December 8, 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 14, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

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

St. Joseph Parish Office 319-377-4869
1790 14th Street, Marion, IA  52302

Youth Faith Formation 319-377-8402
1430 14th Street, Marion, IA  52302

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 dbq126d3@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 at.theresa@yahoo.com, Jean Randolph, 319-377-0497 or jmr926722@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 8 - 13, to pray the Rosary at the home of Tommy and Elizabeth Riester, 227 Sussex 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.

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**Sunday Envelope Giving**

Week of December 1, 2019 - Week 23

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**Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory**

$96,984.94

| Budgeted Gifts and Offertory   | $88,792.45 |
| Over / (Under) budget          | $10,192.49 |

**Bricks and Mortar Envelopes**

$25,407.64

| Bricks and Mortar budget       | $21,698.11 |
| Over/(Under) Budget            | $3,709.53  |

Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes

$1,114.25

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**Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 9**

7:00 AM Adoration
7:00 PM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room

**Tuesday, December 10**

7:30 AM MASS † Susan Bonlander
1:00 PM Quiriting Ministry, Church Hall
6:30 PM Spirit Choir, St. John Paul II Room
7:00 PM Men of Action, St. Joseph Room
7:00 PM Handbells, Church

**Wednesday, December 11**

8:15 AM MASS † Terry Canning
9:30 AM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room
2:00 PM Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Room
5:50 PM Minor Miracles, Church
6:30 PM JAM, Church
7:30 PM MAC, Church

**Thursday, December 12**

7:30 AM MASS † Ryan Family
2:30 PM Villages † Soledad Esquivel
6:30 PM School Advent Concert, Church
7:30 PM Jubilation, St. Joseph Room

**Friday, December 13**

7:30 AM MASS † Harold Matt
5:30 PM Advent Soup Supper, Church Hall
6:30 PM Silent Prayer, Church

**Saturday, December 14**

3:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM MASS † Mary Lowe
5:30 PM Soup Supper, Church Hall

**Sunday, December 15**

8:00 AM MASS † Mary E. Esch
10:30 AM MASS † For the People

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**Early Bulletin Deadlines**

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**Ministry Schedule**

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In Remembrance

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially Ann Casey, sister of Bill (Pat) Casey; Sandra Frasher, aunt of Mary Jo Adams; Gail Cooper-Evans, mother of Kaylin (Steve) Bohm; Rosa Moss, family member of Darlene (Lee) Schmidt; Patricia Power, mother of Pam (Charles) Thomas; Willis Schroeder, brother in law of Joyce (Tony) Callahan; Edward Wheatley, brother in law of Mike (Nan) Marlin; and John Zaruba, father of Ann (Michael) Dittmar.

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

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

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

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

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

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, at 373-5484.

RCIA - December 15,
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 – Prayer - Adoration, Petition, Intercession, Thanksgiving, Praise, Vocal Prayer, Meditation, Contemplation. The teachings and example of Jesus regarding prayer. Personal VS communal prayer.

Teacher – Deacon Ken

Readings – CCC 2559-2567, 2598-2619, 2623-2643, 2655, 2663-2679, 2691, 2697-2719,2725-2745, (Also recall 1174-1178).

If you would like to sign up for RCIA to receive any sacraments, contact Sean McVeigh at s.mcveigh@dbqarch.org.

Advent Evening Prayer - 6:00 PM on Sundays
Vespers will be offered in the church on December 8, 15 and 22. All are invited and encouraged to come.

YouTube Channel - Would you like to share something with the rest of us on our parish YouTube channel? Contact Sean McVeigh if you are interested. Even if you don’t want to share, please subscribe to our YouTube channel “St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion.”

Young Adult Adoration - St. Joseph is collaborating with other parishes in the area to provide Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for young adults on the first Friday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The next meeting is here at St. Joseph’s on January 3, 2020.

Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future

Still not sure about this “STO” thing? It’s simple. If you file an Iowa income tax return, your contributions to the Our Faith STO receive a 65% tax credit. That means for every $1000 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit of $650. Thus, a $1000 contribution reduces your Iowa tax liability by a whopping $650 AND the gift may qualify as a charitable contribution on your federal income tax return. And that gift you made? It helps makes a Catholic education affordable for every child. Thus, a $1000 contribution reduces your Iowa tax liability by a whopping $650. The available Iowa tax credits are filling up fast so visit www.OurFaithSto.org or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546, Ext. 219 or 307 to learn more.

