Second Sunday of Lent

Moving Toward the Cross Through Prayer

Sunday, March 12, 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: Sunday 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, May 13th, 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 pastas for March. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: March 12th-March 17th with Kevin and Mary Jo Evers; 336 Windsor Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids. Rosary every evening Sunday through Friday, 7:30 pm.

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**Week at a Glance**

**Sun. 3/12**
- 9:00 am: Coffee and Donuts, Church Hall
- 9:00 am: Confessions, Church Hall

**Mon. 3/13**
- 7 am-9 pm: Adoration, Church Hall
- 1:30 pm: Alpha Prayer Grp., St. John Paul II Rm.
- 5:30 pm: Boy Scouts, Church Hall
- 7:00 pm: Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm.
- 7:00 pm: CRG, St. JP II Room

**Tue. 3/14**
- 1:00 pm: Quilting Ministry, Church Hall
- 6:00 pm: TMIY!, Church Hall

**Wed. 3/15**
- 9:30 am: Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room
- 10:00 pm: Pietra Fitness, Church Hall
- 5:50 pm: Minor Miracles, Church
- 6:30 pm: JAM, Church
- 6:30 pm: Women’s Book Study, St. John Paul II
- 7:00 pm: Social Justice Comm., Community Rm.
- 7:30 pm: MAC, St. Joseph Room.
- 8:00 pm: HSYG, Church

**Thur. 3/16**
- 6:00 pm: TMIY!, Church Hall
- 5:30 pm: Finance Council, St. Matthew Room
- 6:30 pm: RCIA, St. Joseph Room
- 7:00 pm: Pastoral Council, Community Room
- 8:00 pm: RCIA, Church

**Fri. 3/17**
- 5:30 pm: Stations of the Cross, Church
- 6:00 pm: Lenten Soup Supper, Church Hall
- 6:30 pm: Silent Prayer, Church

**Sat. 3/18**
- 3:00 pm: Confessions, Church

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**Week of March 5, 2017—Week 35**

- **Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs**
  - **$23,558.59**

- **Year-to-date budget**
  - **$848,109.24**

- **Collected last weekend**
  - **$23,489.11**

- **Actual Year-to-date envelope income**
  - **$871,598.35**

- **Over/(Under) Budget**
  - **$2,981.01**

- **Social Concerns (5% of Donations)**
  - **$1,488.48**

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**Ministry Schedule**

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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@stjoesmarion.org.

St. Francis Xavier Scholarship
Thanks to a generous financial donation, the Xavier Foundation is able to offer the St. Francis Xavier Scholarship. This scholarship awards full tuition to Xavier High School for up to four years to qualifying students. Applications are available online at www.xaviersaints.org/stfrancisxavier or in the Xavier Foundation office at Xavier High School. Application deadline for the 2017-2018 school year is March 30th, 2017. For more information, contact Jody Pellerin, Xavier Foundation Executive Director, at 378-4571 or pellerin@xaverfoundation.org.

Roots and Wings
A Presentation for Catholic Parents
Holy Family Catholic School System proudly presents Roots & Wings, a faith-enriching educational presentation for parents on Tuesday, March 28, 7 pm to 8 pm at the St. Patrick Parish Center, 510 1st Avenue NW, Cedar Rapids. This event is free with FREE babysitting services available.

Retired All Saints Elementary School teacher Patti Greenwood and St. Joseph Church Adolescent Faith Formation Coordinator Judy Ramsey will offer this dynamic, interactive presentation and provide parents with some positive, practical, and meaningful ways to help their children catch the faith and grow in their friendship with God.

Forming children in faith can be a daunting task for parents today, but when our children were baptized we stood at the Baptismal font and promised to raise them as Children of God. This promise calls us to use parenting techniques above and beyond what the world may suggest. Providing children with routines, rituals, and special opportunities for faith-sharing can help them feel safe and secure, giving them deep and strong roots. With this security, children are more likely to develop the attitude and skills to find and test their wings... allowing them to really fly!

Whether your kids are in kindergarten or middle school, this presentation will give you the tools and incentive to give your kids roots and help them fly!

Please join us for this special event! For more information go to www.holyfamilycr.org or contact Robert Gardner at 319-396-7792.

Parish Directory Delivery
The new St. Joseph Parish Directory is scheduled to come out in late spring. Keep watching the bulletin for the publication date and information about how to obtain your directory.

A Magical Masquerade
Father/Daughter Dance
Join us for "A Magical Masquerade," a Father/Daughter Dance, Saturday, May 6th, 5:30-8 pm in the St. Joseph Catholic School Gym. All fathers and daughters are welcome (or grandpas, stepfathers, uncles, etc.). Cost of the event is $15 per person with a $45 family maximum. Includes a buffet style dinner, dessert, music, pictures, and more! Register online and then send checks made out to American Heritage Girls to the St. Joseph Parish office, Attn: Father/Daughter Dance. Deadline for payment and registration is Friday, April 7th. Register online at www.stjoesmarion.org/ahg. Questions? Email Jen O’Brien at ahgstjoesmarion@gmail.com.

Senior Luncheon
Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, March 15th, in the church hall at noon. Senior luncheons are held the third Wednesday of each month. Lunches are $3.50. Please RSVP by calling the parish secretary by Monday, March 13th at 377-4869.

Women’s Connection:
For Food, Fun, and Friendship!
Women’s Connection, a support group for widows of St. Joseph Parish, will gather at the Irish Democrat for our next monthly luncheon, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 23rd. For more information, call Carol at 319-654-6296.

Lenten Fish Dinners
Marion Columbus Club, hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 5390, located at 5650 Kacena Ave., will host a fish dinner Friday, March 17th, 5-7 p.m. All-you-can-eat baked or fried fish, baked or fried potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and more. Adults: $9, children: $4, ages 5 and under: free. Fish dinners will be each Friday in Lent.

40 Days for Life
We will pray for an end to abortion in front of Planned Parenthood from Wednesday, Mar. 1st—Sunday, Apr. 9th!
The Coalition for Life of Iowa is looking for people to commit to pray in front of Planned Parenthood for 40 Days for Life campaign. Sign up for an hour any day or night! The campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. Go to https://40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids, or email coalitionforlife@gmail.com.

Employment Opportunity: St. Jude Parish
St. Jude Parish is accepting applications for the position of Secretary/Receptionist. This position is 20-30 hours per week. Job description and application form can be found at St. Jude Parish website, www.judes.org or by request. Send application and resume with references to Fr. Mark Reasoner, 50 Edgewood Road NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405, fax to 319-390-3457, or email to M.Reasoner@Judes.org by March 28th.
Catholic Evangelization Outreach (CEO)

The next Catholic Evangelization Outreach (CEO) will be held at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids on Tuesday, March 14th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Stephanie Evers will be sharing her witness on how she let God carry her after struggling with worldly achievement. A light dinner will be served and free childcare will be provided.

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.

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!

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.

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 (scholarships are available). No registration is required.

Fertility Care and Natural Family Planning Session

Any engaged or married couple who would like to learn about Natural Family Planning (NFP) and fertility care is invited to attend a free introductory session taught by Matt and Katie Hein, and Megan Gan, who have been professionally trained to teach NFP. Come learn about this organic, effective, and Church approved method of family planning on Sunday, April 2nd from 3:00-4:30 PM in the parish offices. Childcare will be provided. Please register at www.stjoesmarion.org/marriage-enrichment by March 31st.

Formation for All

DID YOU KNOW the John Paul II Medical Research Institute in Iowa City specializes in growing adult stem cells to be used for research for cancer, neurological diseases such as ALS, Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, and therapy for chronic diseases? To learn more about the church’s teaching on this topic, you can participate in the online archdiocesan Formation for All program. Sessions are designed for all ages and various settings. To access these sessions go to dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation. For further information about the John Paul II Medical Research Institute, check out their website at www.jp2mri.org.

Pietra Fitness Class

Join us for gentle stretching and strengthening of the body combined with prayer and Christian meditation. Every Wednesday in the St. Joseph church hall, 2-3 pm, on a drop-in basis, no registration required. Suggested offering of $5 per class.

For more information about events, programs or materials listed below, contact Cathy Wobbe or Dawn Feltman, pastoral associates at 377-4869.

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!

