B E L I E V E

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

JOHN 9:35B

Liturgies

All Liturgies and parish devotions currently suspended until further notice due to the Coronavirus.

March 22, 2020

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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 j.volker@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.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, May 9, 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.

Have you moved? Changed your phone number? New email address? Please call the parish office to update your contact information.
Phone: 377-4869
Email: dbq126sec@dbqarch.org

St. Joseph Catholic Church - Bulletin

Normal deadline for submissions is: Tuesday, at noon, for the following Sunday bulletin
Please send submissions to: dbq126sec@dbqarch.org

Pastor’s Pen continued ...

Announcements

The St. Joseph Parish website will be the main source of information at https://stjoesmarion.org/.
Weekend Mass will be broadcast via our parish website at https://stjoesmarion.org/ at 4:30 PM on Saturdays.
Weekday Masses will be broadcast via our parish YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/StJosephCatholicChurchMarion.
All broadcasted Masses will be available for later viewing at www.youtube.com/c/StJosephCatholicChurchMarion.
Effective immediately and per archdiocesan policy, all parish devotions, meetings, sports and other public events are suspended.
Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms may be held, but limited to the immediate family, and limited according to the number of people allowed by the State and/or CDC.
Private, one-on-one confession can be scheduled by appointment. The penitent may be requested to keep a reasonable distance from the priest.
All Women’s Ministries are currently suspended.

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!

As you’ve likely concluded, Shamrock will NOT occur on March 28 as originally planned. The committee is diligently exploring other options (like postponing, moving the auction online or a combination of the two). Our hope is to work through the details and communicate accordingly in the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience and support!

Knights of Columbus #5390 have canceled the fish dinners scheduled for the Lenten season.

Lenten Story: Home and Family!

This week we meet Trinh (age 12) from Vietnam, Maria Ana (age 16) from Honduras and Yvone (age 11) from Kenya. How do the girls help their families? By doing chores, helping with younger siblings, and going to school. Trinh says, “My family is the most important thing to me.” Maria Ana has been displaced from her home and is living in a wooden hut. She also helps her family by earning money in the community. How do you help your family?

Read more about Trinh, Maria Ana and Yvone at: https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-2

Pray that we do not ignore the cries for help from the unborn and their mothers and fathers.

We regret to inform you that SET FREE, EMPOWERED with Darcy & Bruce Aune, Sunday, March 22 has been postponed until September, 2020.

Abortions are still happening NOW. Please continue to pray and fast NOW.

For additional info: https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids or call Pat at (319) 721-9730 or email Jim at: coalitionforlife@gmail.com.

Liturgical Ministers Workshop

This event has been postponed out of an abundance of caution related to the Coronavirus.
March 16, 2020

Message from Archbishop Jackels, to the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, regarding the coronavirus

After consultation and considerable prayer, it has been decided – out of an abundance of caution and with devotion to the common good – to take steps aimed at slowing down the spread of the coronavirus, to flatten the curve, as they say, so as not to overburden the healthcare system.

Therefore, **beginning on 19 March 2020 and until further notice**, the following provisions have been taken:

- All public celebrations of Holy Mass are cancelled. All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- The Chrism Mass will be celebrated, but with only the liturgical ministers present. The oils will be blessed, bottled, and distributed in some way to the parishes.
- During this time, the Archbishop will live stream a celebration of Holy Mass each Sunday, as well as the Chrism Mass (and the Triduum, if the situation has not changed by then), and will lead the Rosary each week on Thursday. Visit www.DBQArch.org for more information about these live streamed events.
- The existing schedule for Confirmation is cancelled (the Archbishop’s office will contact the parishes to reschedule).
- Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms may be held, but limited to the immediate family, or at least no more than 10 people present, according to the current CDC guidelines.
- Communal penance services should not be held. The present circumstances do not constitute the grave necessity required for use of general absolution. Private, one-on-one confession can be scheduled by appointment.
- All archdiocesan-sponsored events where 10+ people are gathered are cancelled.

Pray to God for speedy deliverance from the evil of the coronavirus, for those who are sick or who live in fear of infection, for those who care for the sick and elderly, for those whose lives and livelihood are adversely affected by the spread of the virus, and that we might all remain calm and confident in God’s wisdom, power, and goodness.

Conscious of our great need, and confident of God’s loving care, with the above intentions in mind, all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Dubuque are invited to join in a day of fast, abstinence, and prayer on **Wednesday, 25 March 2020**; this is voluntary, not obligatory.

