ST. JOSEPH
Catholic Church

September 11, 2015
Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“[I] tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” — Lk 15:10


Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.
(Please note: Wednesday Mass is at 8:15 a.m during the school year.)

Adoration: Monday, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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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, November 12, 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 Kelly 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.

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 Cody Lorenz at 319-200-6905 or Sally W. at 373-5484.

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 Sept. 11-16 with Leo and Marianne Riester.; 4412 C Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids. Rosary every evening from Sunday-Friday, 7:30 pm.

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

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, Sept. 17th, 4:30 pm**
- Sacristan: Rhonda Sourwine
- Altar Servers: Cody Lorenz, Elizabeth Sourwine, Rita Sourwine
- Lectors: Terry Lynch, Michael Swanson
- Ministers of Holy Communion: Doug Hoeger, Erin Seymour, Jean Kaick, Kelly Zimmerman, Kris Hoeger, Lea Gentzler, Patricia Halstead
- Ministers of Hospitality: David Bengford, Darrell Holub, James Ickes, Jerry Fetzer
- Children’s Liturgy: n/a

**Sunday, Sept. 18th, 8:00 am**
- Sacristan: Carla DeMoss
- Altar Servers: Adrien Perreault, Liam Perreault, Wesley Logan
- Lectors: Emily Logan, Eric Ratliff
- Ministers of Holy Communion: Brian Logan, Sandy Alt, Marilyn Platter, Pattie Zessin, Pauline Soukup, Peg Detweiler, Virginia Flannagan
- Ministers of Hospitality: Allen Platter, Dave Adams, Howard Schiffer, Mel Holubar, Mike Alt
- Children’s Liturgy: n/a

**Sunday, Sept. 18th, 10:30 am**
- Sacristan: Moe Ryan
- Altar Servers: Deveon Muresan, Grace Selfridge, Wesley Muresan
- Lectors: Mark Fejfar, Mark Becker
- Ministers of Holy Communion: Diane Morris John Oates, Karri Kruzer, Kent Wilson, Michele Brock, Pat Soyer, Rita Greif
- Children’s Liturgy: Rhonda Shaffer, Madison Shaffer

**Mass Intention Schedule**

**Mon. 9/12**
- Adoration: 7 am to 9 pm

**Tue. 9/13**
- 7:30 am St. Joseph: Robert “Bob” Jacobsen

**Wed. 9/14**
- 8:15 am St. Joseph: Richard J. Halversen

**Thu. 9/15**
- 7:30 am St. Joseph: The Deceased Spouses of Women’s Connection

**Fri. 9/16**
- 7:30 am St. Joseph: John Crilley
- 9:30 am No Nursing Home Mass

**Sat. 9/17**
- 4:30 pm St. Joseph: Leonard Sholes

**Sun. 9/18**
- 8:00 am St. Joseph: For the People
- 10:30 am St. Joseph: Tom Ryder, Sr.

**Week at a Glance**

**Sun. 9/11**
- 9 am Donut Sunday, Church Hall

**Mon. 9/12**
- 7 am-9 pm Adoration, Church Hall
- 2:00 pm Directory Greeters, St. Joseph Rm
- 5:45 pm Cub Scouts, Church Hall
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Church Hall
- 7:00 pm Directory Greeters, St. JP II Rm.
- 7:00 pm Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm.

**Tue. 9/13**
- 6:00 am Women’s Prayer Group, Church Hall
- 1:00 pm Quilt Ministry, Church Hall
- 6:00 pm Parish Life, Community Room
- 6:30 pm NFP Class, St. JP II Room
- 7:00 pm Bells, Church Hall
- 7:00 pm That Man is You! Church Hall

**Wed. 9/14**
- 9:30 am Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl, St. Joseph Room
- 6:00 pm YFF In-Service, Church Hall
- 7:30 pm JAM, Church Hall
- 7:30 pm MAC, Church Hall
- 8:00 pm HSYG Holy Hour, Church Hall

**Thu. 9/15**
- 6:00 am That Man is You! Church Hall
- 5:30 pm Women’s Ministry Potluck, Church Hall
- 5:30 pm Finance Council, St. Matthew Room
- 6:30 pm Jubilation Choir, Church Hall
- 7:00 pm Pastoral Council, Community Room

