August 28, 2016
Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:14

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

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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 3:30-4pm 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, September 10, 2016 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.

Notifications for Worship Aid: Contact Trish at 377-4869 or trish.peyton@stjoesmarion.org.

Mass Intentions: Please stop in the office to schedule.

Prayer Chain: Contact Vicki at 241-9402 or contact Janice by email at janicekelly66@gmail.com.

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.

Men of Action: Men’s prayer groups meet on Mondays at 7 pm in the St. John Paul II Room 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.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Honor Mary August 28th- Sept. 2nd at the Immaculate Conception church Rectory; 857 3rd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. Rosary every evening from Sunday-Friday, 7:30 pm.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry needs boxed canned fruit and juice for September. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to do so.

Mass intentions originally scheduled for Monday morning Masses have been rescheduled in chronological order for the next available Mass.

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Week at a Glance

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|           | 7:00 pm               | Boy Scouts, Church Hall|
|           | 7:00 pm               | Men of Action, St. John Paul II|
|           | 7:00 pm               | Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm.|
| Tue. 8/30  | 6:00 am               | Women’s Prayer Group, Church|
|           | 7:00 pm               | Bells, Church          |
|           | 7:00 pm               | Marriage Enrichment Team, St. John Paul II Room |
| Wed. 8/31  | 9:30 am               | Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room |
|           | 6:00 pm               | Amer. Heritage Girls Board, Community Room |
|           | 7:30 pm               | MAC, Church            |
|           | 8:00 pm               | JAM, Church            |
| Thu. 9/1   | 6:00 am               | Men of Action, Church Hall |
| Fri. 9/2   | 6:30 pm               | Silent Prayer, Church  |

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Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs: $23,077.82
Year-to-Date Budget: $188,468.72
Collected Last Weekend: $26,588.75
Actual Year-to-Date Envelope Income: $178,408.55
Over/(Under) Budget: (10,060.17)
Social Concerns (5% of Donations): $1,329.44
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes: $680.25
Preaching the Sunday Gospel

It occurred to me after having preached the recent Sunday gospels about Jesus bringing fire on the earth and his teaching that eternal life is enjoyed only by those striving to enter through the narrow gate, that the richness of these scriptures invites further reflection. In my homilies I spoke of the eternal fires of Hell and that simply by identifying yourself as being a Christian doesn’t entitle you to heaven. Baptism is the sacrament that causes one to become Christian and is the gateway to salvation. Rather than being the end, baptism is the beginning. You must put into practice what Jesus teaches. I also echoed the words of Jesus when he said that we should strive to enter through the narrow gate, which means to vigorously work for the end goal of life which is heaven. What Jesus taught needs to be put into context with other of his teachings which indicated that being saved by him is a gift and that eternal life and heaven is in no way earned by anyone. Scripture passages, the Church teaches, like the ones to which I referred, are interpreted and understood within the context of the whole of scripture.

So, keep this in mind. When we read the scriptures chosen by the Church for a particular Sunday, she usually has a major lesson in mind to teach, a part of the whole of our salvation. It isn’t practical to teach everything about Jesus saving us every Sunday all of the time. It would be mind-boggling, confusing, time consuming and disproportionate to our worship and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Rather, we consider the truths bit by bit for deeper and more fruitful meditation and personal appropriation. Considering the big picture when we have finished reading the planned scriptures for an entire year, we can put the parts together like individual patches on a quilt. Every patch, every teaching, has its place, and fits with the other teachings. When you look at the big picture, you can see the Truth and the constituents of the Truth. It not only makes sense, but there is a beauty in its harmony and simplicity. You can see God and know that his love pulses from everything that he teaches and how he puts salvation together for us.

Hear the Word of the Lord. Consider its parts, but look for the big picture of which the parts comprise.

Support for Divorced or Divorcing Catholics

Divorce and Beyond is a facilitated, ten-week, small-group process of support and healing for Catholic adults experiencing divorce. Informational meeting and registration: Monday, Sept. 12, 6:30-7:30 pm. Sessions begin Monday, Sept. 19th. Location (information night and sessions) St. Pius X Church, Clare Room, Cedar Rapids. Contact Cathy Wobbe at 377-4869 or cathy.wobbe@stjoesmarion.org.

St. Joseph Youth Faith Formation: Grades K-12

There’s still time to register for 2016-17 Youth Faith Formation classes (K-8), Confirmation Preparation and High School Youth Group. Go to www.stjoesmarion.org, click on the “Grow in Faith” tab to access the Youth Faith Formation web page and scroll down to find the registration link. Questions? Call the YFF office at 377-8402 to speak to Liz, JoAnn or Judy.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers

Every three years Ministers of Holy Communion and along with newly trained ministers, need to be commissioned during Mass. Plan on attending one of these Masses. Register your attendance by signing the brown book at the back of the church. Commissioning dates: Saturday, September 10th at 4:30 pm Mass, Sunday, September 11th at 10:30 a.m. Mass and Sunday, October 9th at 8 a.m. Mass. Thank you for your calling to serve God and His people. Questions? Email Julie at jurajz1214@aol.com.

Supportive Care Iowa Initiative

As part of the bishops’ statewide Supportive Care Iowa initiative, the Archdiocese of Dubuque is looking for people interested in becoming volunteer “Advance Care Planning Facilitators.” We are also interested in training people to do educational presentations for parishes on end of life issues. If interested, please contact Dr. Janine Marie Idziak at DBOCHEAL or 563 588-7749.

Advance Care Planning Facilitators

Role: Available to assist Catholics in your geographical area in executing advance directives in accord with Catholic moral teaching. Will meet with individuals on a one-to-one basis, and without charge.

Training: Completion of 6 on-line course modules from Respecting Choices (about 6 hours) and a workshop (9:00 – 4:30) to be offered within the archdiocese. Cost of training will be covered; no out-of-pocket cost. Desired background: health care professional, pastoral care staff member at a health care facility; parish nurse/health minister; attorney.

Presenters for Parish Education Programs

Role: Present programs on Catholic teaching on end of life issues and advance directives at parishes in your geographical area. Format: PowerPoints will be provided for use, in two versions: (1) with voice narration already included, and (2) plain PowerPoints with narration given by on-site presenter with help from a text provided. The presenter will field comments and questions from participants.

Training: A 1 to 1 1/2 hour webinar will be offered to walk presenters through the PowerPoints and answer any questions they may have about Church teaching. Desired background: parish nurse/health minister, member of an ethics committee at a health care facility, health care professional, pastoral care staff member at a health care facility.

“Pinteresting” News!

The Archdiocese of Dubuque is now actively pinning on Pinterest! The Educational Resource Center has gathered resources for over a dozen Pinterest Boards, including videos, games, activities, crafts, reference articles, useful websites and more. Families can check out the Domestic Church Pinterest boards for ideas on faith-based activities, family prayer, online learning and meaningful “God-talk” in the home. Anyone can set up a free account on Pinterest and access these boards on Pinterest.com/DBQArch. Check back as more Pins and Boards are added!
Interested in Becoming Catholic? You’re invited to join RCIA!
Anyone who is non-Catholic and interested in learning about the Catholic faith is invited to join RCIA. Come explore the Catholic faith with no pressure and discern whether or not you are being called to become Catholic. RCIA will meet on Thursdays from 6:30–8:30 PM in the St. Joseph Room, starting Sept. 15th. Please contact Matt Selby if you are interested in participating. Accommodations can be made if Thursday evenings do not work with your schedule.

New Men’s Program Coming this Fall!
That Man is You! is an interactive, multimedia men’s program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership. The program content harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. That Man is You! is coming to St. Joseph this Fall. Every man of the parish is invited to participate either on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 PM, starting on September 13th, or Thursday mornings from 6:00-7:15 AM, starting on September 15th, in the Church Hall. There is no charge. Learn more and register at www.stjoesmarion.org/men.

Financial Peace University
Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University is back! You’re invited to come learn strategies to create a budget, pay off debt, increase savings, plan for retirement, save for your children’s college, and more! The class will be offered on Sundays from 6:30-8:30 PM in the school Leadership & Learning Lounge starting on September 11th and running until November 20th. Materials cost $100 per couple or single. Scholarships are available, so please do not let the cost deter you. Childcare will be provided. For more information and to sign-up, please contact Matt Selby or visit www.stjoesmarion.org/financial-peace-university. The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 2nd.

“Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come” Scripture Study Series
Our parish Scripture Study groups will be beginning a new series this September on the book of Revelation. Come discover the profound meaning of this rather cryptic text in this 11-week series, which will be offered on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM, beginning September 12th, and Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM, beginning September 7th, in the St. Joseph Room. The cost for materials is $25. To sign-up, please visit www.stjoesmarion.org/scripture-study or contact Matt Selby.

Couples Game Night
The Marriage Enrichment Team invites all couples to a game night on Saturday, September 17th at 5:30 PM in the Church Hall. Dinner will be included. Come enjoy an evening of fun fellowship with other couples. The cost for the evening is $10 per couple. Childcare will be provided. Please register by Monday, September 12th at www.stjoesmarion.org/marriage-enrichment or by contacting Matt Selby.

Parish Mission with Jennifer Fulwiler
You’re invited to this year’s Parish Mission on Sunday, October 9th. Jennifer Fulwiler was raised as a staunch atheist and was vocally anti-Christian. When she was confronted with the teachings of Christianity, she began to wrestle with whether or not they could be true. Her intellectual pursuit of the truth led her to eventually be received into the Catholic Church. Come hear her share her story from 6:00-9:00 PM in the church on Sunday, October 9th. Jennifer will begin with her conversion story, “From Atheist to Catholic,” at 6:00, followed by a dessert social and book signing and then will give a second talk entitled, “What You Need to Know to Effectively Share the Gospel with Nonbelieving Loved Ones.” at 8:00. Childcare will be provided. All are welcome!

“Convinced” Movie Night
You’re invited to a FREE movie night to view the documentary “Convinced: Why Would Anyone Become Catholic?” on Sunday, September 18th. This 2015 film explores the stories of well-known converts to Catholicism from atheism, agnosticism, and Protestantism, including Jennifer Fulwiler, Scott Hahn, Jeff Cavins, and many more. Come find out why they became Catholic. The movie night will be held at St. Patrick Catholic Church (120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405) and will be co-hosted by St. Joseph from 6:30-8:00 PM on September 18th. Free popcorn and childcare will be provided.

Natural Family Planning Class
You are invited to attend a series of classes on Natural Family Planning taught by the Couple to Couple League to learn a method that is safe, effective and morally acceptable. It will be held at St. Joseph Parish beginning September 13th at 6:30 PM. Please contact Katie Hein at 605-695-8581 or hein.katie@gmail.com, or register online at www.ccli.org.

The Christ Our Life conference is back this September 24th & 25th at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Get your tickets now to hear Archbishop Charles Chaput, Fr. Michael Schmitz, Mark Hart, Steve Angrisano and more! For more information and to buy tickets visit www.ChristOurLifeIowa.com. Tickets are also available in the parish office by contacting Matt Selby.
St. Joseph Catholic School: If you are interested in a tour or in finding out more about St. Joseph Catholic School and Preschool, and in how we can serve as a partner in growing your child’s heart, mind and faith, please contact principal Casey Kettmann at 377-6348 or ckettmann@sjcsmarion.org.

Clip and Earn Money for St. Joseph School!
St. Joseph Catholic School collects: Box Tops, Hy-Vee receipts, Campbell Soup labels, Tyson Foods and A+ labels.

American Heritage Girls
All girls ages 5-18 and their parents are invited to learn more about American Heritage Girls (AHG). AHG offers social development, girls’ leadership opportunities, life skills enhancement through a multi-level badge program, character development through community service and citizenship programs, teamwork development & confidence building through outdoor experiences and spiritual development. Join us Monday, Aug. 29th, 6-7 pm, in the Learning and Leadership Lounge at St. Joseph Catholic School. Contact Jen O’Brien: 319-431-6552/mcenany2002@yahoo.com or Katie Hein 605-695-8581/hein.katie@gmail.com.

Women’s Ministry Potluck
Women of St. Joseph, it’s time for some fun, fellowship and food! Join us in the church hall Thursday, September 15th, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, for our women’s parish potluck. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. Plates, napkins, utensils and drinks will be provided. For questions, contact Dawn or Cathy in the parish office at 377-4869. Reservations are not needed.

Parish Directory Photos
Schedule a portrait session time for our new photo directory by using the link on our parish website, or by stopping by the tables near the church entry after weekend masses on September 10/11 and September 17/18. Session times run Sept. 27th through the end of October. Each person or family will receive a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait of the pose that is used in the directory. Additional poses can be taken with special items, like musical instruments, sports-related items or other mementos (no pets, please). These will be ready before Christmas and may be ordered as Christmas cards. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to charity and receive $5 off any prints purchased.

For questions or to sign-up by phone, please contact the directory committee at 319-320-8750.

Lasagna Dinner Fund Raiser
The Marion Senior Living Community (whose support is a mission of St. Joseph Parish) is sponsoring its annual lasagna dinner at Faith Lutheran Church, 155 Boyson Rd., Thursday, September 8th, 5-7:30 p.m. $10 for adults and $5 for children ages 10-3. Lasagna catered by local favorite Zio Johno’s. Tickets will be sold at the church entrance after all masses on Aug. 27/28 and September 3/4. If you can donate a dessert, please sign up at the ticket table. Proceeds from the dinner benefit the care and ministries to low-income seniors living at Moundview Manor, Scott Meadows and Trinity Pointe.

St. Joseph Music Ministry
Minor Miracles is a church choir for children in 3rd through 8th grade. Weekly practices begin Wed., Sept. 21st, 5:50-6:25 pm. This first rehearsal is a parent/student informational meeting. Parents, please come with your children to fill out paperwork and get general information about practices and singing dates. The choir will sing approximately every six weeks. Bonnie Bluml will continue to direct Minor Miracles.

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Jubilation Singers is a choir open to men and women ages 10-100 years old, and we are looking for new members. The choir practices weekly on Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm in the church, and provides music ministry at Mass once a month. Practices begin Thur., Sept. 15th. If you would like more information on this choir simply come to a practice!

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