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

Women’s Ministry

Connecting and Enriching Women in Faith
The Pastor’s Pen

Fr. David O’Connor

Moving Toward the Cross—This week the focus is on prayer. You can pray outside the Lenten Season, but human nature is such that we need encouragement and renewal sometimes to develop a good habit or to maintain it. Prayer occurs in many ways: with scripture; The Holy Rosary; spontaneously; formally like saying the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be the Acts of Faith, Hope and Love, etc; in the manner of the spirituality of a religious order like the Dominicans, Franciscans, Carmelites, etc., and; the Liturgy of the Hours. The list could go on for several more paragraphs. The highest form of prayer for a Catholic is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Attending and praying the Mass unites you with Jesus in scripture and his sacrifice on the cross, his resurrection, your brothers and sisters as well as all of heaven. Learn the Mass and you will learn how to pray. Participate meaningfully in the Mass and you will be fed and strengthened by God as you are united to and with him.

Chose one or more of the following suggestions that apply to you as a prayer practice during Lent: (1) Start attending daily Mass once or twice a week in addition to Sunday Mass; (2) Pray with the scriptures; (3) Continue your prayer practices, but give God a little more time than you usually do; (4) Start praying ten minutes a day; (5) Learn a prayer form like the Liturgy of the Hours or The Rosary and incorporate into your prayer life; (6) Investigate the spirituality of a religious order to determine if you would like to integrate something they do as part of your prayer.

May God bless your efforts!

End of Life Care Supportive Care Iowa Project—In response to efforts to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Iowa, the Catholic Bishops began the Supportive Care Iowa project. This involves training volunteers to help you understand Church teaching on health-related issues, and to offer help in filling out related documents, such as durable power of attorney for health care, and directives to offer help in filling out related documents, such as durable power of attorney for health care, and directives on specific healthcare decisions in the event of being incapacitated. These volunteers, called Advanced Care Planning Consultants, are now ready to provide this service to you, free of charge. To locate a Consultant in your area, contact the parish office, or look through the Directory of Consultants posted on the Archdiocesan website: dbqarch.org/advance-directives (then click on Directory of Catholic Advance Care Planning Consultants).

Eating Meat on St. Patrick’s Day, Friday, March 17th—We’ll observe the “wearing of the green” and commemorate the great saint of the Emerald Isle on a Friday this year. So, the question will come, can we eat our corn beef on St. Patrick’s Day? Here’s the answer from Archbishop Jackels: “...as St. Patrick’s Day this year falls on a Friday of Lent, and as celebrations often include serving meet, Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are dispensed from the obligation to abstain from meat on that day. Those people who take advantage of this dispensation are encouraged to perform some other good work, for example, participating in Holy Mass that day, or abstaining from watching television, or donating to charity the same amount of money spent on food and beverage at the St. Patrick Day celebration.” Happy St. Patrick’s Day and enjoy celebrating it!

Confession Schedule—Lent is a season of repentance and renewal which includes going to confession. Repent of your sins, and ask for and receive God’s merciful forgiveness. Below is the confession schedule for St. Joseph and the communal penances being celebrated in the metro area which offer the opportunity for individual confessions.

**St. Joseph Church**
Saturday, March 18th, 3:00-4:00 PM
Saturday, March 25th, 3:30-4:00 PM
Saturday, April 1st, 3:00-4:00 PM
Saturday, April 8th, 3:00-3:30 PM
Tuesday, April 11th, 5:30-7:30 PM

**Communal Penances**
St. Jude, Cedar Rapids, Tuesday, March 28th, 7 PM
St. Elizabeth, Hiawatha, April 6th, 7 PM
St. Pius, Cedar Rapids, April 8th, 10:30 AM

CEO Event—On March 14th at St. Wenceslaus, Cedar Rapids, Stephanie Evers will talk about how she used to equate academic success and worldly achievement as the measure of self-worth, come hear how after years of struggles she surrendered herself to God. All are welcome, light dinner will be served and free child care will be provided.

Parish Lenten Giving: The Sister Water Project

Did you know that waterborne illnesses are a leading cause of death for children under five, killing nearly 1,000 children every day?

Our parish Lenten giving project this year supports the Sister Water Project. The Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, with support from their associates, launched the Sister Water Project in 2006 to bring safe water to villages in Tanzania and Honduras through the construction of wells and water systems. You are invited to offer your Lenten almsgiving to the parish giving effort, on behalf of the lives saved and the communities served by this project. Donations may be dropped off at the school or parish office throughout Lent. (Please make out checks to St. Joseph Church, with “Sister Water Project” included on the memo line. Please indicate “Sister Water Project” on envelopes containing cash donations. Learn more at www.osfdhq.org/sister-water-project!)