27th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.”’ - Lk 17:10

October 2, 2016
Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
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@stjoesharin.com.

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@stjoesharin.org or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

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

Mass Intentions: Please stop in the office to schedule.

Prayer Chain: Contact Vicki at 241-9402 or contact Dawn by email at dawn.feltman@stjoesharin.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@stjoesharin.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 Oct. 2nd-Oct. 7th with Richard and Marcia Morio; 1741 Applewood Place NE, Cedar Rapids. Rosary every evening from Sunday-Friday, 7:30 pm.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry needs canned meat and fish for October. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.
“Standing in Solidarity: Immigrants and Refugees in a Broken Correctional System”
Thursday, October 6th, 1 to 4 pm
Key Speakers: Sister JoAnn Persch, RSM
Sister Pat Murphy, RSM,
Location: Mercy Medical Center in the Hallagan Education Center at 701 Tenth St., SE, Cedar Rapids.
FREE ADMISSION
Snacks! Cookies! Drinks!
Sponsored by: Catherine McAuley Center, Catholic Charities, Fresh Start Jail Ministries & Sisters of Mercy Justice Committee. Donations gladly accepted.

Have you ever wondered how you would answer Jesus’ call when he asks, “When I was in prison, did you visit me?” In this “Year of Mercy” we have a wonderful and entertaining way for you to respond to Jesus by attending and supporting the benefit concert for Fresh Start Jail Ministries.

2nd ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT FOR FRESH START MINISTRIES
October 16, 2016 at 2:30 pm
MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY CHAPEL
Fresh Start Jail Ministries consists of two part-time adult/juvenile chaplains and one part-time volunteer coordinator, who provide spiritual ministry to 325-425 residents at the Linn County Correctional Center. This benefit concert features the Mt. Mercy University Chorus and Band. Sponsors of the event are the Sisters of Mercy and Social Justice Committees from various parishes and denominations in the CR metro area. We encourage charitable contributions at the event. Our goal is $5,050. Contributions to date from local parishes have already helped us reach 20% of that goal! Your individual donation will help us achieve this critical goal.

Catherine’s Tea
Join the celebration of communi-TEA at the 20th Annual Catherine’s Tea! Enjoy tea and a light meal, a fancy hat contest, tea sampling, a raffle and silent auction and a captivating program from Catherine McAuley Center students and residents.
Sunday, October 2nd, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Hallagan Education Center in the Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids. Proceeds benefit the Adult Basic Education and Transitional Housing programs at the Catherine McAuley Center. $25 per seat. Register at cmc-cr.org.

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.

Mercy Auxiliary Mistletoe Market
Presented by Mercy Auxiliary
Mercy will be transforming into Mistletoe Market for a day! Get your Christmas shopping done early and support a local cause. Not only will there be nearly forty local vendors on hand, but also a bake sale and special holiday items available at the Mercy gift shops! This event is free and open to the public. Thursday, November 10, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Mercy Medical Center in the Hallagan Education Center, 701 10th Street S.E., Cedar Rapids.

Catholic Evangelization Outreach
How To Avoid “A Broken Marriage”
Are we striving to be successful? At what cost to our marriage and family? Come hear how George and Jen Erwin lived a life focused on achieving success and how lack of time with each other put them on the verge of divorce. The Erwins’ marriage transformed from one with conditional love to one with unconditional love and total respect for each other. St. Ludmila Church, 211 21st Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, Thursday, October 13th, 6:30-8 p.m.
A soup supper and child care will be provided. There is no charge and all are welcome. Visit CRCEO.INFO.

Discover What God Wants for Your Marriage

Bell Choir
Bell Choir is looking for people to join our ministry. You must be able to commit to Tuesday rehearsals from 7 to 8:30 PM. We play once a month. Interested? Contact Terri Hodge: 377-2615 or phlute1@outlook.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@sicsmarion.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.

Facilities Study for St. Joseph School.
St. Joseph Catholic School is engaged in a facilities study of the school to gather information and create a long range facilities plan which will identify and prioritize future projects throughout the school. The plan will address items such as: space utilization needs, infrastructure, maintenance and life-safety. These projects can then be implemented in a phased approach. Church, School, and Youth Faith Formation staff and other users of the school buildings and grounds will be involved in the evaluation process. This study is necessary so that we are positioned to provide the best physical learning environment for our children and use available funds effectively. The Novak Design Group has been selected to conduct the study.

