November 20, 2016
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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@stjoemesmarion.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@stjoemesmarion.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@stjoesmarion.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@stjoemesmarion.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 Leadership 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 Nov 20th 25th, with Frank and Mary Swiderski; 3371 Oriolde Ct. NE, Cedar Rapids. Rosary every evening Sunday-Friday, 7:30 pm.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry needs breakfast cereals for November. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
The parish office will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Week at a Glance

Sun. 11/20
1:00 pm  Prayer Shawl, St. Joseph Room

Mon. 11/21
7 am-9 pm  Adoration, Church
7:00 pm  Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm.

Tue. 11/22
6:00 am  Women’s Prayer Group, Church
7:00 pm  Bells, Church
7:00 pm  That Man is You! Church Hall

Wed. 11/21
Church Will Be Locked Early.

Thu. 11/24
The Parish Office is Closed

Fri. 11/25
The Parish Office is Closed

Week of November 13, 2016—Week 20

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs  $23,558.59
Year-to-Date Budget  $471,171.80
Collected Last Weekend  $21,921.00
Actual Year-to-Date Envelope Income  $447,891.25
Over/(Under) Budget  ($23,280.55)
Social Concerns (5% of Donations)  $1,096.05
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes  $747.00

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Children's Liturgy
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Emily Meyer Megan Gan
Thanksgiving 2016—
We’ll hear a lot this week about the importance of giving thanks for the gifts and blessings from God in our lives and that being thankful is a year round spiritual exercise not restricted to a single day.
All well and good, but why is being thankful so important that it becomes a habituated prayer in our lives? We start with the Mass, the highest form for Catholics. During its celebration, we give thanks to God for the gift of salvation—that we are forgiven people bought back from sin by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Without Jesus we are lost and nothing. With him, we are renewed, redeemed and called to live eternally with God in heaven.
This is profoundly true, but can sound like it comes from the pages of a theology textbook. Let’s apply that to our lives. St. Paul says to “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thes 5: 18). In whatever circumstance, whether you are mad, sad, happy, afraid, heavily burdened or at the top of your game, never cease giving thanks because it opens you to God and his marvelous work, mercy and love in your life. There is always a reason to give thanks. Easier said than done, I know, especially if you are preoccupied by the existential moment of your life, but being thankful is the antidote to being self-absorbed and lost in activities and events of life. “Continue steadfastly in prayer,” St. Paul says in another passage, “watchful in it in thanksgiving” (Col 4:2). It makes sense because we can become so preoccupied with our issues and the real challenges of our day. But, prayer is your respite, a foolproof way that your heart is opened and lifted to God. That’s how sanity and perspective comes in a world that can be chaotic. It calms fear and offers hope that you are in the hands of One who is bigger than the worst of what the world throws at you or that in which you become embroiled. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His mercy endures forever!
Thanksgiving Day Mass—will be celebrated on Thursday, November 24, 2016, at 9 AM. Please plan to attend to give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon you and your family.

To Pray and Serve
The people of the Greater Cedar Rapids area are invited to join our law enforcement agencies in prayer for officer safety and sound judgment as well as the community’s responsibility for good citizenship. Join us this weekend at 3 p.m. on Sunday (November 20th) for a brief prayer service and social time in front of one of our four locations:
- Marion Police Department, 6315 Highway 151
- Hiawatha Police Department, 101 Emmons St.
- Cedar Rapids Police Department, 101 1st St. SE
- Linn County Sheriff’s Office, 310 2nd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids.

For more information contact Rev. Pat Fish, Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids 630-272-5211.

Important Dates
- Thursday, November 24th—Thanksgiving Mass, 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

Bulletin Deadlines for the Holiday Season

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SAVE THE DATE
St. Joseph Parish Soup Supper
Don’t miss out on delicious soups, stews and chili, dessert and beverages after the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, December 10th.
Guest speaker will be Linda Howes from Birthright. A free will donation will be collected, with proceeds going to support the work and mission of Birthright.
(Sponsored by the St. Joseph Social Justice Committee.)

