March 15, 2020

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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 Service,
Reconciliation: Saturday, March 21, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Adoration: Monday, 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

““If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

John 4:10
COMMUNAL PENANCE SCHEDULE
St. Ludmila, Cedar Rapids - March 26 at 7:00 PM
St. Joseph, Marion - March 28, 10:30 AM
St. Jude, Cedar Rapids - April 2, 7:00 PM
St. Elizabeth, Hiawatha - April 4, 10:30 AM

CONFESSIONS AT ST. JOSEPH
Saturday, March 21 - 3:00-4:00 PM
Saturday, March 28 - 3:00-4:00 PM
Friday, April 3 - 3:00-6:30 PM
Saturday, April 4 - 3:00-3:30 PM  (Note earlier close of confessions due to Palm Sunday weekend)

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by gathering from March 15 - 20, at the home of Alan and Nancy Buss, 4224 Morelle Rd NE, to pray the Rosary at 7:00 PM each evening. All are welcome.

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### Sunday Envelope Giving

**Week of March 8, 2020 - Week 37**

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### Ministry Schedule

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March 18 - Senior Luncheon, Church Hall  
12:00 PM
March 24 - Gems of Hope, Church Hall  
1:00 - 3:00 PM
March 25 - Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Rm  
2:00 - 3:00 PM
March 26 - Women's Connection Luncheon  
11:30 AM @ Emil's Hideaway
March 27 - Coffee and Conversation  
9:30 - 11:00 AM @ Mr. Beans

Senior Luncheon
All Senior men and women of St. Joseph parish are invited to attend the monthly Senior Luncheon. Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month September through May for a delicious homemade lunch and some entertainment. Please call the parish office to make your reservation. $3.50 a person.

Are you a Prayer Warrior?  We would love to have you on our team!  Please contact Deacon Jeff with your email address if you would like to join our team of Warriors storming Heaven in petition, praise, and thanksgiving!

Funeral Luncheon Calling List
The funeral luncheon committee of St. Joseph's has had an unusually busy season as it extends sympathy and comfort to the families of deceased parishioners. We are grateful to a team of volunteers who, often on short notice, provide salads and desserts to supplement the meal served by capable and caring kitchen and dining room workers.

If you are a member of the food committee and have not been contacted recently, it might be that we no longer have your current telephone number. If your number has changed and you still wish to be on the donor list, please call Mary Ann (377-6179), Lola (377-5237), or Sheila (377-2474) with your current contact information.

Again, and as always, thank you for your generosity and assistance in this never-ending work of mercy.
Thank You from Catholic Charities - These past many weeks Catholic Charities has received strong prayerful and financial support as part of their 2020 Annual Appeal. These gifts provide needed funds to provide assistance to the most vulnerable in our communities and in our families. Thank you to all who have given so generously. It is never too late to join this important effort. To learn more about Catholic Charities or to give go to www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

On Saturday, March 28, the St. Joseph community will come together to celebrate and support faith-filled education. For the past 20 years, the St. Joseph Shamrock gala has brought school families, staff, parishioners and supporters together around a common goal – to provide the best learning environment possible for all who enter St. Joseph Catholic School. Proceeds from this event will help make physical upgrades to the school a reality.


During these forty days let us pray for all who have participated in abortion and with love call them to healing and reconciliation.

The Coalition for Life of Iowa is looking for people to commit to pray in front of Planned Parenthood for 40 Days for Life campaign. Sign up for an hour any day or night! The campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach.

Save the date for SET FREE, EMPOWERED with Darcy & Bruce Aune, Sunday, March 22 at First Assembly of God Church, 3233 Blairs Ferry Rd NE, Cedar Rapids
For additional info: https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids or call Pat at (319) 721-9730 or email Jim at: coalitionforlife@gmail.com.

St. Joseph Parishioners:
Join us in praying for an end to abortion in front of Planned Parenthood at 3425 1st Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. We will participate in 40 Days for Life each Friday of Lent from 12:00-1:00 PM. If you cannot spend an hour, come and spend 5 or 10 minutes or whatever you can with us.

We will meet in a group on the sidewalk and pray a Rosary and a chaplet of Divine Mercy if we have time. If you have any questions please call Mike Alt at: (319) 654-4207.

All singers are invited to sing for Holy Week Triduum.

Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings with times listed below. We will be practicing for a specific day at each rehearsal so you can practice for the Triduum day(s) you are available to sing.