On that day, people ordinarily bound on Ash Wednesday to fast (only one full meal, taking less at the other meals) and abstain from meat are invited to make those same sacrifices. And as far as prayer is concerned, the Rosary is recommended as a powerful prayer, prayed alone or with others.

God, come to our assistance. Lord, make haste to help us. Mary, health of the sick, pray for us. St. Raphael, patron of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and patron of healing, pray for us.

St. Joseph Catholic Church Nomination Form

Please fill out this form to suggest yourself or a fellow parishioner to run for one of the parish elected positions. Individuals will be contacted with more information about the offices. To be eligible, nominees must be a member of the parish and in Full Communion with the Catholic Church and support her teachings.

**Name:**

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If known: **Phone #:** ______________ and/or **Email:** ______________

**Address (if known):**

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Please consider for: (Circle preference)

- Faith Formation Commission
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Catholic School Board

**These bodies are advisory to the Pastor**

Faith Formation: Develop and oversee plan to provide for the lifelong faith formation and education of parish members.

Pastoral Council: Promote our parish’s mission and chart the course for programs and activities.

School Board: Provide leadership and policy oversight for St. Joseph School.

Please email information to t.martin@dbqarch.org, or drop off/mail to St. Joseph’s Parish Office, 1790 14th Street, Marion, IA, 52302. Deadline is Wednesday, April 1, 2020.
We Are Living—in an extraordinary time with unprecedented measures being taken to protect our nation from the ravages of the Coronavirus and to flatten the infection rate.

We are the Father’s sons and daughters and he will care for his children. We place our faith and trust in him.

We are Christ’s baptized faithful. As such, I hereby commission you as prayer warriors.

Here’s what your commission means:

Trust in the Power of the Cross

Jesus spoke of the cross as the way that he draws all people unto himself. The cross is healing for those who look upon it. Christ’s cross helps us to carry our own crosses. It is through the cross that Christ saved us.

Holy Mass

We will begin broadcasting weekend Mass on Saturday, March 21, 4:30 PM. Daily Mass will be broadcast as well. While the Archbishop has dispensed your obligation to attend Sunday Mass, we offer it to our community as a means of worship and keeping us together as a parish family.

Even though you will not be receiving Holy Communion, make a spiritual communion during the Mass and at communion time.

For Sunday Mass, go to our parish webpage: https://stjoesmarion.org
For the Sunday and daily Mass readings please see: http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm
Daily Mass will be broadcast on the parish YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/c/StJosephCatholicChurchMarion

The Mass Schedule

Saturdays at 4:30 PM
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 AM
Wednesdays at 8:15 AM

All broadcasted Masses will be available for later viewing at: www.youtube.com/c/StJosephCatholicChurchMarion

Pray

Pray for the recovery of those infected by the virus, their families and friends. Pray for our health care workers, all those caring for the sick, and those racing to find treatment for the virus, a vaccine and a cure. Pray for our country and the recovery of our economy, our businesses, employees, and those who may have no pay check or job. Pray for our Church and parish, and those who labor in the vineyard, among them the clergy, religious and the laity. Pray for your own intentions.

Pray as individuals and a family.

Use Your Prayer Kit

Here is what I commend to you to do every day which we can all do together as a parish:

In the morning, pray the Most Holy Rosary. The intercession of our Blessed Mother is powerful. Please visit this website to learn how to pray The Rosary: https://www.ewtn.com/legacy/devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm

In the afternoon, pray this prayer asking for the intercession of St. Joseph, the Universal Patron of the Church and our beloved parish patron

St. Joseph, you are the chaste and loving spouse of the Virgin Mary, the foster father of Jesus, the provider and protector of the Holy Family and all families. We have complete confidence in your loving care for new life and your fidelity to the family. Despise not our prayer but graciously hear us. Amen.

In the evening, ask for the intercession of St. Raphael, the patron of our archdiocese and of healing.

Glorious Archangel St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, you are illustrious for your gifts of wisdom and grace. You are a guide of those who journey by land or sea or air, consoler of the afflicted, and refuge of sinners. I beg you, assist me in all my needs and in all the sufferings of this life, as once you helped the young Tobias on his travels. Because you are the “medicine of God” I humbly pray you to heal the many infirmities of my soul and the ills that afflict my body. I especially ask of you the favor (here mention your special intention), and the great grace of purity to prepare me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer will see us though.

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