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

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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, 3:30 PM
Adoration:  Monday, 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

January 12, 2020
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
A voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” - Mt 3:17
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 dbeq126d3@dbqarch.org.

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

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 Ternes, 319-377-4869 or d.ternes@dbqarch.org and Deacon Ken Bauer, 319-377-4869 or k.bauer@dbqarch.org.

Feed My Sheep: Deacon Ken Bauer, 319-319-3030, Theresa Alt, 319-319-319-319. Learn about advanced care planning and durable power of attorney for health care. Parish contacts: Deacon Jeff at 377-377-377 or jmr926722@mchsi.com, Jean Randolph, 319-377-0497 or jmr926722@mchsi.com, Deacon Dennis Ternes, 319-377-4869 or d.ternes@dbqarch.org, Deacon Ken Bauer, 319-377-4869 or k.bauer@dbqarch.org.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by gathering from January 12 - 17, at the home of Tim and Rose Gorton, 2575 Bullis Dr, Marion, to pray the Rosary at 7:00 PM each evening. All are welcome.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, March 14, 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.

Coffee and Doughnuts: Enjoy coffee and doughnuts on Thursday, January 23, following 7:30 AM Mass, in the church hall. Sponsored by Men of Action.
January 14 - Quilting Ministry
1:00 - 3:00 PM Church Hall

January 15, 22, 29 - Pietra Fitness
2:00 - 3:00 PM St. Joseph Room

January 15 - Senior Luncheon
12:00 Church Hall

January 23 - Women’s Connection Luncheon
11:30 AM @ Mandarin Spice
1412 Twixt Town Rd

January 24 - Coffee and Conversation
9:30 - 11:00 AM @ Mr. Beans

January 28, Gems of Hope
1:00 - 3:00 PM, Church Hall

St. Joseph Quilting Ministry
The Quilting Ministry makes quilts for various charities throughout the greater Cedar Rapids area. For more information, please contact Lynn Mitchell at 377-6166.

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.

Senior Luncheon
All Senior men and women of St. Joseph parish are invited to attend the monthly Senior Luncheon. Please join us for a delicious homemade lunch and some entertainment. Please call the parish office to make your reservation. $3.50 a person.

RCIA - January 19, 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 - Introduction to the Sacraments. (This is the point in the process Sean has been waiting for! The Sacraments!)
Teacher - Sean McVeigh
Readings - CCC 1113-1134, 1210 -1212, Bible - K-1, R-4, Mt. 28:19-20, Acts 2:14-42, 8:14-17, Jn. 5:14-16, Jn. 20:21-23, Mt. 19:4-6. If you would like to sign up for RCIA to receive any Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, as an adult contact Sean McVeigh at: s.mcveigh@dbqarch.org.

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 on Friday, February 7, at St. Pius X.

Movie Night – On January 22, the anniversary of Roe VS Wade, we will be showing the movie Unplanned, at St. Joseph Church. Roe VS Wade is the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in our country and Unplanned is the story of Abby Johnson. It recounts her path of conversion from being a high-level promoter of a woman’s right to choose abortion to an unwavering supporter of life. There will be a discussion following the movie.
Time - Doors open at 6:00 PM, the movie begins at 6:15 PM.
Location - St. Joseph Church Hall
Admission - Free. A large screen and audio system will be set up in the church hall. Seating will be on a first come first serve basis. If you are bringing a large group please email Sean McVeigh so that he can plan appropriately.

Catholic Worker House Meals
Help feed the hungry! Every second Monday of the month, the St. Joseph Social Justice Committee & friends collaborate to provide a meal for 25 children and adults staying at the St. John of the Cross Catholic Worker House in Cedar Rapids. Sign up to provide part of a meal, then drop off your ready-to-eat contribution at St. Joseph Catholic Church (main front doors) between 4:00-4:30 PM on that second Monday. Our volunteer transporter will leave St. Joe’s at 4:30 PM to ensure that all the dinner components will arrive by 5:00 PM. Sign up at: https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2741007/false#!/invitation. Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially Judith Mather, mother of Mark (Christine) Mather, grandmother of Michael, Matthew, & Meghan; Don Paterson, husband of Margaret Paterson; and Marilyn Schlotterback, stepmother of Lyn (Frank) Mickam, grandmother of Sarah.
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.