65% Iowa Tax Credit
As an Iowa Catholic tax payer, you can help families with demonstrated financial need attend any Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Dubuque through a contribution to the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO). Each contribution will receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65 percent of the donation. The amount you contribute also qualifies as a charitable donation on your federal tax return. Visit www.OurFaithSto.org or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546, ext. 219 or 307 to learn more.

Xavier Foundation Parish Appeal
This is the final weekend that the Annual Parish Appeal pledge cards will be available after Mass. Please take a few moments after Mass and help your volunteers by signing your pledge card today, thus eliminating a follow-up phone call. Thank you for your prayers and generous financial support of Xavier High School.

St. Joseph Baby Item Drive
During the month of October our parish will be collecting baby items to help Birthright and Bridgehaven.

Birthright: baby wipes, boy and girl’s pajamas and winter sleepers (sizes 3 to 12 months), bath towels and wash cloths, baby toiletries and new bottles.

Bridgehaven’s current needs are for diapers and pull-ups, baby wipes, Similac Advance Formula, paper towels and napkins, and food items such as canned tuna, spaghetti/ravioli, canned fruit, etc. Please place your donated items in the pack & Play in the back of the church.

New Parish Directory
(Important Updated Information)
It’s not too late to be a part of the new parish pictorial directory!
Sign up for a photo time today. Use the link on the parish website, www.stjoesmarion.org or call 319-320-8750. Photo sessions have begun and will run through October. Each person/family will receive a complementary directory and 8 x 10 portrait of the pose that is used in the directory. Additional poses can be taken with grandparents or special items, like musical instruments. These will be ready in time to be printed as Christmas cards. Bring a food item to be donated to a food pantry and receive $5 off any prints purchased!

Volunteers will soon start calling parishioners to remind them to sign up for a photo session.

Blanket Making Day
Ladies of St. Joseph are invited to the church hall to make fleece-tied blankets for the youth in our community.
Please bring one or one and a half yards of pre-washed polar fleece, any color/pattern, and a pair of sharp scissors. Your fleece will be matched with another and together you’ll make a blanket! Wed., Oct. 12, 1-3 pm, (optional: bring a sack lunch to enjoy in the company of other ladies at 12:30 pm) and 6-8 pm. Come once or both times! Questions: Cathy or Dawn at 377-4869.

Women’s Connection Blanket Making
Women’s Connection will participate in blanket making on Wednesday Oct. 12th. We will meet in the Church Hall. 12:30 – Come with a sack lunch (Optional). 1:00 – Making blankets for kids. (Bring 1 and ½ yards fleece and sharp scissors).

Women’s Connection October Meeting
Women’s Connection will meet Oct. 13th, 1:00 to 3:00 in the Learning and Leadership Lounge at St. Joseph Catholic School. We will be praying the Rosary to honor all members who have passed away or are seriously ill. All widows of the parish are welcome. For more information contact Carol G. at 200-6905 or Sally W. at 373-5484.

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones
A commemoration of all the faithful departed occurs on Wednesday, November 2nd. Customarily, the parish mass of the day has included prayers for those whose funerals have occurred at St. Joseph over the past year. We shall observe that special commemoration during the 7:30 AM All Souls Mass. At this Mass, the names of all the faithful departed of this past year from our parish family will be read in remembrance of each person. If you had a loved one die within the last year who was NOT from our parish and would like to honor that person’s memory at this Mass, please contact the parish secretary by Wednesday, October 26th, at 377-4869. We will add your loved one’s name to the list to be read during the All Soul’s Mass.
**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 matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org.

**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!

**Young Adult Outing to Allen’s Orchard**

All young adults, ages 21-39, are invited to a fall outing to Allen’s Orchard (5801 N 10th Street, Marion) on Sunday, October 2nd at 3:00 PM. Bring the whole family to pick pumpkins and apples and enjoy some fun, fall activities. It will be Oktoberfest weekend at Allen’s and root beer, brats, and pretzels will be for sale. We will meet at the orchard.

**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**

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. 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, a visit to 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 per person to cover travel and dinner. For more information and to register, please visit www.stjoesmarion.org/dubuque-pilgrimage or contact Matt Selby. Space is limited.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Join Fr. Dave O’Connor and Matt Selby for the experience of a lifetime on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from January 16-26, 2017! Experience the places Jesus walked and ministered. See the sites we hear about in the Scripture readings at Mass! The cost is $3,599 per person (additional cost for a private room). To find out more information, pick up a flyer in the vestibule, contact Matt Selby, or visit www.pilgrimages.com/selby.