December 15, 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 21, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday, December 22, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Adoration: Monday 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

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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 alt.theresa@yahoo.com, Jean Randolph, 319-377-0497 or jmr926722@mchsi.com, Deacon Dennis Temes, 319-377-4869 or d.temes@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 15 - 20, to pray the Rosary at the home of Jacob and Anna Stewart, 4571 Mission Avenue, Marion, 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.temes@dbqarch.org or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

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Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 16**
- 7:00 AM Adoration
- 7:00 PM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room

**Monday, December 17**
- 7:30 AM MASS † Gordon Hickert
- 6:30 PM Spirit Choir, St. Joseph Room
- 7:00 PM Men of Action, St. John Paul II Room
- 7:00 PM Handbells, Church

**Tuesday, December 18**
- 8:15 AM MASS † Mary Lowe
- 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

**Wednesday, December 19**
- 7:30 AM MASS † Allen Kluesner
- 8:00 AM Coffee & Doughnuts, Church Hall
- 7:30 PM Jubilation, St. Joseph Room

**Thursday, December 20**
- 7:30 AM MASS † David Kucharski
- 5:30 PM Advent Soup Supper, Church Hall
- 6:30 PM Silent Prayer, Church

**Friday, December 21**
- 3:00 PM Reconciliation
- 4:30 PM MASS † For the People

**Saturday, December 21**
- 8:00 AM MASS † Herbert Schulte Sr.
- 10:30 AM MASS † Jim Burns
- 4:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
- 6:00 PM Vespers, Church

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**Early Bulletin Deadlines**

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**Sunday Envelope Giving**

**Week of December 8, 2019 - Week 24**

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December 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  

Pietra Fitness Classes  
Join us in the St. Joseph Room for gentle stretching and strengthening of the body combined with prayer and Christian meditation. Suggested offering of $5 per class.  

Women’s Connection Luncheon  
Women’s Connection meets once a month for a luncheon. For more information please contact Sally Wilkinson at: 373-5484.  

Coffee & Conversation  
Join our informal, friendly gathering of women of the parish for “Coffee and Conversation.” Mr. Beans meeting room, 1080 East Post Road, Marion, 9:30 - 11:00 AM. No need to RSVP.  

3rd Sunday of Advent Reflections  
Lord in you we rejoice with thanksgiving and praise. 
Your peace comes to stand guard at our hearts and minds. 
You renew us in your love and empower us with strength and courage. 
Vigilant for your star, awaiting God to be with us-Emmanuel. Amen  

In Remembrance  
Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially Cheryl Goldsberry, sister of Karen Goldsberry and Marcine (Douglas) Luke; and Katherine Weiler, daughter of David and Sue Weiler.  

Adult Faith Formation  

RCIA - December 22, 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 - Angels and Saints  
Teacher - Deacon Jeff  
Readings - CCC 328-336, 828, 946-962, 1029-1029, 1034, USCCCA 54-57, Bible C-2, D-1, E-1, F-1, H-4, I-2. 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 during Advent. The last evening of Vespers will be held in the church on December 22. All are invited and encouraged to come.  

Invite Others to Christmas Mass! - On Saturday, December 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, we will have our annual day of inviting people in the surrounding area to join us for Christmas Mass. Sean McVeigh is in need of more volunteers to help with this endeavor. Please contact him by calling the church office to volunteer. Even if you can’t make it, please help by inviting those you interact with on a regular basis who maybe haven’t been going to church.  

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.  

Formed - Our parish has a subscription to Formed, which has incredible Catholic content such as educational videos, movies, cartoons for children, and audio presentations. Create a free account on www.formed.org and use our parish code to gain access to all of this excellent content for free. Code = ae0136  

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**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 last soup supper for Advent will be 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 Contribute to Our Economy**

Immigrants create new jobs by forming new businesses, buying homes, spending their incomes on American goods and services, paying taxes and raising the productivity of U.S. businesses. A legal flow of immigrants based on workforce demand strengthens the U.S. economy by keeping productivity high and countering negative impacts as the U.S. aging population swells. Certain industries such as home care, janitorial, child care and hospitality services will see the largest growth in the next decade. The problem with today's economy is not immigrants.

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

**Coffee and Doughnuts**

Enjoy coffee and doughnuts on Thursday, December 19, following 7:30 AM Mass, in the church hall.

Sponsored by Men of Action

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? 2020**

**OOPS! SAVE THE DATE CORRECTION**

Sunday, January 26, 2020

The Parish Life Committee is once again sponsoring this fun event! Full details will be in later bulletins. Right now we are starting to line up those interested in hosting a dinner group of other adult parishioners. You decide how many guests you are comfortable hosting, and then prepare the entrée and provide drink. Your guests will provide salads and vegetable. After the meal, everyone meets up at the Church Hall for dessert. The fun part is that no one will know who is in their dinner party until they all show up! Hosts don't know, and guests are only provided the address and what kind of food item to bring. This is a fun way to get to know some of your fellow parishioners!

Questions? Ready to host? Now is the time to call or email Sharron Konzen: (319) 350-9861 or rkonzen@yahoo.com

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Religious give thanks. “Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us” says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week’s second collection.

**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.)
**Gaudete Sunday**—The word “Gaudete,” is Latin for “rejoice.” The Third Sunday of Advent is always called Gaudete Sunday, and focuses our attention upon the Christian’s cause for joy. A season of preparation, Advent calls us to ready our hearts for the celebration of the birth of the Christ-child. An infant child coming into the world is a cause for joy, and even more so the gift of the Incarnate Son of God. He is the reason for the joy of the believer even when times are not always easy and when life is burdensome. How we live our lives is a matter of focus. Do we become preoccupied with our burdens, which is easy to do, or are they lived in and through the light of Christ. In Him, there is always a reason to hope and He is the source of our joy. Rejoice! Our God has come to save us.

**The Theme of the Homily for the Third Week of Advent**—

What Are You Looking For?

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**

**Thursday, December 19**, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hiawatha  7:00 PM
**Saturday, December 21**, Immaculate Conception, Cedar Rapids at 10:30 AM

**Confessions at St. Joseph**

**Saturday, December 21** from  3:00 - 4:00 PM

**Sunday, December 22** from  4:00 - 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 restrooms 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 the 4:00 and 6:30 Mass in the church hall 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.