**Fri. 9/16**
- 6:30 pm Silent Prayer, Church Hall

**Sat. 9/17**
- 5:30 pm Couples Game Night, Church Hall
**St. Teresa of Calcutta**—On September 4th, Pope Francis declared Mother Teresa of Calcutta a saint. Those who experienced her before she died recognized her sanctity in the love she had for Jesus and humanity. While serving Jesus in the poorest of the poor, sharing the maternity of God through her acts of merciful charity, some criticized her because she was a religious sister who wore a habit, wasn’t a politically correct contemporary advocate for women in the Church, her homes for the dying weren’t up to Western standards, and was conservative in her religious practice because, for example, she spent time before the Blessed Sacrament. No saint is devoid of criticism, no matter how narrow it might be.

We rejoice instead with the preaching of Pope Francis during the Mass of St. Teresa’s canonization, some of which I share with you here. “Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that ‘the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable’. She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime – the crimes! – of poverty they created. For Mother Teresa, mercy was the “salt” which gave flavour to her work, it was the “light” which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering.

**Her mission to the urban and existential peripheries remains for us today an eloquent witness to God’s closeness to the poorest of the poor. Today, I pass on this emblematic figure of womanhood and of consecrated life to the whole world of volunteers: may she be your model of holiness! I think, perhaps, we may have some difficulty in calling her ‘Saint Teresa’: her holiness is so near to us, so tender and so fruitful that we continue to spontaneously call her ‘Mother Teresa’. May this tireless worker of mercy help us increasingly to understand that our only criterion for action is gratuitous love, free from every ideology and all obligations, offered freely to everyone without distinction of language, culture, race or religion. Mother Teresa loved to say, ‘Perhaps I don’t speak their language, but I can smile’. Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer. In this way, we will open up opportunities of joy and hope for our many brothers and sisters who are discouraged and who stand in need of understanding and tenderness.”

In the end, it is the holiness of the saint that overwhelmingly prevails rather than the narrow voice of people lost in their own issues. What a blessing it is to know a canonized saint, as some of you may have met her, but surely been inspired by her as you experienced her through television, film and other media. May St. Teresa of Calcutta be a model of holiness and we strive to imitate her example.

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**Exaltation of the Cross at St. Joseph**
The Cross is a sign of the great mercy of the Father, who because he loves humankind, offers his Son as a sacrificial victim for the sins of humankind. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross should receive even greater emphasis. In an effort to give this great feast due reverence, our parish will offer parishioners the following prayerful opportunities on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross:

- **Wednesday, September 14, 2016**
  - Mass: 8:15 a.m.
  - Stations of the Cross: Noon & 7:30 pm.

## The Our Call to Share Collection: September 17 & 18
Parishioners will receive a brochure and offertory envelope in the mail. On the envelope, choose different collections for your contribution. Please be generous. Remember these efforts of the mission of the Church in your prayers.

## In Her Shoes 5K Fun Run and Walk:
In support of Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center, October 1. Register online at bridgehavener.org or call 319-364-8967.
**Women’s Connection Remembrance Mass**

Women’s Connection, a support group for parish widows, will meet Thursday, September 15th, at 7:15 a.m. at the church for our Remembrance Mass, offered for our spouses. A light breakfast will follow. RSVP to Sally W. at 377-4869. All widows of the parish are welcome!(Reservations are not needed.)

**New Women’s Study Program: ENDOW**

The St. Joseph Women’s Ministry will be offering an 8 week study on St. John Paul II’s "Letter to Women" on Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m. in the St. John Paul II Room (parish office) beginning Thursday, September 29th. This study is part of the ENDOW program, which offers a means of connecting with women in our parish in faith and friend-ship while exploring our Catholic teachings. Materials: $30. To sign-up, please visit www.stjoesmarion.org/women or contact Dawn Feltman at 377-4869 or dawn.feltman@stjoesmarion.org.

**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.

**Senior Luncheon:** Senior Luncheons resume Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the church hall at noon. Please RSVP by calling the parish secretary by Monday, Sept. 19, at 377-4869. Lunches: $3.50.

**Coffee and Donut Sunday:** You are invited to come and enjoy donuts, coffee, juice and the company of your fellow parishioners Sunday, Sept. 11, 9 AM in the Church Hall.

**Tenderloin Social:** KC Council 5390, Marion Columbus Club, 5650 Kacena Ave., Friday, Sept. 16th, 5-7:30 pm, $7: tenderloin sandwich, fries, ice cream and drink.