2nd Sunday of Advent Reflections

A voice cries out, “Prepare the way for the Lord!”
May my heart be prepared for you to enter;
My being ready to behold your saving power.
Give me strength to live your justice
and sow your peace.
In the wilderness of life, I await your salvation.
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.

Support for Divorced or Divorcing Catholics

If you are a Catholic who is experiencing divorce, **Surviving Divorce** is an opportunity that you might like to consider. **Surviving Divorce** is a facilitated, small-group Catholic conversation; a 12-week process of healing, hope, and support. The 12-week sessions take place on **Wednesdays, January 15 – April 8** from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at St. Pius X, Cedar Rapids. Childcare will be offered upon request (please contact Nick & Maureen Gaeta at 393-4445 or nick.gaeta@live.com).

For information about the program you may contact your parish representative, Deacon Dennis Ternes by phone at 377-4869 or email at d.ternes@dbqarch.org.

*Surviving Divorce* is offered with approval and support of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Non-Catholics are welcome to attend.

**Facts, not Myths, About Immigrants**

**Fact: Immigrants Pay Taxes**

Immigrants contribute more in taxes than they consume in public benefits. Specifically, undocumented immigrants contribute between $7-8 billion in social security funds annually. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) estimates that undocumented immigrants pay between $9-11 billion in withheld payroll taxes annually (Bipartisan Policy Center, 2018). Undocumented immigrants keep the Social Security system more solvent because they pay into the system but are NOT eligible to collect benefits upon retiring.

By legalizing the undocumented workforce, we will bring these workers out of the shadow underground economy and increase social security and federal tax revenue. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimated that if the 2007 immigration reform bill had passed, legalizing 12 million undocumented immigrants, it would have generated $48 billion in new federal revenue through 2008-2017.

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**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection December 8, 2019**

Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

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**Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia Memorials**

If you would like to have a wreath or poinsettia placed in the church during the Christmas season as a memorial of a loved one, please clip this form and return it to the parish office by Monday, December 23, 2019. Your loved one’s name will be placed on the wreath or poinsettia that you have sponsored. You may take the wreath or poinsettia home after the season of Christmas ends in mid-January.

Check one: ______ Wreath $12  _____ Poinsettia $17

In Memory of:  (Please print)________________________

____________________________________________

With love from: ____________________________________

____________________________________________

Please provide contact email or phone number: ______________________________________

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church. (Please note wreaths are artificial due to fire regulations.)
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—celebrates the dogma infallibly defined by Pope Pius IX that Mary, by a singular grace from God and by the merits of Jesus Christ, was from the moment of her conception, free of original sin.

Original sin is passed from the parents to the child upon the child’s conception. In order for Jesus to be free from sin when Mary conceived him through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Blessed Mother needed to be free of original sin. Hence, by the singular grace of God when Mary was conceived by her parents, she was held immune of original sin. This prepared her to become the mother of Jesus.

Note that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8 and is always a Holy Day of Obligation except for when it falls on a Sunday of Advent like it does this year. Celebrating the Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Thus, the solemnity is transferred to the next day and the obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

Blessing of Expectant Parents this Weekend—Advent is a time of expectant preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Expectant parents are certainly preparing for the birth of their child. As the Advent themes of expectation and preparation coalesce so well together, expectant parents are invited to receive a blessing after the weekend Masses. Please plan to gather by the sculpture of the Holy Family which is next to the confessional and near the Brockman Street exit of the church.

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

Get It Together!

Prepare for the homily by reading the scripture readings for that Sunday and consider the theme that was posed. Then, use the homily to help you answer the question.

Here’s a recap of the themes considered so far during Advent

Week I: Are You in Peak Condition?
Week II: Get it Together!

Confession Times

Communal Penances

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

Confessions at St. Joseph

Saturday, December 14 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Saturday, December 21 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday, December 22 from 5:00 - 6:00 PM

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.

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.