Sunday, January 1, 2017

**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.)
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@stjoesmarion.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@stjoesmarion.org or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

Notations 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@stjoesmarion.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.

Office Hours Over the Holiday Season
The parish office and the church will be closed Monday, January 2nd.

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Week at a Glance
Sun. 1/1 Church is Closed After Mass
Mon. 1/2 7 am to 9 pm Adoration, Church
Tue. 1/3 7:00 pm Bells, Church
Thu. 1/5 6:00 am Men of Action, Church Hall
Fri. 1/6 6:30 pm Silent Prayer, Church

Week of December 25, 2016—Week 25
WEAKLY GIVING DATA NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME

Pilgrim Virgin Statue
Honor Mary the week of Dec. 26th-30th with Dan and Diana Richardson; 1200 19th St NW, Cedar Rapids. Marion. Rosary every evening Sunday-Friday, 7:30 pm.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry needs canned soups for January. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.
Formation for All
Formation for All is an online program designed to help Catholics of all ages to learn and pray about Respect Life and Social Justice issues. The next session will address the topics of abortion and adoption. In addition to discussing the church’s teaching on the dignity of the human person from conception, it will also discuss the need to support women facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies and promoting a culture of life through adoption. This session coincides with the Feast of Holy Innocents on December 28th as well as the anniversary of the SCOTUS ruling of Roe v. Wade in January. Sessions are designed for all ages and various settings. To access these sessions go to:
dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation.

From the Finance Office of the Archdiocese Regarding Recording and Acknowledging Year End Contributions
It is that time of year again when we need to think about the implications of year end gifts. Obviously we must comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations. As nonprofit organizations we are to acknowledge the gifts in the year made. This year end presents a challenge in that December 31 falls on a Saturday, and January 1 on a Sunday. Thus contributions received at Saturday masses should be acknowledged as 2016 contributions and contributions received at Sunday masses as 2017 contributions. Also, contributions received in the mail postmarked 12/31/16 are to be included in 2016 contributions.

Support the Mission of St. Joseph Parish
The parish relies on the generosity of parishioners to maintain and develop high quality staff, ministries, and facilities. St. Joseph parish is committed to being a good steward of its resources. There are two ways to give: 1.) Member envelopes may be used to place cash or check donations in the offering at weekend Masses or may be dropped off or mailed in to the parish offices. 2.) Online giving is now available at www.stjoesmarion.org/give. There you may setup recurring donations or give a one-time donation via credit card, debit card, or bank draft. It’s fast, easy, and effective! Please consider making a year-end, tax-deductible gift to the parish. For questions call the parish office at 319-377-4869.

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. Upcoming dates are Feb 17-19 at the Ramada Inn, Ankeny, March 3-5 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, April 7-9 in Dubuque. Questions? Contact jljuwmeo8@gmail.com.

We Come Bearing Gifts Epiphany Concert
Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 3:00 pm, at St. Pius X Church, 4949 Council St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Free admission and refreshments after the concert. Everyone is welcome to “come bearing gifts” of a monetary offering or non-perishable food item for Metro Catholic Outreach (MCO).
Beauty in Christ Conference


Grieving the Death of Loved One

The six-week 1 1/2 hour sessions entitled “Grieving the Death of a Loved One” will be held on Friday afternoons (1:30-3:00 pm) January 13-February 17, 2017 at St. Patrick Parish. It is recommended that those considering these sessions allow six months since the death or change in family lifestyle before attending one of these faith sharing groups. Registration forms are available at the church entrances. Please contact the St Joseph Pastoral Associate office for further details at 377-4869.

Clip and Earn Money for St. Joseph School!

St. Joseph Catholic School collects: Box Tops, Hy-Vee receipts, Tyson Foods, Prairie Milk caps and A+ labels.

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.

Coffee and Donut Sunday

You are invited to come and enjoy donuts, coffee, juice and the company of your fellow parishioners Sunday, January 8th at 9 a.m. in the Church Hall. The Faith Formation Commission will host this gathering.

Women’s Connection

Women’s Connection, a support group for parish widows, will meet Thursday January 12th, from 1 to 3 pm in the Leadership and Learning Lounge at St. Joseph Catholic School. Larissa from Catholic Workers house is scheduled as our speaker. For more information contact Carol G. at 319-200-6905 or Sally W. at 373-5484.

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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.

New Scripture Study Series on Church History
Do you know your family history? The history of the Church is the story of our family. It is the epic story of our ancestors in the Faith—the heroic men and women who shaped civilization and spread the Gospel throughout the world. Knowing this story is crucial to our identity as Catholics. Join an exciting 20-week Scripture Study series called Epic to explore the history of the Church! The series will be offered on both Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM in the St. Joseph Room, beginning the week of January 9th. The cost for materials is $30. Please register by January 3rd at www.stjoesmarion.org/scripture-study.

Young Parents “Families of Character” Series
All young parents are invited to join the upcoming Young Adult Ministry’s parenting series! We will be meeting monthly to experience a program from Families of Character that guides parents in helping their children develop good character through virtuous living (learn more at www.familiesofcharacter.com). The gatherings will take place on the following Sundays from 4:30-6:30 PM in the St. Joseph school: January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, April 23rd, and May 21st. Every participating family will receive free access to the online Families of Character content. Childcare will be provided during the discussion and dinner with the kids will be part of the gatherings. If you are interested in joining this series, please contact Matt Selby at matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org or visit www.stjoesmarion.org/yam. Please register by January 9th.

Gems of Hope Workshop
Join us for a workshop, sponsored by St. Joseph Women’s Ministry, where you will lend a hand to craft gifts of hope to be given to cancer patients and their families in area hospitals and oncology clinics. We will be crafting bookmarks which will be accompanied with previously made cards that include inspirational sayings. The workshop is designed so anyone who cares about this cause can participate. A skilled facilitator will guide us through the process and provide any needed creative input. Over 375 gifts are given each month and that number is growing, so your help is needed! This workshop will not only produce a meaningful outcome but will be fun and a little social, too! The workshop will be held Friday, January 20th, 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the Leadership and Learning Lounge at the St. Joseph Catholic School. Please RSVP to the Pastoral Associate office at 319-377-4869.

Pietra Fitness Class Coming to St. Joseph!
Pietra Fitness is a wellness program for those who seek full integration of mind, body, and soul. Classes focus on stretching and strengthening the body in combination with Christian prayer and meditation based on authentic Catholic spirituality. At St. Joseph, a Pietra Fitness “Gentle” class will be offered weekly on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 PM in the Church Hall, beginning on January 18th. This class is primarily for those 65 and up, but those of all ages are welcome. To learn more about Pietra Fitness, visit www.pietrafitness.com. For questions, please contact the instructor, Chris Mautino at chris.nautino@pietrafitness.com, or pastoral associate Dawn Feltman at 377-4869. A suggested donation of $5 is requested for each class attended.

Senior Luncheon and Special Presentation
Our next senior luncheon is Wednesday, January 18th. Following the luncheon, Bickford Assisted Living/Memory Care facility and Right at Home will be giving a Virtual Dementia Tour which will include a presentation as well as hands-on activities. Through these activities participants will be able to better understand what those individuals that have been diagnosed with Dementia may experience. Please RSVP for the Senior Luncheon by Monday, January 16th by calling the parish office at 377-4869.