7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well.” —Mt 5:38-39


Sunday, February 19, 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, March 11, 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.

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@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.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry needs canned fruits and vegetables for February. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Feb. 19th—24th with Roger Schlosser, 1230 English Lane NE, Cedar Rapids. Rosary every evening Sunday through Friday, 7:30 pm.

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Week at a Glance

Sun. 2/19
12-6 pm Private Event, Church Hall
4:30 pm Families of Character, St. JP II Room, and St. Joseph Room
6:30 pm Divine Mercy Faith Sharing Group
Mon. 2/20
7 am-9 pm Adoration, Church
1:30 pm Alpha Prayer Grp., St. John Paul II Rm.
5:30 pm Cub Scouts, Church Hall
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Church Hall
7:00 pm Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm.
7:00 pm CRG, St. JP II Room
Tue. 2/21
600 pm Parish Marketing Committee, Bells, Church
7:00 pm TMIY!, Church Hall
Wed. 2/22
9:30 am Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm.
2:00 pm Petra Fitness, Church Hall
5:50 pm Minor Miracles, Church
6:30 pm JAM, Church
7:30 pm MAC, St. Joseph Rm.
Thu. 2/23
6:00 am TMIY!, Church Hall
6:30 pm Jubilation Choir, Church
6:30 pm RCIA, St. Joseph Rm.
8:00 pm RCIA, Church
Fri. 2/24
6:30 pm Silent Prayer, Church

Week of February 12, 2017—Week 32

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs $23,558.59
Year-to-date budget $777,433.47
Collected last weekend $19,225.50
Actual Year-to-date envelope income $800,895.85
Over/(Under) Budget $23,465.38
Social Concerns (5% of Donations) $961.28
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes $1,013.50

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Ash Wednesday—
Ash Wednesday is March 1st. For planning purposes, the following is the liturgical schedule for the day:

**Mass with the Distribution of Ashes:**
7 am, Noon, 5 PM  

**Distribution of Ashes Outside of Mass:**
7:00 pm  

There are regulations that accompany and support our spiritual practices during Lent. The Church being the body of Christ is a community of persons. The community acts as one in many ways including what is done during Lent. Here’s what we observe and do.

- **Days we abstain from consuming meat:** Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.  
- **Days we fast:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Abstinence** -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be eaten at all. Eggs, milk products and condiments made from meat may be eaten. Fish and all cold blooded animals may be eaten (eg., frogs, clams, etc.).

**Fast** -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. Food necessary for the taking of medications is certainly allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Abstinence from meat on other Fridays of the year is recommended but not required. Additionally, prayer, penance and almsgiving for the sake of world peace is recommended for all Fridays of the year.

Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

**Parish Intern**--St. Joseph has recently welcomed Kasey Kaimann, a student at Mt. Mercy University, as a communications intern for her spring semester. Kasey is double majoring in Marketing and Religious Studies and will be assisting staff with various communications-related projects from now through May. She will be attending various parish functions throughout the semester so please take time to greet her and welcome her to our parish.

**MOVING TOWARD THE CROSS**

**A Lenten Renewal for Liturgical Ministers**
Come join us in the Church Hall on Thursday March 9th as our presenter, Judy Ramsey, leads our evening of renewal. Our time together is designed to inspire you in your service to others as well as in your own journey to the cross. Dessert and coffee is served at 6:30 p.m., our renewal begins at 7 p.m.

This is also the time we do our annual update of ministry participation. If you are unable to attend the renewal but would like to continue participating in your ministry, please verify your information with your ministry coordinator whether it has changed or not.

Please contact your ministry coordinator listed below:

- **Ministers of Hospitality:** Pat O’Connor, pjseco@yahoo.com  
- **Lectors:** Mike Wobbe, 361-7995, or mrwobbe@gmail.com  
- **Greeters:** Mary Hauschildt, maryhauschildt@gmail.com  
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Nicole Trapani, 563-495-0190 or stjoesclow@gmail.com  
- **Music:** Bonnie Bluml, 389-6565 or bonnie.bluml@stjoesmarion.org  
- **Communion Distributors:** Julie Raymond, jray1214@aol.com  
- **Sacristans:** Laurie Schill, 377-4869 or laurie.schill@stjoesmarion.org

**Discover What God Wants for Your Marriage**

Learn 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. March 3-5 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, April 7-9 in Dubuque. For more information contact jlwwme08@gmail.com

**Catholic Worker House**
The Catholic Worker House is expanding its services to provide transitional housing. Transitional housing services provides a solid foundation for a successful move to permanent housing. It is a strong step to help end homelessness cycles. Please pray for the success of this program and stay tuned for more details in the future.

**Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission**
St. Joseph parishioners are invited to All Saints Catholic Church, 720 29th St. SE, Cedar Rapids, to join in their parish mission March 5-7th, at 7 p.m. each night. Leading the mission will be author John Wood and musical guest Rachell Ann.

- **March 5:** Inspire: Rediscover Your Mission  
- **March 6:** Desire: Rediscover Your Faith  
- **March 7:** Fire: Seeing the World Ablaze

This parish mission will be an inspiring yet practical experience of dynamic teaching and application of the genius of Catholicism to every aspect of your life.

Free Admission. Everyone Welcome. Live Music!
Job Opportunity at St. Joseph
St. Joseph Catholic School and Parish immediately seeks a full-time Director of Maintenance. The ideal candidate has extensive maintenance experience and skills, as well as an ability to work with volunteers and the community. Knowledge in multiple areas of routine maintenance (plumbing, minor electrical, basic construction) is strongly preferred. A pre-employment physical and exam are required prior to a job offer. Applications must be submitted online by Friday, February 17. The application can be found at http://www.sjcsmarion.org/about/employment/.

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.

St. Joseph Offers Small Class Sizes
A unique aspect of St. Joseph Catholic School is the class size. The average size of our kindergarten through eighth grade classes is sixteen students. With small class sizes, teachers have more one-on-one time with students. Smaller class size allows students to be more comfortable participating in class discussions and it creates a sense of community among their peers. Parents feel comfortable contacting teachers knowing their children are receiving individual attention. Teachers are better able to identify signs of learning difficulties as well as strengths the students possess, helping them provide students the best learning experiences to maximize academic success. These are just a few of the many benefits of having a small class.

Christian Experience Weekend: CEW 2017
Experience this special weekend and grow in your faith! Anyone wishing to grow in their faith, please contact Kettmann at 377-6348, or email ckettmann@sjcsmarion.org.

St. Joseph Parish Directory
The new St. Joseph Parish Directory will be come out in the spring. When the specific delivery date is announced, information about how to obtain your copy of the parish directory will be included in the bulletin.

Women’s Connection: For Food, Fun, and Friendship!
Women’s Connection, a support group for widows of St. Joseph Parish, will gather at Emil’s Hideaway, 222 Glenbrook Dr SE, Cedar Rapids, for our next monthly luncheon, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 26th. For more information, call Carol at 319-654-6296.

Support Catholic Charities
Did you know that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque holds no government contracts for funding, as compared to similar agencies across the U.S., which rely on budgets comprised of two-thirds public funding. This makes your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal all the more critical! Give securely online at www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org, or send a check made out to Catholic Charities to: Catholic Charities, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA, 52003.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
VITA is a national program sponsored by the IRS which offers free to help out individuals and families whose household income is $54,000 or less and who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals. VITA is sponsored by the United Way of East Central Iowa. To schedule a tax appointment, call 2-1-1 from a

Mt. Calvary Cemetery Spring Clean-Up
There will be a total cleanup at Mt. Calvary Cemetery starting March 15 and will continue as weather permits. We will be removing all flowers, wreaths and decorations. Prior to March 15, please remove all items you wish to keep from around your loved one’s grave site. You may begin placing seasonal flowers again starting April 15.

Green Prairie Garden Opportunity
Feed the hungry, spend time in a lovely garden, and be in community with others. How? By volunteering at Green Prairie Vegetable Garden in Hiawatha. MCO (Metro Catholic Outreach) and Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center are seeking volunteers to assist with Green Prairie Garden. This garden provides food for the MCO food pantry as well as guests at Prairiewoods. Families of individuals, (at a time that is convenient for you), are greatly needed starting this spring. Tasks include planning, caring for, and harvesting a variety of vegetables. Perhaps you like to mow, weed, or water? Laughter, singing and lots of fresh air and sunshine are included, too! Please contact Christine Kirpes with MCO at 319-573-5029, emkirpes@gmail.com or Emy Sautter
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.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Presentation: Anyone interested in hearing about the experiences of the Holy Land Pilgrimage group is invited to the pilgrimage presentation on Sunday, February 26th at 2:00 PM in the Church Hall. Come see pictures, hear stories, and learn about the many holy sites the group visited in January.