**Women’s Ministry Potluck:** Women of St. Joseph, it’s time for some fun, fellowship and food! Join us in the church hall Thursday, Sept. 15th, 5:30-7:30 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. All women of the parish are welcome!(Reservations are not needed.)

**Parishioners of all ages are invited to help lift our community in prayer and holiness during Adoration on Wednesday, September 21st, between 4:00-9:00 pm.**

Come participate in Adoration at St. Joseph Church to lift our parish families, priest, deacons, leaders and community in prayer as we begin a new academic year. Come to the church any time between 4-9 p.m on September 21 to join your prayer with those of others in asking for the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we strive to reflect Christ in all that we do and for all whom we encounter and serve. Questions? Contact Liz Lockhart at liz.lockhart@stjoesmarion.org or call 377-8402.

**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 Sept. 10/11 and 17/18th. 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.**

**Greeters Ministry**

You may have noticed an extra smile at the church entrances, an arm to lean on as you exit your car, a welcoming hello as you walk up to the door. Parish volunteers who are dedicated to making each person who enters St. Joseph Church feel welcome have joined together to form a new Greeters’ Ministry. This informal, warm-hearted ministry is seeking more volunteers. If this ministry is one that calls to you, please contact Mary Hauschildt at 377-0970 for more information.

**Catholic Evangelization Outreach**

Hear how Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow’s “one act of kindness” led him to found a worldwide ministry that currently feeds 1,101,206 children a day! Thurs., Sept.22, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1350 Lyndhurst Dr., Hiawatha. A light dinner and child care will be provided. There is no charge and all are welcome.

**Week of September 4, 2016—Week 9**

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION
For more information about these events, programs or materials, please contact Matt Selby, Director of Adult Faith Formation at 377-4869 or matts@stjoesmarion.org.

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. 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. Every man of the parish is invited to participate either on Tuesday evenings from 7:00–8:15 PM, starting on September 15th, or Thursday mornings from 6:00–7:15 AM, starting on September 13th, in the Church Hall. There is no charge. Learn more and register at www.stjoesmarion.org/men.

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 in the school daycare room. Please register by Monday, September 12th at www.stjoesmarion.org/marriage-enrichment.

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 on Sunday, October 9th from 6:00–9:00 PM in the church. 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 sacrificed much to become Catholic. The movie night will be held at St. Patrick Parish Center (120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405) and is co-hosted by St. Joseph from 6:30–8:00 PM on September 18th. Free popcorn and childcare will be provided.

You’re invited to join a Small Group!
There will be various small groups of parishioners gathering throughout the school year to connect and grow in faith. Small groups consist of about 5 to 10 members and use various Catholic video or book studies to guide conversation. The groups will be starting to meet again in September, so now is the perfect time to join! There are two formats available for groups: 1.) General small groups are open to any adults of the parish and typically meet every other week. Various faith topics are discussed. For more information and to sign-up, visit www.stjoesmarion.org/small-groups; 2.) Couples Small Groups are for married couples to connect with other couples and discuss marriage-related topics. This year, they will meet once a month based on participants’ availability. For more information and to sign-up for one of these, visit www.stjoesmarion.org/couples-small-groups.

Wine & Wisdom: The next Wine & Wisdom will be Sunday, October 30th in the Hickory Room at Lowe Park (4500 N. 10th Street) from 7:00-8:30 PM. There is a $10 cost to attend. Light snacks and delicious wines will be served. Matt Selby will be speaking on “Help Them Return: Keys to Reaching Family Members Who Have Left the Church.” No registration is necessary.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Dubuque: Mark your calendars for the opportunity to travel to Dubuque to celebrate the closing of the Year of Mercy. On Sunday, November 20th our parish will offer a bus trip to visit the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque to walk through the Door of Mercy and attend the Archdiocese closing Mass for the Year of Mercy presided over by Archbishop Michael Jackels. Stay tuned for more details, including registration information.

Theology on Tap: Anyone ages 21-39 is invited to attend our Fall Series happening every Thursday in October from 7–8:30 p.m. Events will be held in the enclosed pavilion in the back of Parlor City, in the Newbo area. Visit our Facebook page for more details! (www.facebook.com/CRToT.) See you there!

Discover What God Wants for Your Marriage