November 13, 2016
Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

For I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.” - Lk 21:15


Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:30 pm Sunday: 8 am and 10:30 am
Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:30 am
(Please note: Wednesday Mass is at 8:15 am during the school year.)
Adoration: Monday: 7 am to 9 pm
Confession: Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4 pm

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New to the Parish: Welcome! Please call the office to make an appointment to register at 377-4869.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4 p.m. or by appointment with Fr. O’Connor.

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

RCIA: If you interested in finding out more about the process of becoming Catholic, please contact Matt Selby at 377-4869 or matt.selby@stjoestomarion.org.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, January 14th, 2017, in the St. Joseph Room of the parish offices from 9 to 11 am. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at deaconternes@stjoestomarion.org or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

Notifications for Worship Aid: Contact Cathy or Dawn at 377-4869.

Mass Intentions: Please stop in the office to schedule.

Prayer Chain: Contact Vicki at 241-9402 or contact Dawn by email at dawn.feltman@stjoestomarion.org.

St. Joseph Quilting Ministry: Day sessions meet every 2nd Tuesday, 1 to 3 pm, in the Church Hall. To learn more, call Lynn at 377-6166. Evening sessions meet every 2nd Thursday, 6 to 8 pm. For location, call Sue at 377-1394.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort. If you are interested, please call Sharon at 373-2810.

That Man is You: Men’s prayer and study groups meet on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Church Hall and Thursdays at 6 am in the Church Hall. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at 377-4869 or deaconternes@stjoestomarion.org to learn more.

Women’s Connection: Widows from the parish have 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 2nd Thursday of the month, 1 to 3 pm in the Learning and Development Lounge at our school. Contact Carol G. at 319-200-6905 or Sally W. at 373-5484.

Silent Prayer: 6:30-7 pm, Friday, in the church.

SCRIP: Contact Jennifer Decker at jennifer.jill.decker@gmail.com or 558-9072.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Honor Mary Sun., Nov 13th - 18th, with the Sisters of Mercy; Sacred Heart Convent; 1125 Prairie Dr NE, Cedar Rapids. Rosary every evening from Sunday-Friday, 7:30 pm.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry needs breakfast cereals for November. Please place your offering in the basket.
**Important Dates**—Here are a few upcoming dates to place on your calendar.

- Sunday, November 20th, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—End of the Year of Mercy
- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24—Mass at 9 AM
- Sunday, November 27th—The First Sunday of Advent
- December 11, 2016—Annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
- December 15, 2016—Communal Penance with Individual Confessions at St. Joseph, Marion—7 PM

**Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner!**
The Parish Community Life Committee is resuscitating this event which has been popular in the past!

**Mark your calendars**

_for Sunday, January 29, 2017_. Details will come later, in the bulletin. Right now, we are in need of couples or singles to host a dinner group of other adult parishioners. You decide how many people you are comfortable hosting, and then prepare the entrée and provide drink. Your guests will provide salad 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 at your house! Guests are only provided the address and what kind of food item to bring. This is a fun way to meet some of your fellow parishioners other than just seeing them on your way in or out of church! So, if hosting might be for you, now is the time to call or email Sharron Konzen at 319-350-9861 or rkonzen@yahoo.com.

“Discover What God Wants For Your Marriage and the Five Tools Every Couple Should Know!”
Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Enrichment. For information, dates and to register go to iowa-wuume.org or call 563-608-3305.

- Nov 18-20: St Anthony’s Center, Marathon City WI;
- Dec 2-4: Clarion Inn, Iowa City
- Feb 17-19: at the Ramada, Ankeny

**Advent Giving Project**
Our parish will continue its tradition of offering hope and support to families and seniors within the parish and the local Marion and Linn-Mar communities this Advent season.

Tags will be available on giving trees in the entryways of church beginning November 19/20. Parishioners who wish to participate should select one or more tags, purchase the gift item on the tag, and return it _unwrapped_ to the steps of the altar during any weekend Mass. **Final return date for all items is December 4.** If you wish to support the giving project with a monetary donation, please make your check out to “St. Joseph Church” with “Advent Giving Project” in the memo line and place it in the offertory basket during Mass. Thank you for your generous outreach to our families, evangelizing with your life and your giving!

**Beauty in Christ Conference**

**What’s This STO All About?**
It’s about supporting Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Dubuque _and_ making the most out of your charitable contribution. If you file an Iowa Income Tax Return, your contributions to the _Our Faith School Tuition Organization_ (STO) qualify for a 65% tax credit. That means for every $100 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit $65, which reduces your Iowa tax liability by $65. Thus, a $1000 contribution reduces your Iowa tax liability by a whopping $650 AND the entire amount of your gift qualifies for federal deductibility. Visit _www.OurFaithSto.org_ or call 800-876-3546 ext. 219 or ext. 307 to learn more.

