Congratulations on your First COMMUNION

Addilyn Albritton
Brynlee Bettcher
Carver Black
Jordan Bradley
Will Caballero
Andrew Castor
Isaac Chappell
Giannah Dart
Kaiian Dart
Addison DeMoss
Kaleb Dreyer
Lydia Eley
Cooper Gasper

Marlowe Ginther
Brooklyn Guild
Gable Haag
Alyrah Hahn
Natalie Head
Tyler Hockaday
Drew Jelinek
Claire Jernigan
Trevor Jones
Mackenzie Keith
Jonas Knoot
Aiden Kuennen
Josephine Logan
Claire Lorenz
Andrew Luedke
Hailey Lutter
Daniel Mazzella
Chase McDonald
Rachel McDonald
Evelyn McInroy
Isabella Meyer
Ava Miller
William Montgomery
Matthew Myrom
Brekin Nierert
Mia Noffke
Cayleigh O’Brien
Jack Osterberger
Logan Otting
Ethan Parish-Steffen
Shea Peddicord
Nathaniel Perreault
Savannah Pfaf
Nathan Phillips
Kate Pickar
Ava Pitkin
Chassity Puffer
Taiten Rahe
Mya Recker
Zachary Robinson
Charlie Sarsfield
Harrison Schuett
Anna Sepcik
Taylor Sleezer
Isabelle Smith
Regan Spaete
Christian Stalkfleet
Alexander Stephens
Isaac Sumcad
Peyton Talbot
Kaden Tarwater
Chase Thompson
Chloe Thraen
Claire Thraen
Addison Vandersee
Lillian Yu
Eleanor Walz
Conner Wander
Hudson Welsh
Leah Williams

April 29th and April 30th, 2017
Third Sunday of Easter
New to the Parish: Welcome! Please call the office to make an appointment to register at 377-4869.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 pm-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 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 30th - May 5th with George and Marie Chaloub; 1322 James Ave; Swisher. Rosary Sunday through Friday, 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

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 or jmr926722@mchsi.com, and Deacon Dennis Ternes, deaconternes@stjoesmarion.org.

Ministry Schedule

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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: Sundays, 3:30-5 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Week at a Glance

| Mon. 5/1  | 7 am-9 pm | Adoration, Church          |
| 1:30 pm  | Alpha Prayer Group., St. JP II |
| 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. 5/2 | 5:45 pm | Bells, Church              |
| 7:30 pm | TMIY!, Church Hall           |
| 7:00 pm | Bldg. & Grounds., Community Rm. |
| Wed. 5/3 | 9:30 am | Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm. |
| 1:00 pm | Girl Scouts, Church Hall      |
| 1:00 pm | Prayer Shawl, St. Joseph Room |
| 2:00 pm | Pietra Fitness, Church Hall   |
| 5:45 pm | Minor Miracles, St. Joseph Rm |
| 6:30 pm | Women’ Book Club, St. JP II Rm. |
| 7:00 pm | AHG, Community Room           |
| 7:30 pm | MAC, Church                   |
| Thu. 5/4 | 6:00 am | TMIY!, Church Hall          |
| 6:30 pm | RCIA, St. Joseph Rm.          |
| 8:00 pm | RCIA, Church                  |
| Fri. 5/5 | 6:30 pm | Silent Prayer, Church       |
Employment Opportunity:
St. Joseph Catholic School
St. Joseph Catholic School has a K-8 general music and 4-8 band position open. This position consists of K-8 Vocal Music, Grades 4-8 Band, and will be responsible for Choir Concerts, Band Concerts, and Spring Musical. This is a full time position. Please go to http://www.sjcsmarion.org/about/employment/ to apply.

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.

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. 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.

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!

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.

St. Joseph Salad Supper
St. Joseph’s Social Justice Committee invites you to attend a salad supper on Saturday, May 13th in the Church Hall after the 4:30 pm Mass. Come enjoy a delicious assortment of pasta, fruit, vegetable, potato and lettuce salads, and a variety of desserts. We will have a great speaker lined up from a local community service organization to talk about what they do to help those in need. The meal is free and there will be a free will offering to support the service organization represented that evening. All are welcome!

Week of April 24, 2017—Week 43

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First Communion Welcome—There are many guests with us this weekend as grandparents, godparents, and other extended family members and friends gather with our first communicants to celebrate their reception of Holy Communion. This is a significant event in their lives and is recognized as such by the many guests who have joined them for the celebration. On behalf of St. Joseph Parish, I offer you a warm welcome and am glad you could join us.

Why First Holy Communion During the Weekend Masses?—I received my First Holy Communion in the parish church during Mass, but my brother received communion for the first time during a Mass celebrated at our home. The latter was an interesting concept which recognized the family as the domestic church, and the “family church” as the building block of the Church and society. As the family goes, so does society.

So, why don’t we celebrate First Holy Communions at home? The number of priests we have today wouldn’t support the practice, but more importantly, First Holy Communion at the parish Masses is the better way to do so. The sacraments were given by Christ to the Church, and hence, they come from the Church through him. All sacraments are communal celebrations, and the community has a role in them. When we celebrate First Holy Communions during the weekend at the usual time the whole community gathers, it appropriately emphasizes and expresses that we are all part of the one Body of Christ and have a role to play in the lives of the first communicants through our prayer, support and example. When a member of our Church approaches the altar to receive communion for the first time, we share in the joy of the moment as Christ the Good Shepherd gathers one of his own to receive his life-giving Body and Blood. Sharing in that moment with the first communicants, their families and friends, is one of the best expressions of the life, unity and vitality of our parish community. We are all one in Christ.

Plan Ahead for Your Baby’s Baptism
Have you recently had a child? Are you expecting a child? Congratulations! We welcome children into our Christian community through the waters of Baptism. To prepare for this celebration, we ask all parents who would like to have their children baptized to attend baptism class. The next class is Saturday, May 13, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the parish office. Please call Deacon Dennis Ternes at the parish office at 377-4869 for more information or to register.

New Associate Pastor
St. Joseph will welcome Fr. Mark Kwenin from the Archdiocese of Cape Coast, Africa, as our new associate pastor, effective 11 July 2017. Fr. Kwenin will be coming to the United States for the first time and is about fifty years old. More information will be shared as the time draws nearer for his arrival at St. Joseph.
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.

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.

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.

Family Picnic – Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the 2017 St. Joseph Family Picnic on Sunday, June 25th at 12:00 PM (after the 10:30 AM Mass) at Hanna Park (775 Fairview Drive, Marion). Stay tuned for more details!

Calling all Men!

The year of the That Man is You! program has come to an end but the parish men’s groups will continue to meet weekly and any men are welcome to join. The groups will begin going through the book Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. The Tuesday evening group will begin on May 9th, meeting from 7:00-8:15 PM, and the Thursday morning group will begin on May 11th, meeting from 6:00-7:15 AM. Please register by Monday, May 8th at www.stjoesmarion.org/men or by contacting Matt Selby.

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

Women’s Ministry

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 at 377-4869. 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”.