OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
OCTOBER 7

St. Joseph & Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Churches
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 6, 2019
Church News

Liturical Roles

St. Joseph
Saturday, October 12 at 4:15 PM
Servers: Amelia Taylor, Sam Schmidt, Caden Kettmann
Lector: Jeff Mueller, Molly Ploessl (C)
Distributors: Patti Hager, Claire Kapraun, Russ/Dianne Kettmann, Jim/Nancy Kettmann, Kathryn Kieffer
Sacristan: Karen Gronner
Rosary Leader: Marilyn Ploessl
Ushers: Steve Engelmann, Russ Ketkmann, Jim Kilburg, Jim Squiers, Volunteer, Dick Zeimet

Sunday, October 13 at 10:15 AM
Servers: Ella/Lilliana Tracy, Allison Kettmann
Lector: Jeff Laban, Bill Lampe (C)
Distributors: Mary Sieverding, Melissa Sturm, Josie Theisen, Gerianne Sprank, Lucille Usher, Karla Weinschenk, Volunteer
Sacristan: Monica McHugh
Rosary Leader: Dula Tebbe
Video: Mark Mueller
Ushers: Stan Daniels, Spencer Haxmeier, Mark Jess, Mark Michels, Steve Schmidt, Eric Schroeder

Sts. Peter & Paul
Sunday, October 13 at 8:00 AM
Servers: Nicholas/Joseph/Justine Hager
Lector: Susan Williams
Distributors: Tracey/Allison Hager, Carol Gerlach, Janet Sieverding
Offertory Presenters: Judy Stephany
Ushers: Jr. Steines, Rod Jacobs, Mark Banowetz, Dan Zeimet
Greeters: Marv Budde’s
Rosary Leader: Carol Gerlach

Parish News

St. Joseph
⇒ Annual Status Report for St. Joseph is available in the back of church this weekend.

Sts. Peter & Paul
⇒ Sts. Peter & Paul Fall Breakfast, Sunday, October 20th in Kilburg Hall. Menu: Pancakes (Regular & Blueberry), Rope Sausage, Ham, Applesauce, Rolls & Beverage. Serving from 7:00 AM-12:00 PM. Mass at 8:00 AM. Living Rosary by the KCs at 7:30 AM. Music will be provided by Barb Flammang, Mary Stephany, Julie Tebbe and Jan Steines.

Stewardship of Giving

St. Joseph
Adult Contributors 146 of 762
Envelopes.............................................................................$4221.00
EFT (Auto Deposit) .................................................................$2452.00
Youth......................................................................................$7.00
Offertory...............................................................................$558.55
Votive.....................................................................................$57.26
Total.....................................................................................$7295.81

Sts. Peter & Paul
Adult Contributors 16 of 145
Envelopes.............................................................................$1017.00
EFT (Auto Deposit) .................................................................$95.00
Offertory...............................................................................$162.00
Donation...............................................................................$3029.03
Votive.....................................................................................$60.00
Total.....................................................................................$4363.03

Congratualtions to Brooke Banowetz and Aaron Schwager who were married at St. Joseph Church this weekend.

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Ardell (Bud) & Joyce Till who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this weekend at St. Joseph’s.

Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Bergen Ann Engelman, daughter of Ryan & Sophie (Brown) Engelman, and Averleigh Ann Aronson, daughter of Thomas & Audrey (Sieverding) Aronson, who are being baptized this weekend at St. Joseph’s.

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Lillian Dondlinger who passed away on September 29th. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

CEW (Christian Experience Weekend)
A Christian Experience Weekend for women will be held on November 1-3, 2019, and for men on November 15 - 17, 2018, at the Sugar Creek Retreat Center. Each weekend will begin at 8:00 PM on Friday and end at 4:00 PM on Sunday. The Christian Experience Weekend is an adult renewal experience which offers participants a better understanding of old and new aspects of their Christian life. It is open to anyone over 18 years of age. Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. Registration forms and additional information are available in the back of church or call Bonnie Anderson, 563-543-2719 or Jacob Sturm at 563-495-2482.
Catechist’s Corner

The following is an excerpt of an interview with Cardinal Robert Sarah with the newspaper La Nef on the publication of his book La Force du Silence (The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise).

“God’s first language is silence.” In commenting on this beautiful, rich insight of Saint John of the Cross, Thomas Keating, in his work Invitation to Love, writes: “Everything else is a poor translation. In order to understand this language, we must learn to be silent and to rest in God.”

It is time to rediscover the true order of priorities. It is time to put God back at the center of our concerns, at the center of our actions and of our life: the only place that He should occupy. Thus, our Christian journey will be able to gravitate around this Rock, take shape in the light of the faith and be nourished in prayer, which is a moment of silent, intimate encounter in which a human being stands face to face with God to adore Him and to express his filial love for Him.

Let us not fool ourselves. This is the truly urgent thing: to rediscover the sense of God. Now the Father allows Himself to be approached only in silence. What the Church needs most today is not an administrative reform, another pastoral program, a structural change. The program already exists: it is the one we have always had, drawn from the Gospel and from living Tradition. It is centered on Christ Himself, whom we must know, love, and imitate in order to live in Him and through Him, to transform our world which is being degraded because human beings live as though God did not exist. As a priest, as a pastor, as a Prefect, as a Cardinal, my priority is to say that God alone can satisfy the human heart.

I think that we are the victims of the superficiality, selfishness and worldly spirit that are spread by our media-driven society. We get lost in struggles for influence, in conflicts between persons, in a narcissistic, vain activism. We swell with pride and pretention, prisoners of a will to power. For the sake of titles, professional or ecclesiastical duties, we accept vile compromises. But all that passes away like smoke. In my new book I wanted to invite Christians and people of good will to enter into silence; without it, we are in illusion. The only reality that deserves our attention is God Himself, and God is silent. He waits for our silence to reveal Himself.

Regaining the sense of silence is therefore a priority, an urgent necessity.

Silence is more important than any other human work. Because it expresses God. The true revolution comes from silence; it leads us toward God and toward others so that we can place ourselves humbly at their service.

You can download this book to read on an ereader or kindle at Formed.org. Create a free account (if you haven’t already) by choosing St. Joseph Church in Bellevue.

Scripture For The Week

Readings for the Week of October 6, 2019

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest - Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary - Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Stewardship Quote ...

When will I have given enough--of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today’s Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: “When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, ‘we are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty’.”

Youth Group News

Tuesday, October 15 - 4:15-6:30 p.m. - Serve meal at the Rescue Mission - let Julie know if you can help
Thursday, October 17 - 7:00 p.m. - NCYC 2019 Chaperone Meeting at Resurrection Parish in Dubuque

Help & Healing

Without question, abortion can be one of the most traumatic experiences in a person’s life. You are not alone—millions upon millions of women hide the heartbreak, shame, and loss of a past abortion. Surrendering the Secret is a powerful 8-week Bible study that helps hurting women find the path to healing and freedom through the hope of Scripture; meaningful hands-on experiences; unique journaling exercises; and confidential, caring community. This unique resource is perfect for any woman who has experienced the heartbreak of abortion. The bible study is led by Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. Please call them at 563-556-5960 to register, or if you have any questions they would be happy to help as well.

Dates: Sunday evenings, from October 27-December 15
Time: 6:00 –8:30 p.m.
Location: Dubuque County Right to Life Office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque)
Cost: $15/person, which covers your book and materials

Mental Illness Mass

The 12th Annual Mass for Mental Illness Awareness will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct.13, at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, 120 5th St NW in Cedar Rapids. Deacon Tom Lambert of the Archdiocese of Chicago will serve as deacon at the Mass and will speak at a reception following. All persons with mental illness, their families and care providers are invited to attend.
Friends,
Peace be with you.