“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-wwme.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

CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE
During this week of Thanksgiving, may we all be grateful for the blessings that we have received. The Catholic Worker House is extremely thankful for all your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support you have given us! Please visit us at http://www.catholicworkerhouse.org/.
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 by November 21st at www.stjoesmarion.org/scripture-study or by contacting Matt Selby.

FORMED

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 a 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.

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.

Stay Connected and Be Inspired through Flocknote!

Did you know that St. Joseph uses an email and texting service called Flocknote? It is a means by which the parish can send “notes” to the “flock.” There are multiple opportunities to stay connected and be inspired through St. Joseph Flocknote messages. For example, you could sign-up for our inspirational messages called SHINE. These include simple video, text, or image content to inspire you in your faith. SHINE messages are sent daily during Advent and Lent and weekly the rest of the year. Text-to-join by texting the word SHINE to 84576. Or, you could join one of our many other lists, including Marriage Enrichment emails sent every other week to inspire couples and inform about upcoming parish marriage enrichment opportunities (text MARRIAGE to 84576 to join); a Young Adult Ministry monthly newsletter with upcoming opportunities for 21-39 year olds (text YAMGRAM to 84576 to join); Women’s Ministry emails help women of all ages stay connected with parish opportunities for women (text WOMEN to 84576 to join). Join any of our parish Flocknote lists at www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion.

Like “St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion” on Facebook!

Another way to stay connected and be inspired is to follow our parish Facebook page. We post inspirational faith-related messages, along with St. Joseph parish and school news. Find us by going to www.facebook.com/stjoesmarion. And help us get to 1,000 “Likes” by the end of 2016!
Flocknote
To keep up-to-date on the latest St. Joseph Women's Ministry programs and events, please register for the Women’s Ministry newsletter at www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/women OR text 84576 “women.”

Beauty in Christ
Treat yourself and plan to attend the Archdiocese of Dubuque Women’s Conference, Beauty In Christ, Saturday, February 4th, 2017, St. Pius X in Cedar Rapids. Invite your mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends to this exciting day with Leah Darrow and Kelly Nieto! Our speakers will touch the hearts of all ages, from teens to more mature women. For more information, to view videos of our presenters, and to register visit http://www.archwomensconference.org/.

Gems of Hope, Bead and Card Making Workshop
Coming in January! Date and time TBA. If interested contact the Pastoral Office at 377-4869.

Lenten Book Club
Wednesdays beginning March 8th through April 12th in the Saint John Paul II Room, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.
We will be reading My Sisters the Saints by Colleen Campbell.
To see a trailer for the book, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjMmM7cCWxA&feature=youtu.be .

Advent Giving
Kick-off Weekend
Gift tags are available for our annual Parish Advent Giving Project on the trees in the entryways. Final return date for all gifts is December 4 and unwrapped, donated gifts should be placed on the steps of the altar at any Mass. If you prefer, a monetary donation may be made by placing a check made out to “St. Joseph Church” with “Advent Giving Project” in the memo line, in the offertory basket during Mass. St. Joseph Parish will offer hope to parish and local families and seniors this Advent season. Please join us in spreading our blessings from Christ throughout our community this Advent! If you have questions, please phone Liz Lockhart at the YFF Office at 377-8402.

Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner!
The Parish Community Life Committee is resurrecting 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.

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 ckettmann@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

Successful Blood Drive
A big Thank You to all who donated blood and who helped out at the blood drive. We surpassed our goal and our donations from May. We donated 25 pints of blood, saving 75 lives. We also earned a grant of $275 from the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center!

SAVE THE DATE
St. Joseph Catholic School
2017 SHAMROCK GALA
FRIDAY, APRIL 28
CEDAR RAPIDS MARRIOTT
For more information, visit our website at www.stjosephshamrock.com.