March 18 - rehearsal at 6:30 pm for Easter Vigil music
March 25 - rehearsal at 6:30 pm for Holy Thursday music
April 1 - rehearsal at 6:30 pm for Good Friday music
April 8 - rehearsal at 6:30 pm for Easter Vigil music

Contact Patty Kelly, Director of Liturgy and Music with any questions. Thank you for sharing your gift of song!

Lenten Story: Time to Eat!

Yvone’s Aunt Gaudencia says that CRS has changed her life. Through the CRS programs, Gaudencia has learned to prepare healthy meals. Yvone’s grandfather has diabetes and the healthy meals have helped him stay strong and energetic. In Honduras, CRS provides school lunches and snacks for Maria Ana and her schoolmates. In Vietnam, Trinh and her family have learned to prepare and eat well-balanced and nutritious meals.

Learn more about the families at: https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Start a new chapter in your marriage by attending one of these upcoming weekends. April 24-26 @ Ankeny; May 29-31 @ Dubuque; November 6-8 @ Coralville. For more information or to register go to: www.iowa-wwme.org or call (563) 608-3305.

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Coronavirus—With the first cases reported in Iowa this past week, concern about the spread of the virus has increased. Here is what we have implemented thus far:

- Distribution of the Precious Blood has been suspended indefinitely.
- If you are receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, please extend your tongue so that the minister of the communion may place it on your tongue without difficulty.
- The Holy Water fonts have been emptied until further notice. Holy Water is available in the work sacristy located behind the sanctuary in the church.
- The Sign of Peace may be exchanged without a handshake. A respectful nod of the head or a wave of the hand will suffice.
- We can greet each other before and after Mass without a handshake, but rather a warm greeting.
- If you are experiencing symptoms of sickness, you are not required to attend Mass that weekend. In fact, it could be an act of charity not to expose others to your illness.
- Practice good hygiene. Wash your hands before and after Mass.
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve and not your hand.

We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments accordingly just as we have done since last weekend.

As Christians, the practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy are never suspended. Throughout the history of the Church, when things got tough, the Church got going in service to those in need. During this pandemic, our faith will sustain us. Here are things for you to consider:

- Don’t panic. Place your trust in God.
- Visiting the sick online through an app or program that allows you to do so.
- Being “old fashioned” and call or write someone who is sick or homebound.
- Praying for the sick, those who are caring for them, including heath care professionals and their families, and for a cure to the Coronavirus.
- Giving alms to assist those who are helping the sick, homeless and hungry.
- Consoling those who are afraid.
- Encouraging the hopeless and despairing.

How about you? What are some ideas you have? Feel free to let me know.

St. Joseph Day—the patronal feast of our parish is on Thursday, March 19. It is accorded the rank of a solemnity, which means we are permitted to set aside our Lenten penances that day in celebration of the saint. We recall that St. Joseph is a man of few words in the scriptures, but one who was righteous in the eyes of God, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the protector of the Holy Family and now the Church. This simple carpenter was given the extraordinary privilege of being the earthly father of Jesus, to teach him a trade and the traditions of Judaism. He was silent, but strong, provident and mighty by God’s grace. A shining example for all men, husbands and fathers, let us rejoice in the gift of St. Joseph and for how he played a strong role in protecting Jesus and of his coming of age. Please find below a prayer to St. Joseph written by Pope Leo XIII. It would be a worthy one to offer on St. Joseph day, as well as regularly.

Prayer to St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God’s Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die holy, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Faith in Our Future Committee Update—We have received a proxy from the archdiocese paving the way for us to hire C.C.S. (Community Counseling Services) to conduct a feasibility study with the option for them to follow through with us for a capital campaign. A feasibility study will determine the parish’s interest in and potential support for a capital campaign. If it is determined there is parish interest and support, then a capital campaign is initiated.

The committee has also received R.F.P.’s (Requests for Proposals) from various metro and/or regional architectural firms in consideration of hiring one firm to be the official architect for the building project. We need an architect to support the feasibility study. Since the church building will be part of the project, a liturgical consultant will need to be hired to ensure that the Church requirements for building or renovating a liturgical space are respected and safeguarded. I’ll have more to share as things develop.

Confession Schedule—While this can be done year round, Lent is a penitential season which emphasizes repentance from sin, which is ongoing throughout our lives. Repentance entails going to confession to receive the sanctifying grace of forgiveness and living our lives through the graced, merciful forgiveness of God. Confession and communal penance times are posted on page 2 of this bulletin and in the church.