April 23, 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.)

**Adoration**: Mondays, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Confession**: Saturdays, 3:30 - 4 p.m.
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, 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 knitting/crocheting combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort. Contact Sharon: 373-2810.

That Man is You: Men’s prayer and study groups Tuesdays 7 pm or Thursdays at 6 am, Church Hall. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at 377-4869.

Women’s Connection: Support and friendship group for widows of the parish. Contact Sally W. at 373-5484.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry needs soap: dish, laundry, bath, shampoo, for April. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: April 23rd-28th with Ed and Cheri Phillip; 6410 Fox Run Dr SW, Cedar Rapids. Rosary Sunday through Friday, 7:30 pm.

Silent Prayer: 6:30-7 pm, Friday, in the church.

Advanced Care Planning Consultants: Learn about Church teachings on health issues and find help with documents pertaining to durable power of attorney for health care and health care decision directives. Parish contacts: Theresa Alt, 319-447-1132 or alt.theresa@yahoo.com, Jean Randolph, 319-377-0497, and Deacon Dennis Ternes, deaconternes@stjoesmarion.org.

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EARTHKEEPERS: Caring for Our Common Home at St. Joseph Parish

Save the Date for VBS 2017!
EARTHKEEPERS: Caring for Our Common Home at Camp Creation! June 19-23 from 9am–12pm. This year’s theme is centered around Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si. Please plan to join us, either as a participant (grades K-6) or as a volunteer! For more information visit https://stjoesmarion.org/vbs.

Bridgehaven Fundraising Gala
Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center invites you to join them on Monday, May 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Marriott for their Annual Fundraising Gala. We are excited to share with you what God is doing in the community through Bridgehaven. Our featured speaker for the evening will be Shawn Carney, author and co-founder of 40 Days for Life. Register by Monday, April 24 at BridgehavenCR.org.

Parish Directory Delivery
The new St. Joseph Parish Directory is now scheduled to come out in early summer. Watch the bulletin for the publication date and information about how to obtain your directory.

Sign Up for Xavier High School Summer Camps!
Registration is now open for elementary and middle school football, volleyball, wrestling, track, theatre, softball, show choir, boys basketball, and girls basketball camps, and for Coach Tom Lilly’s “Shoot Like a Champion” Clinic. Camps are held in June and July. Sign up information is available at www.xaviersaints.org/camps. All registration is online.

Fresh Start Jail Ministries Fun “d” Raiser
Rebuilding Neighborhoods—One Family at a Time! Thursday, May 4, Social: 6:15-7 pm, program/concert: 7-8:30 pm, at Cedar Hills Community church, 6455 E. Ave. NW, Cedar Rapids. Entertainment by internationally acclaimed and local musical family White Ribbon Day, with testimonials by two inmates who have become part of this ministry. The mission of Fresh Start Jail Ministries is to offer spiritual support to all people of all faiths within Linn County’s correctional System and lend support and guidance to their family and friends. This ministry needs financial support, prayer support and volunteer support. If you are unable to join us on May 4th, donations may be sent to Fresh Start Jail Ministries, PO Box 1322, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52406-1322.

Adult Faith Formation Director
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion, IA, a two thousand family parish, is seeking an Adult Faith Formation Director. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic with a Bachelor’s Degree or higher in Theology or a related field. A Master’s Degree is preferred. The Director will work as a team member with pastor and staff, direct the RCIA process, administer and develop adult faith formation programs and materials, teach and meet the ongoing adult educational needs of the parish. A familiarity with digital technology would be beneficial. Please go to stjoesmarion.org/employment to review the job description, retrieve the application and send completed application for employment with cover letter and resume to jobs@stjoesmarion.org or Search Committee, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1790 14th Street, Marion, IA, 52302. Applications are due by May 1, 2017.

2017 Parish Elections
Parish elections will take place the weekend of May 20th and May 21st. There are multiple openings for Faith Formation, Pastoral Council, and the Catholic School Board. Candidate forms are available at the parish office and the parish website. Contact the parish office at (319) 377-4869 and/or e-mail address of trish.peyton@stjoesmarion.org to complete a candidate form. Please return candidate forms to the parish office by April 28th.

Parish Leadership Committee Descriptions
- Faith Formation: Develop and oversee plan to provide for the lifelong faith formation and education of parish members.
- Pastoral Council: Promote our parish’s mission and chart the course for programs and activities.
- School Board: Provide leadership and policy oversight for St. Joseph School.
If you have any questions, contact Jerry Brown at 319.210.0266 or blue.sky@blueskypd.com.

Catholic Evangelization Outreach
The next event is Monday, May 8th, at All Saints Catholic Church, Cedar Rapids, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Bill Hunter will give a witness talk about his life being one of broken relationships, addictions, fear, lost identity, self-hatred, insecurity and shame. Bill will tell his story of living a Catholic life with a same sex attraction. All are welcomed. A light dinner will be served and child care will be provided. There is no charge and all are welcome!

Women’s Connection: For Food, Fun, and Friendship!
Women’s Connection, a support group for widows of St. Joseph Parish, will gather at the Marriott for our next monthly luncheon, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 27th. For more information, call Carol at 319-654-6296.

