Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

Sunday, April 9, 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.)

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Adoration: Monday: 7 am to 9 pm
Confession: Saturday: 3:30 to 4 pm
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 9th-14th with Alan and Nancy Buss; 4224 Morelle Rd NE, 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/jmr926722@mchsi.com, and Wayne Stein, 319-377-1394 or 377-6166.

Week at a Glance

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Early Bulletin Deadline for the Easter

April 16th Bulletin (Easter Sunday): Friday, April 7th

Week of April 4, 2017—Week 40

| Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs | $23,558.59 |
| Year-to-date budget           | $942,343.60 |
| Collected last weekend        | $20,868.25  |
| Actual Year-to-date envelope income | $957,772.80 |
| Over/(Under) Budget           | $15,429.20  |
| Social Concerns (5% of Donations) | $1,043.41  |
| Bricks and Mortar Envelopes   | $889.00     |
| Sister Water Project          | $725.00     |
Teaching Positions at St. Joseph School

St. Joseph Catholic School has two middle school openings in Math and Spanish and is looking for candidates with a middle school endorsement or who are endorsed in 5-12 Math and 5-12 Spanish. This position can be combined to 1.0 FTE if the candidate has both endorsements. To begin the application process please to go [http://www.sjcsmarion.org/about/employment/](http://www.sjcsmarion.org/about/employment/).

St. Joseph Shamrock is quickly approaching and we hope you’ll consider joining us for this gala event to benefit and celebrate St. Joseph Catholic School. This fundraiser helps us maintain the building and keep up with ever-changing technology. The event will take place Friday, April 28 starting at 6 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Marriott. April 18 is the deadline to RSVP. Visit [www.stjosephshamrock.com](http://www.stjosephshamrock.com) for more information, contact the school office at 319-377-6348 or connect with us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/chargershamrock](http://www.facebook.com/chargershamrock). The evening will include dinner and drinks, silent and live auctions, dancing and socializing, games and raffles, and more. We hope to have you join us!

Help make The Catholic Worker House Extended Living Program a Reality!

Your donation today will be matched by Theisen Charitable Trust’s matching grant.

We at Catholic Worker House are grateful for God’s blessings! A year ago we dreamed about creating a program that would help homeless families bridge the gap between our emergency shelter and transitional housing. We have seen an alarming increase in the number of homeless in our community and we lack the capacity to serve all those in need. God answered our prayer when a generous donor gifted the house next door at 1031 5th Avenue SE. While his gift included many needed repairs and renovations, we still have a lot of work to do before we can open our doors. It is our goal to modify the bathrooms and kitchen, replace windows, replace the outdated electrical system and install new flooring and paint…hopefully this year. However, we need your help to make The Catholic Worker House Extended Living Program a reality!

In March, we received another blessing when the Theisen Charitable Trust generously provided a $25,000.00 matching grant. This means that the Theisen Charitable Trust will match your donation, dollar for dollar, up to $25,000.00. If you can find it in your heart and budget to donate now, so your donation will be matched by Theisen’s, please make your tax deductible check payable to the Catholic Worker House CWHX and mail to: P.O. Box 2321, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406. If you need more information, please contact Larissa at stjohncwh@msn.com.

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](mailto:trish.peyton@stjoesmarion.org) to complete a candidate form.

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](mailto:blue.sky@blueskypd.com).

Women’s Connection

Women’s Connection, a support group for parish widows will meet Thursday, April 13th, from 1 to 3 pm in the Leadership and Learning Lounge at St. Joseph Catholic School. Re-scheduled from our February meeting, Officer Dobbs from the Marion Police Department will be our speaker. All widows of the parish are invited. For more information contact Sally at 373-5484 or Carol at 654-6296.

Senior Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, April 19th, in the church hall at noon. Sandy Bruns, a Linn County Triad board member and volunteer will speak on preventing common accidents and securing your home to protect against intrusion. Senior luncheons are held the third Wednesday of each month. Lunches are $3.50. