December 1, 2019

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Liturgies

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 PM
               Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass:  Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30 AM
               Wednesday 8:15 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday, December 7, 3:15 - 4:00 PM

Adoration: Monday 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

St. Joseph Parish Office  319-377-4869
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Youth Faith Formation  319-377-8402
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St. Joseph Catholic School  319-377-6348
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New to the Parish: Welcome! Please call the office to make an appointment to register at 377-4869.

Prayer Chain: Contact Deacon Jeff at 377-4869 or ddbq126d3@dbqarch.org.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Call the office and make an appointment with the priest or deacon.

Parish Library - Open during office hours.

Advanced Care Planning Consultants: Learn about church teachings on health issues and find help with documents pertaining to durable power of attorney for health care and health care decision directives. Parish contacts: Theresa Alt, 319-447-1132 or alt.theresa@yahoo.com, Jean Randolph, 319-377-0497 or jm926722@mchsi.com, Deacon Dennis Ternes, 319-377-4869 or d.ternes@dbqarch.org and Deacon Ken Bauer, 319-377-4869 or k.bauer@dbqarch.org.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry requests cake, bar, and cookie mixes. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by gathering from December 1 - 6, to pray the Rosary at the home of Leo and Norma Drilling, 3025 Yorkshire Dr. NE, at 7:00 PM each evening. All are welcome.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020, in the St. Joseph Room of the parish offices from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at d.ternes@dbqarch.org or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

Mass Intentions
Please see Deacon Jeff in the parish office
Mass Intentions for 2020 will open December 2, 2019

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

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December 2 - December 8, 2019
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Budgeted Sunday Envelope Giving
Week of November 17, 2019 - Week 21

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December 4 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, St. Matthew Rm 1:00 - 3:00 PM

December 4, 11, 18 - Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Rm 2:00 - 3:00 PM

December 10 - Quilting Ministry, Church Hall 1:00 - 3:00 PM

December 10 - Women’s Connection Indian Creek Country Club 11:30 AM

December 19 - Women’s Connection Luncheon 11:30 AM @ Applebee’s

December 27 - Coffee and Conversation 9:30 - 11:00 AM @ Mr. Beans

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Compassion and knitting/crocheting combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort. Contact Sharon at 373-2810.

Women’s Connection
Women’s Connection is a support group for all parish widows regardless of membership. We will gather on Tuesday, December 10, at 11:30 AM at the Indian Creek Country Club, 2401 Indian Creek Road, Marion. As we gather this Advent season, we recognize the blessings of friendship while we wait together to celebrate the joy of Christmas. For more information, please contact Sally Wilkinson, by December 4, at 373-5484.

Advent Evening of Reflection -
Sunday, December 1, 6:00 PM, an evening of reflection to begin Advent. A 45-minute talk will be provided by Sean McVeigh our Director of Adult Faith Formation. This will be followed by an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will begin with Vespers led by Deacon Dennis Ternes. Vespers will also be offered in the church at 6:00 PM on December 8, 15, and 22.

RCIA - December 8, (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary) Breaking Open of the Word at 8:00 AM Mass and then in the Church Hall from 9:15 to 10:15 AM for class presentation.

Topic – Marian Feast Days, Apparitions, and Devotions to the Blessed Mother. Also, the Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Teacher – Sean McVeigh

Readings – Bible R-2, J-2, John 2:1-12, John 19:26-27, CCC 971, 1172-1178, 1370, 2043, 2146, 2177, 2675-2679, 2708. If you would like to sign up for RCIA to receive any sacraments, contact Sean McVeigh at s.mcveigh@dbqarch.org.

Soup Supper
Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee
Saturday, December 7, 2019
Following 4:30 Mass
Speaker: Kyle Flynn of St. Vincent de Paul

1st Sunday of Advent Reflections
Lord, we come rejoicing to your house, looking for you, Prince of Peace!
May we be awake and ready with the fire of our hearts shining out. Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?
SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020
More details coming in future bulletins. For now, think about whether you would like to be a host or a guest. They are both fun!

Sponsored by your Parish Life Committee
Fridays of Advent Soup Suppers

This year we will be having Friday gatherings to pray the rosary and share the breaking of bread in the form of soup suppers. The dates are:

December 13
December 20

We will meet at 5:30 in the church hall for a short lesson on the art of the 5 mysteries of the rosary for that Friday, followed by a recitation of the rosary and then the soup supper.

Help Wanted

Wondering how to best become more active in your Church? Consider volunteering to bring Christ to our homebound and care center residents!

As our family ages, the need for even more folks ministering to those who can no longer attend Mass grows too. We are in need of at least 6 additional volunteers at this time, some will be short time commitments, some on-going.

Please prayerfully discern if Christ is calling you to bring Him out to the world! Contact Deacon Jeff for more information at j.volker@dbqarch.org or 377-4869.

Holiday Skating Party

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #5390
All are welcome
Sunday, December 1, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
At Super Skate on Northland Ave NE
Children will have free roller skating
Adults pay skate rental only
Santa will be there for pictures

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1768
will meet Tuesday, December 10 at St. Wenceslaus Church at 6:30 PM.

Christmas dinner will be served by My Mother's Catering. Please bring a baby item to be donated to Birthright. Also bring a wrapped Christmas gift to exchange in a Christmas game. Guests are always welcome. Contact: Susan at (319) 389-5512 or Elaine at (319) 848-6052.

A big THANK YOU to all for your support of the Catholic Daughters recent Charity Bake Sale at St. Wenceslaus Church. Through your support we were able to make a generous contribution to the Catholic Worker House food pantry.

Facts, not Myths, About Immigrants

Fact: Immigrants in all ethnic categories commit less crime than native-born Americans.

Immigrants have the lowest crime rates of any other demographic group in the U.S. In California, male Mexican nationals ages 18 to 40 -- those more likely to have entered the country illegally -- are more than eight times less likely than their U.S.-born counterparts to be imprisoned. According to a 2008 report from the conservative Americas Majority Foundation, crime rates are lowest in states with the highest immigration growth rates. From 1999 to 2006, the total crime rate declined 13.6 percent in the 19 highest-immigration states, compared to a 7.1 percent decline in the other 32 states.

Sources: American Immigration Council, SEIU, Bipartisan Policy Center, Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP)

Retirement Fund for Religious

Give in Thanksgiving

"The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.
Advent—begins this weekend and is a short, four week (really three-and-one-half this year) liturgical season that encourages us to always prepare spiritually for the second coming of Jesus, of which we know not the time or the hour, and later on in the season, to prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

Advent models the way we can live the Christian life by how it encourages us to quiet contemplation of the Word of God as Mary contemplated the Christ-child growing within her womb, the need for constant repentance and purification as John the Baptist heralded, and the ever pervasive hope inspired by the reading of the prophets, that seen through the triumph of Jesus on the cross and his glorious resurrection, that nothing is too dark, no situation so chaotic or no struggle too great that would overcome Christ. He is the light in the darkness and the victor over sin, death, chaos and struggles. All our hope is in him who always saves us.

The Theme of the Homily for the First Week of Advent—

Are You in Peak Condition?

Prepare for the homily by reading the scripture readings for that Sunday and ask yourself the question that is posed. Then, use the homily to help you answer the question.

Children’s Mass Activity Bags--St. Joseph Catholic School is sponsoring activity bags for small children to use during Mass. The bags have a variety of religious themed activities for children. The bags will be in a basket on the table by the bathroom and drinking fountain in the church lobby. Families can take a bag, utilize it during Mass, and return the bag along with its contents back to the basket after Mass.

Confession Times

Communal Penances

Saturday, December 14, All Saints, Cedar Rapids - 10:30 AM
Thursday, December 19, St. Elizabeth, Hiawatha - 7:00 PM
Saturday, December 21, Immaculate Conception, Cedar Rapids - 10:30 AM

Confessions at St. Joseph

Saturday, December 7, 3:15 - 4:00 PM
Saturday, December 14, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Saturday, December 21, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 22, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

St. Joseph Christmas 2019 Mass Schedule--The Mass times will not change this year, but we will have one less Mass. Since we are now a one priest parish, the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass in the school gym will not occur. Rather, all Masses will be celebrated in the church and we will welcome the overflow for any Mass in the church basement where a large TV screen and sound system will be set-up.

The Christmas Mass schedule is:

- 4:00 PM Christmas Eve—This Mass time is the most popular and hence is very crowded.
- 6:30 PM Christmas Eve—This Mass has competed with the 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass as the second most crowded which means about two-thirds of the church being filled.
- 9:00 PM Christmas Eve—This is the least crowded of all the Masses and is usually half full.
- 9:00 AM Christmas Day—This Mass can be on par with the 6:30 PM Christmas Eve attendance or larger.