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

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Please join us on the day of prayer for the Protection of Life on Sunday, January 19 at St. Matthew’s Church, 2310 First Ave. NE. A Rosary will be prayed at 12:00 noon, followed by 12:30 Mass celebrated by Fr. Don Czapla. At 2:00 we will leave their parking lot to March to Planned Parenthood. At 3:00 we will march back to St. Matthew’s lower level where we will enjoy some warm chili and fellowship. Those unable to march are welcome to drive the route and participate in the events. All are welcome to participate in all or part of these events. For more information go to: coalitionforlife@gmail.com or call 319-270-0054.

Unplanned

You are invited to come see the movie 'Unplanned'. It will be shown on Saturday, January 18 at 2:00 pm at St. Pius X Parish Hall. ‘Unplanned’ is the true story of Abby Johnson, who became the youngest clinic director in Planned Parenthood’s history. After a life-changing experience, she became an anti-abortion activist.

Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner?

We still need more people willing to host a group of diners. A few parishioners have already agreed to host dinner in their homes on Sunday, January 26. Please contact Sharron Konzen as soon as possible if this might be for you!

We are now accepting reservations from all adult diners, with a deadline of January 17. Your host will provide the main dish and drink, with the guests being asked to bring a salad or vegetable to complete the meal. The “guessing” part is that no one (including the hosts) will know who is in their dinner party until arriving at the address they will be provided! The fun all starts at 5:00, with dinner around 6:00. Then everyone moves on to the Church Hall by 7:00 for dessert, to meet everyone else who has participated. Ask around- last year was a lot of fun!

Please sign up early for this popular event! Contact Sharron Konzen at (319) 350-9861 or by email at: rkonzen@yahoo.com. Be sure to provide any food allergy information, as well as your address, to be sure you get your invitation.
The bulletin is now in “real time,” meaning that we didn’t have to submit it over a week before its distribution. All the information is contemporaneous with the date of publication.

**The Baptism of the Lord**—is the finale of the Christmas Season. Ordinary Time begins after its celebration and will last until Ash Wednesday (February 26), the beginning of Lent. Upon first glance, Jesus’ baptism seems like a theological construct rather than an occurrence that inaugurated Jesus’ public ministry. John the Baptist baptized people when they sincerely repented of their sins. Jesus didn’t need to be baptized because he is God and never sinned. So, what’s so important about him being baptized?

Lots. But, we’ll consider one reason. Think of baptism as being lowered into the water. Jesus lowered himself into our humanity to become a human being. That was an act of humility and self-abnegation. Water in scripture can indicate chaos. The monsters of the deep live there, they are foreboding and a source of great fear. Think of a great white shark dwelling in the waters, and you living there with it. That helps to capture a real sense of fear. When baptized, Jesus plunged himself into the chaos of our sin, brokenness and fear. He defeated these great monsters by his death and resurrection. His plunge into our humanity is permanent and he addresses the sin, fear and chaos in our lives by bringing forgiveness, healing and restoring order. He’s in the waters with us and will never leave. What a great act of love by God!

**Parish Office Update**—A first floor meeting room/office which sustained the most damage is being repaired. Electrical issues are being addressed and workers have been applying drywall this week. The tile floor in the upstairs kitchen was removed and the base has dried. The tile will be replaced, but repair of the downstairs comes first.

**The Faith in Our Future Committee**—completed interviews of companies willing to do the feasibility study for the upcoming capital campaign and building project. Once hired, the company will give us an accurate picture of what we can expect to address with a building project, how much parish support there will be and how much money we can anticipate raising through a capital campaign. We hope to make an offer to a company by early this week.

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**In Appreciation**

Thank you to the St. Joseph parish family for remembering us during the Christmas season with your prayers, cards and gifts. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. We are blessed to be a part of and to serve a thoughtful and caring parish community. May St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family, watch over your family and may God abundantly bless you all. With our continued prayers for you,

Fr. Dave O’Connor  
Deacon Ken and Rosemary Bauer  
Deacon Dennis and Kim Ternes  
Deacon Jeff and Lisa Volker  
Parish Office Staff

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**World Day for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 1-2, 2020. Please pray for all those who have made a commitment in the consecrated life and offer them a word of support and gratitude. Encourage the young adults and youth whom you know to prayerfully consider if a vocation to the consecrated life may be God’s call for them.