Morning Coffee at St. Joseph Church
Men of Action cordially invite you to coffee and rolls served in the church hall Thursday, April 27th, after 7:30 a.m. mass. Please join us!
The Pastor’s Pen

Divine Mercy Sunday—is always the Second Sunday of Easter (a week after Easter Sunday). Today’s liturgical celebration emphasizes the great mercy of God for the sinner. In the gospel, Thomas’ doubts about the Risen Lord are resolved upon his experience of the nail marks in Jesus’ hands and feet and his pierced side. Reflecting upon Thomas’ experience and confession of faith, we are encouraged to believe that not only is Jesus our crucified and risen savior, but that the graces of his abundant mercy for the sinner endure forever. Never fear or hesitate to approach Jesus, our intercessor, who is familiar with our burdens and afflictions to drink deeply of the well of the life giving waters of his mercy. God’s mercy is eternal!

Plenary Indulgence Associated with Divine Mercy Sunday—A decree from the Apostolic Penitentiary (a Vatican Congregation associated with the forgiveness of sins) announced that in order "to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence...so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters."
The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!).

Additional provisions are offered for those who are impeded from fulfilling these requirements but wish to acquire the plenary indulgence. The full text of the decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary may be found at: http://www.divinemercysunday.com.

New Associate Pastor—I received word from Archbishop Jackels this week that St. Joseph will welcome Fr. Mark Kwenin from the Archdiocese of Cape Coast, Africa, as our new associate pastor, effective 11 July 2017. I don’t know much about Fr. Kwenin, except that I believe he will be coming to the United States for the first time and is about fifty years old. I will have more to share as the time draws nearer for his arrival at St. Joseph.

First Communions—During the Easter Season, we will be celebrating the First Holy Communion of our students at the weekend Masses. Please pray for them as they receive Our Lord’s Body and Blood for the first time. May they remain close to the Mass and the Holy Eucharist all the days of their lives! The First Communions will occur:

- Saturday, April 29th during the 4:30 PM Mass
- Sunday, April 30th during the 10:30 AM Mass
- Saturday, May 6th during the 4:30 PM Mass
- Sunday, May 7th during the 10:30 AM Mass

Congratulations to all our RCIA participants who received Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil! Please continue to pray for them and welcome them to our community of faith!

**Newly Baptized**
- Linda Arens
- Devin Coyle
- Joe Gorsch
- Gary Raymond

**Newly Confirmed**
- Blayke Brice
- Kadie Witting

**Newly Received**
- Amy Donels
- Quentin Duarte
- Sara O’Connell
- Jeff Steadman

*The newly baptized also received First Communion and Confirmation.

**The newly received had previously been validly baptized in another Christian tradition. They were welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church and received First Communion and Confirmation.

***The newly confirmed had already been baptized Catholic but now received Confirmation as adults.
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.

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour
This Sunday, April 23rd, you're invited to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday by attending a special Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration devoted to Divine Mercy from 3:00-4:00 PM in the church.

New Parish Lending Library
Coming soon! An active parish lending library will be opening in the near future in the parish offices. The library will include a variety of Catholic books, DVDs, and CDs that may be checked out by St. Joseph parishioners. The library will be open during regular office hours. Stay tuned for more information, including the open date for the library. Please note that book donations will NOT be accepted for the library.

Young Adult Game Night
All young adults, ages 21-39, are invited to a game night on Sunday, April 30th at 4:30 PM in the parish offices. Bring your favorite game along for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship! Childcare will be available and pizza will be provided for dinner.

FORMed®
Our parish has a subscription to a dynamic online platform called FORMED. Every parishioner has free 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device with internet access. With FORMED you’ll find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, have access to downloadable Lighthouse audio talks, be able to stream full-length Catholic movies, and download free Catholic ebooks, all in one place. It truly is the Catholic faith—on demand. New content is being added regularly. To get FORMED, visit www.formed.org and enter our parish access code, ae0136. You will then be directed to setup a free account with a username and password. Then, you’re all set and can get free access to all the content on FORMED anytime, anywhere.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
If you're non-Catholic and interested in exploring the Catholic faith, then you’re invited to come learn about and explore Catholicism without pressure through the process called RCIA! If you’re interested in RCIA, please contact Matt Selby at 319-377-4869 or matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org to setup an initial meeting.

St. Joseph Parish Women’s Ministry
For more information about events, programs or materials listed below, contact Cathy Wobbe or Dawn Feltman, pastoral associates at 377-4869.

Women's Ministry Book Club
will be starting a new book on Wednesday, May 3 - June 7 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the St. John Paul II room. Our new book is entitled "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World". An invitation for every woman who’s ever felt she isn’t godly enough, isn’t loving enough, isn’t doing enough. If interested please contact Cathy or Dawn in the pastoral minister office. Books will be $10.

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: Register for our Women’s Ministry newsletter at www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/women or text: 84576 “women”.

Register Now!
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Youth Faith Formation
Grades K-12
2017-2018 Program Year
Register now for K-8 YFF, High School Youth Group and Confirmation Preparation
To register: Visit www.stjoesmarion.org and use the “Grow in Faith” tab to access the YFF “K-12” page, scroll down to find the link.

QUESTIONS? CALL 377-8402