Lent Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers: You’re invited to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent (beginning March 3rd) at 5:30 PM in the church. Following the Stations, there will be a Soup Supper in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM each Friday of Lent provided free of charge. Please bring a can of soup to the dinner to donate to a local charity. Come pray with us and then enjoy some good fellowship and food!

“Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession” Series: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is often misunderstood and underused. The stunning new video series from the Augustine Institute called “Forgiven” offers the opportunity to better understand and appreciate the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You’re invited to participate in this series during Lent. The five-week series will be offered in-between Masses on Sundays from 9:10 to 10:20 AM in the parish office wing, beginning on March 12th. There is a cost of $15 for the workbook (scholarships are available upon request). Please register by March 6th at www.stjoesmarion.org/forgiven or by contacting Matt Selby. Forgiven may also be viewed on www.formed.org by entering our parish access code: ae0136.

Joyfully Gifted Lent Retreat: Mark your calendars for the parish Lent retreat on Saturday, March 25th! The theme this year will be “Joyfully Gifted.” God has given spiritual gifts, called charisms, to all baptized Christians. This interactive retreat will help you discover how you have been gifted and how to effectively and joyfully use those gifts. The retreat will be led by Judy Ramsey and Matt Selby and held in the Church Hall from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. There is no charge and all are welcome. To register, please visit www.stjoesmarion.org/retreat or pick up a pamphlet in the vestibule and turn in the completed form to the parish office. Registration is due by March 20th.

40 Days for Life is a Christian-based, pro-life organization focused on praying and fasting on behalf of the unborn. Their next 40-day prayer effort coincides with Lent. Locally, hundreds of participants will join in a peaceful prayer vigil on the sidewalk outside the Planned Parenthood on 1st Ave in Cedar Rapids. You’re invited to join a group of St. Joseph parishioners in prayer there every Friday from 12:00 – 1:00 PM, beginning March 3rd and ending April 7th. For more information, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids or contact Matt Selby.

SHINE: Plug-in to the Light this Lent: You’re invited to subscribe to SHINE, our daily, digital Lent reflections! We’ll be sending daily inspirational emails to help you enter into the season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday. To subscribe, simply go to www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/SHINE or text the word SHINE to 84576. Anyone is welcome to join!

Wine & Wisdom: The next Wine & Wisdom will take place on Sunday, March 12th at 7:00 PM. Wine & Wisdom offers the opportunity for adults 21 and older to learn about their faith through a speaker, while enjoying delicious wines, light snacks, and enriching conversation. At this session, Matt Selby will speak on “How to Discern God’s Will for Your Life.” How do we know what God wants us to do in various circumstances? How do we discern His voice from other voices speaking to our situation? Matt will talk about practical ways to discern God’s will throughout the walk of life. The session will be held at the Hickory Room at Lowe Park (4500 N. 10th Street). There is a $10 cost that may be paid at the door. No registration is required.

Women’s Ministry Newsletter: Please register for our St. Joseph Women’s Ministry newsletter at www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/women or text: 84576 “women”.

Women’s Lenten Book Study: My Sisters the Saints, by Colleen Campbell, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 pm, March 8th- April 12th, in the parish office. Books can be purchased at the parish office for $5 each. (Check made out to St. Joseph Church or cash in the exact amount—we don’t have change.)

Join us for Pietra Fitness Class on Wednesdays: gentle stretching, strengthening of the body with prayer and Christian mediation. Church Hall, 2-3 pm, on a drop-in basis. $5 suggested offering per class.

Coffee and Conversation: Join our informal, friendly gathering of women of the parish every fourth Friday of the month for “Coffee and Conversation.” Mr. Beans meeting room, 1080 East Post Road, Marion, 9:30 - 11:00 am. No need to RSVP!