obligatory, not optional. Jesus insists on change. Wrongdoing must stop, and it must end abruptly, without a moment’s delay. If a person wishes to stop sinning, it is necessary to realize that sin is present. Big blatant sins are easy to recognize, but there are many times that we are blind to our sins, minimize them, or fail to consider certain wrongdoing sinful at all. At one time a small sin bothered our conscience, but over time the same sin has been repeated so many times, and it has grown larger bit by bit, and it bothers the conscience less and less, and after a while the sin is overlooked as no big deal. Other times we go easy on ourselves, trying to convince ourselves: “What I did is not so bad,” or “What I did is not nearly as bad as what someone else did.” Another common error is to think that only bad deeds are sinful, while in fact, the failure to do good can also be sinful, and a person’s interior mental world of thoughts, desires, and plans can be wicked and immoral, sinful in themselves, and springboard for sinful deeds.

Two elements of repentance are contrition, sorrow for one’s sins, and a firm purpose of amendment, the intention or resolve to no longer commit those sins. Again, this is not so easy. We might be sorry for the sins, but not disgusted or revolted by them. In fact, we may think, “These sins are part of who I am and what I do; there is something rewarding, fun, or exhilarating about them; and I will probably repeat them again sometime.” True repentance is not only to be sorry for the sin, but to hate the sin, to consider the sin absolutely objectionable, deplorable, and unthinkable, to detest the sin so much that the idea would be swiftly and firmly rejected and the wrongful deed no longer an option.

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.

Looking for a way to work on your relationship with God?

Here is a wonderful opportunity to do just that! A Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) will be held at the Riverview Conference Center in Cedar Falls. The weekend will be held on March 27-29, 2020. The weekend is coed and registration is required. Brochures are available and for more information contact Mike Dudley (319)350-6764.

	St. Patrick Sat, March 14, 5:30 pm	St. Gabriel Sun, March 15, 9:30 am
Accompanist	No	Rita Durchenwald
Cantor	Music	Julie Grunklee
Extraordinary	Volunteer	Steve & Michelle Cox, Ann O’Connor
Ministers	Volunteer	Julie Frischmeyer, Rick Nilles, Kathy Zeiner
Of Holy	Volunteer	Sue Sonnenberg, Tim & Barb* Melloy, Joe Becker
Communion		Hans* & Sue Seeman, Mary Linder*
Greet	Volunteer	Steve & Michelle Cox Rick & Liz Nilles Chris & Julie Frischmeyer
Gifts	Volunteer	Steve & Michelle Cox
Reader 1	Mary Sullivan	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	Mary Schwennen	Connie Becker / Mary Linder / Janine Stewart
Collection Counters	Chris & Terri Thome	Helen O’Connor, Greg & Brenda Snider