**An Invitation from the Catholic Laymen’s Club**
The Catholic Laymen’s Club of the Cedar Rapids-Marion area would like to extend an invitation for men in our metropolitan area parishes to join us at our weekly, Friday noon luncheon meetings. Our aims and objectives are to pray for and foster vocations to the priesthood and other religious, and to establish good fellowship among Catholic parish members in our community. Each week we have an interesting speaker to help keep us informed about our community. If this is something that might interest you, please call Kevin Wimmer, 373-7424 or Roger Blietz, 365-8228.

**Prayerfully Consider Hosting the Local Pilgrim Virgin Mary Statue and Evening Rosary**
The tradition of the traveling Pilgrim Virgin Statue and evening rosary has blessed our community since 1940. Each week the statue is hosted in a different home where anyone is welcome to attend the evening rosary Sunday through Friday at 7:30 pm. If you’re interested in hosting the rosary, please contact Mary Jo Evers at 319-377-4197 or fill out the electronic form at: _https://goo.gl/forms/3vOwfnq4re7oGT4f2_.

**Our Faith St. Joseph**
Visit _www.OurFaithSto.org_ for more information.

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_Fr. David O’Connor_
St. Joseph Catholic School
If you are interested in a tour or in learning more about how St. Joseph Catholic School and Preschool can serve as a partner in growing your child’s heart, mind and faith, please contact principal Casey Kettmann at 377-6348, or email kettmann@sjcsmarion.org.

Quality Childcare for Ages 3 and Up
St. Joseph Catholic School’s (SJCS) Early Childhood Program has quality caregiving for families that need as little as an hour drop-in or a full day. Staff encourages families to visit the program to meet the experienced, faith-filled and educated caregivers and see the facilities where they provide care. Certified by the Department of Human Services, program details include:
- Daycare for Ages 3-5
- Before- and after-school care for school-aged kids
- Open 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday

Eighth Grade Families, Come Discover Xavier High School on Monday, Nov. 14th!
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m., program begins at 7 p.m. Eighth graders and eighth grade parents, you are invited to “Discover Xavier Night” on Monday, November 14th. All eighth grade families are welcome to attend regardless of where your student currently attends middle school. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and program will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Tom Keating at 319-294-6635, ext. 305 or email tom.keating@xavier saints.org. We hope to see you there! Additional information is available at XavierSaints.org/Discover Xavier.

Annual /Xavier Holiday Greenery Fundraiser
Ends on Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Wreaths, sprays, mailbox, or candy cane OR purchase a poinsettia plant available in jingle bell, pink, red, or white colors and support Xavier performing arts. To order contact Carol Vester at cavester@mchsi.com or 319-329-4566 by November 15. Orders will be available for pick up at Xavier High School on December 5. More information is available at XavierSaints.org/Greenery.

Holy Family School System Fundraiser
Do your holiday shopping at Holy Family Catholic School System’s 3rd Annual Christmas Spectacular, Saturday, November 19, 10 am – 4 pm at St. Jude Center, 3700 1st Avenue NW, Cedar Rapids. This one-stop shopping fair will feature everything for your holiday gift-giving needs – home décor, kitchen and cooking products, fashion accessories, and handcrafted items to name just a few! Join us for this fun event!

CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION OUTREACH
Come hear St. Joseph parishioner Emily Meyer share how the power of prayer, the sacraments, and love transformed her son and her heart.
Where: St. Joseph Catholic Church
When: Sunday, November 13th, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
A light meal will be served and free child care will be provided. There is no charge and all are welcome.
Visit CRCEO.INFO.

Holiday Bulletin Deadlines
Please note that our printer has early deadlines for our bulletins for the weekend before and the weekend after Thanksgiving.
November 19th/20th bulletin: submissions are due before noon, Monday, November 14th.
November 26th/27th Bulletin: submissions are due before 5 pm, Thursday, November 17th.

Women’s Connection: For Food, Fun, and Friendship!
Women’s Connection, a support group for widows of St. Joseph Parish, will gather at Scott’s Family Restaurant, 1906 Blairs Ferry Rd. N.E., Cedar Rapids, for our next monthly luncheon, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 17th. For more information, call Carol at 319-200-6905 or cell: 319-654-6296.

Fish Dinner
Marion Columbus Club, hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 5390, located at 5650 Kacena Ave., is serving a fish dinner on Friday, November 18th, 5-7 p.m. All-you-can-eat baked or fried fish, baked or fried potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and more. Adults: $9, children: $4, ages 5 and under: free.

