St. Joseph Catholic Church
Fed by Word and Sacrament to Love and Serve

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THE HOLY FAMILY
“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”
- Mt 2:20

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

Weekday Mass:
Tuesday, December 31, 5:30 PM
Wednesday, January 1, 9:00 AM
Thursday, January 2, 7:30 AM
Friday, January 3, 7:30 AM

Reconciliation:
Saturday, 3:30 PM

Adoration:
No Adoration Monday, December 30

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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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Mass Intentions
Please see Deacon Jeff in the parish office
Mass Intentions for 2020 are now open

Coffee and Doughnuts
Enjoy coffee and doughnuts on Sunday, January 12, following 8:00 AM Mass, in the church hall.
Sponsored by Parish Life and the Liturgy Committee
Women’s Connection
Women’s Connection offers widows from the parish the opportunity to share experiences, solve problems, support each other emotionally and spiritually and have fun, all while developing true and lasting friendships. Gatherings are the second Thursday of each month, 1:15 to 3:15 PM at the school. Next meeting date: January 9. Our speaker will be Julie Palmer with Olivet Neighborhood Mission. For more information please contact Sally Wilkinson at 373-5484.

Women of St. Joseph
Women’s Book Club will begin a new book study on January 15. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. We will be reading Katrina Zeno’s book, “Discovering the Feminine Genius”. Zeno explains God’s divine plan for woman and gives insight into the dignity and identity of women. Contact Kim Ternes at kternes60@gmail.com by Monday, January 6, to reserve your copy of the book. Cost of book, $10.

Ministry Schedule

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RCIA - January 5, Breaking Open of the Word at 8:00 AM Mass, then in the church hall from 9:15 to 10:15 AM for class presentation.
Topic - Catholic Morality: Virtue and Freedom
Teacher - Sean McVeigh
If you would like to sign up for RCIA to receive any sacraments, contact Sean McVeigh = s.mcveigh@dbqarch.org.

Young Adult Adoration This Week! - 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 on Friday, January 3, here at St. Joseph.

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 formed.org and use our parish code to gain access to all of this excellent content for free. CODE = ae0136
Knights of Columbus #5390 will be hosting a fish dinner on Friday, January 17, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the Marion Knights of Columbus Club, 5650 Kacena Ave, Marion. All you can eat baked or fried fish, baked or fried potatoes, coleslaw, Texas toast or cheese sandwich, homemade dessert, and lemonade or coffee. Adults: $12, children ages 6 to 10: $6, ages 5 and under free. Public welcome. Carry outs available.

Facts, not Myths, About Immigrants

FACT: Immigrants Want to Learn English and Become Americans

Immigrants today are like immigrants from decades ago. They come to the US to work hard, succeed, raise the American flag with pride and embrace the freedoms and opportunity that make America great. Immigrants who arrived in the past 25 years have assimilated faster in terms of employment, education, homeownership, ability to speak English, naturalization rates, and military service than their counterparts of a century ago.

Despite increasing fees, over 1 million immigrants apply to become U.S. citizens. There is an increasing rate of military service among immigrants—35,000 immigrants or 2 percent of all U.S. troops have been deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan—reflect a deep commitment to the American way of life.

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

CEW 2020

Christian Experience Weekend (CEW), a retreat offering participants time to grow in their faith and become engaged in their Christian community is coming in February. Separate weekends are held for women and men at LaSalle Middle School.

Women’s weekend is February 7 - 9
Men’s weekend is February 21 - 23

For more information and to register, go online to www.crcew.org or contact Deacon Dennis and Kim Ternes at: kternes60@gmail.com.

2020 Archdiocesan Men’s Conference
March 14

The 2020 Men’s Conference will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker will be Patrick Madrid, with Archbishop Jackels presiding at Mass. More details may be found at: www.CatholicMenOnline.com. Registration is open.