Last weekend, Deacon Robert preached about the ArchdioceseOne campaign that will begin in some parishes next spring. Because of the ongoing capital campaign to pay for the school and Kruse Center, I’ve asked to put off our entrance until Spring of 2020. There are four pillars on which the diocese will be focusing our giving. It’s my understanding that you have the ability to target where you contribution goes if one or two or three are more important to you than another/others, and I have a sense that will be true for most people. First, the Priest Retirement Fund, which may sound somewhat familiar to some of you because it was the sole focus of the last Archdiocesan appeal. Almost 20 years ago, the “Time to Remember” Campaign took place and was incredibly successful. Nonetheless, in the 20 years since, many priests have retired and lived on the gifts you have given. Also, for many years, this fund was able to alleviate the cost of health care for all active priests. It’s been a fairly recent development that parishes have had to pay for the insurance of their priests. Lastly, the fund as designed 20 years ago was only intended to cover the priests active and retired at that time, meaning it couldn’t cover ME (and the guys ordained after me). That may seem like we’re jumping the gun a little here considering I still have 33 years until I retire, but there are some older/second career men who will retire before me and we’d rather be ahead of the curve instead of coming to you when the fund is completely broke.

The second pillar is seminarian education. You should know that college seminarians have to pay their way through college, regardless of where they go. If you are in seminary at the time, there are certain scholarships and funds that can be made available to help but you still probably walk out with some student loan debt. However, we do not ask the guys who go on to graduate-level “Major Seminary” to pay for that part of their education. We are blessed with an Archbishop who has gone to these seminaries to negotiate a lower cost with them and/or let them know we are going to be doing some of the education on our own during the summers but the costs are ever increasing.

The third pillar is the Cathedral, which is in disrepair. The Cathedral is where ordinations take place. The Cathedral is where Bishop Loras met Fr. Mazzuchelli and started strategizing how he was going to provide for the spiritual welfare of Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and part of Nebraska. Many of our Bishops and Archbishops are buried in the crypt. It is the mother church of the Archdiocese. Yet, when there is a large amount of rain, it pours into one of the corners of the building like a waterfall. In most places, the congregation of the parish is responsible for upkeep of the building but, specifically because the Cathedral is the church of the entire diocese,

Lastly we are being asked to help support Catholic Charities in their immigration legal services. Please know, this is not intended to be a commentary on the immigration system in the United States inasmuch as it is to recognize that, as Christians, we are called to help the poor. Sometimes this means working to advocate that members of a family separated by a member’s legal status are able to be reunited or to help legalized citizens be advocates for the legal immigration of a spouse or children. I’d ask that you visit with your spouse and ask how much you can contribute to this fund. There won’t be a door-to-door campaign as in years past with these types of large campaigns so we need you to be honest with what you can give and then do your best to do so. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

Bellevue Bread Basket
The Bellevue Bread Basket served the following in September - 28 families and 64 persons. The next Bellevue Bread Basket will be Thursday, October 17, 2019.

Tootsie Roll Drive: The Bellevue Knights of Columbus will be doing their annual Tootsie Roll Drive before and after all Masses on the weekend of October 12th & 13th.

Area Events

- Card party at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Preston, Iowa Sunday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. Euchre & 500. Lunch & refreshments. Everyone welcome!
- Wahlert Catholic High School Euchre Tournament, Saturday, October 12th at the Joliet Event Center (formally Knights of Columbus Hall), 701 Locust St., Dubuque. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call Dan Corken at 563-581-7143.
- Parish of Sts. Mary & Joseph Church Sugar Creek Card Party, Sunday, October 13, 2019. Lunch at 6:00 p.m. and cards at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Clarity Clinic Fundraising Banquet
The annual Clarity Clinic fundraising banquet will be Thursday night, October 10 at the Grand River Center in Dubuque. The doors open at 6:00 with a sit down dinner at 6:30. The speaker will be Brandon Monahan from the Heritage House. The event will end around 8:30. The event is FREE but there will be an appeal at the end of the evening. No obligation to give. If interested in attending, call Dennis Rima at 563-557-3123 or email him at: dennis@thepregnancycenter.com. You must register by October 3.
**Parish Calendar**

**Tuesday, October 8**

- 6:30 PM  - Faith Formation Meeting SJ in Parish Center

**Thursday, October 10**

- 6:30 PM  - Pork Roast Wrap Up Meeting in Parish Center

**Saturday, October 12**

- 8:00 AM  - Holy Hour for Vocations at SJ
- 3:00 PM  - Confession at SJ - Fr. Miller

**Sunday, October 13**

- *Children’s Liturgy during Mass at SJ*

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