Serving Those Who Serve
The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) relies solely on private donors in support of its mission it’s ministry to provide pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at Veteran’s Affairs’ Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and their families. This collection is not one of the USCCB’s listing of national collections which are included in the Archdiocese through the Fall and Spring 4-1, but instead is an optional collection. If you would like to contribute you can find collection envelopes by the church entrances. Make your check out to St. Joseph Church and return your check or cash in the provided envelope in the collection by November 20th.

Senior Luncheon
Senior Luncheons resume Wednesday, November 16th, in the church hall at noon. Please RSVP by calling the parish secretary by Monday, November 14th at 377-4869.

Ladies of the Parish:
A huge thank you to all who attended the annual “tie-blanket making “ day. Your hard work allowed St. Joseph to donate twenty-six blankets to children in our community.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION
For more information about the events, programs or materials listed below, please contact Matt Selby, Director of Adult Faith Formation at 377-4869 or matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org, or visit our website at www.stjoesmarion.org.

Advent Scripture Study Series on Lectio Divina
Lectio Divina means “Divine Reading” and is an ancient Christian form of praying with the Scriptures. Enter into the season of Advent and grow in your prayer life by joining the next Scripture Study series on this topic called “Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God.” This four-week study will take place Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM, starting on November 28th, and Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM, starting on November 30th, in the St. Joseph Room. There is a $20 cost for materials. Please register at www.stjoesmarion.org/scripture-study or by contacting Matt Selby.

You’re invited to check out the new look, features, and content on FORMED! Every parishioner has 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device with internet access. With FORMED you’ll find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, have access to downloadable Lighthouse audio talks, be able to stream full-length Catholic movies, and download free Catholic ebooks, all in one place. To get FORMED, visit www.formed.org, click on “Register” on the home page, and enter our parish access code, **ae0136**. You will then be directed to setup a user account with a username and password. Once you’ve done that, you’re all set and can get free access to all the content on FORMED anytime, anywhere.

2 for $5 Books and CDs Return this Advent!
During the Advent season, beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving, many new titles of Catholic books and CD talks will be available in the vestibule. All resources will then be available for a reduced price of 2 for $5. You’re invited to buy one and give one away for Christmas. Books will include *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly, *Understanding the Mass* by Mike Aquilina, *Walk Humbly with Your God* by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, *Does the Bible Really Say That?* by Patrick Madrid, and *Making Choices: Practical Wisdom for Everyday Moral Decisions* by Peter Kreeft! Plus, make sure to check out the new CDs on the Lighthouse kiosk, including reflections on the Advent Sunday readings by Bishop Robert Barron, along with daily Advent reflection booklets by Bishop Barron.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Dubuque
A few seats are still available for the bus trip on Sunday, November 20th to visit the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque. The bus will depart from St. Joseph at 12:30 PM and make a stop at the New Melleray Abbey for the group to learn about monastic life. Then, we will move on to the Cathedral for a tour, visit the Door of Mercy, confession, and Mass. After Mass, we will have dinner at Tony Roma’s in Dubuque and will return to St. Joseph by 9:30 PM. There is a $50 cost to cover travel and dinner. For more information and to register, please visit www.stjoesmarion.org/dubuque-pilgrimage, pick up a pamphlet in the vestibule, or contact Matt Selby.

Eucharistic Adoration
Since the beginning of August, Eucharistic Adoration has been available in the church every Monday from 7:00 AM until 9:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to come pray each Monday. We are looking for additional committed adorers who will devote themselves to one hour of adoration every Monday sometime between 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM. By signing up you will help us ensure that someone is present before the Blessed Sacrament at all times. The upcoming season of Advent is the perfect time to begin this prayer routine in your life! After you sign up, you will be contacted with more information and will receive an adorer packet that will overview the responsibilities and guidelines. This includes how to find a substitute for weeks when you will be unavailable to be present during your hour. If you would like to be a committed adorer, please sign up at www.stjoesmarion.org/adoration. Questions may be directed to Becky Bostwick at 319-826-1076 or bjbostwick@gmail.com or Matt Selby at 319-377-4869 or matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org.

Parish Photo Directory: Updated!
If you were not able to make it to a portrait session and would still like to be included in the new parish directory, you may submit your own portrait for $10 (checks made out to St. Joseph). Please email a digital copy to trish.peyton@stjoesmarion.org or drop off a hard copy with payment at the parish offices by November 30th. As with previous directories, our parish roster will be printed in the new directory, including names, phone numbers, and addresses for all registered parishioners. If you would like your information excluded from the directory or need to update your information, please contact the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Directory Committee at 319-320-8750.