2020 Archdiocesan Women’s Conference
January 25

Beauty in Christ: Fearless. Faithful. On Fire! Featuring speakers Hallie Lord and Kate Prejean! Invite friends and family! REGISTER NOW: January 6th deadline for a $10.00 discount! For more information and to register: www.archwomensconference.org

Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?
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

We Come Bearing Gifts
Epiphany Concert

Sunday, January 5, at 3:00 PM
S. Pius X Church
4949 Council St. NE
Cedar Rapids

Celebrate the Christmas season by attending the annual Epiphany Concert at St. Pius X. This hour-and-a-half concert will feature area choirs and instrumentalists. While admission is free, everyone is invited to come bearing gifts of money and non-perishable food items for Metro Catholic Outreach. After the concert we’ll enjoy refreshments in Pius Hall.

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Please note that we had an early bulletin submission deadline before Christmas. Some information may not be current at this time.

**Christmas Thank You**—I am grateful for the Christmas celebrations we had and offer my thanks to all who had any part in them. There are many components that need to fall in place to help make the liturgical celebration of Christmas as it occurred, the planning of which began in the fall. Thanks to all who dedicated their time, talent and treasure for a beautiful celebration of Christmas. I am grateful, too, for all who evangelized at Christmastime by witnessing to the faith and inviting individuals to celebrate Christmas Mass with us. Everything you did was important. Thanks to all who were willing to adjust to the Christmas Mass schedule. The loss of a priest this July offered us one less option for the location of a Mass. Your cooperation, adjustments and cheerfulness were greatly appreciated.

May God bless you and our parish throughout the New Year!

**Parish Office Update**—There may be more to share by the time you read this, but right now we are planning for reconstruction following the water damage incident in the kitchen and the rooms and hallways below it to commence after the New Year. It is hard to estimate how long it will take, but you can anticipate an interruption of service, office hours and use of office and church space for meetings. I plan to keep you apprised during the announcement time at Mass. The staff, and especially those directly affected by the water damage, have done a great job being cheerful, flexible and adapting to the temporary new normal. Thank you for your prayers, good will, patience, offers to help and your support.

**New Year’s Day is a Holy Day of Obligation**—On that day, we celebrate one of the dogmas of our faith, that Mary is the Mother of God. Masses for the Holy Day will be:

- Tuesday, December 31, 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, January 1, 9:00 AM

**2019 Parish Budget Envelope and Other Contributions**—are due at the parish office by December 31, 2019.

**An Early Christmas Present!**—By the hard work and good graces of the P.R.A.I.S.E. Committee, (Parish Raising Active Intelligent Spiritual Evangelizers), we enjoyed an early Christmas present. Please read on for the exciting details from the committee!

As we gather with our family and friends this time of year, let us take a minute to remember how we are all One Body in Christ. In this spirit, a committee called P.R.A.I.S.E. (Parish Raising Active Intelligent Spiritual Evangelizers) was formed with the goal of helping our parish be a more welcoming and nurturing environment for young families and for all worshipping with them. Children are the future of the Church and their presence at Mass is warmly welcomed and encouraged! We acknowledge that all people from every demographic should feel welcomed and cared for at St. Joseph’s. P.R.A.I.S.E.’s recommendations should reflect the needs of all our parishioners.

The P.R.A.I.S.E. committee was tasked with the following activities:

1. Suggest ways of making St. Joseph’s more welcoming to young families while minimizing distractions for other worshippers.
2. Create ways to help parents participate with and engage their children during Mass.
3. Recommend a regrouping area to help caregivers refocus children and prepare them to return to the worshipping community.

After consulting with Father O’Connor, the Pastoral Council and several parish groups the committee have:

1. Developed engaging children’s material to place in the pews to assist parents.
2. Created a pamphlet of helpful tips for young families at Mass.
3. Established the cloak room as a Regrouping Room for those in need of a place to redirect and create calm outside the body of the church.
4. Begun research on whether hearing assistance devices can be used with our sound system.

We encourage everyone to be mindful and respectful to all ages and walks of life. If you should find yourself getting distracted at Mass, keep your focus on Jesus and imitate His lessons of being patient and kind. Say a prayer, smile and offer a kind gesture or words of encouragement to those who may be distracting to you. You never know what cross someone is carrying and your kindness may be exactly why God called that person to celebrate Mass with you. Be on the lookout for a few additional educational items and changes around our parish. Thank you for your understanding, grace and hospitality that make St. Joseph Catholic Church such a wonderful community in Christ.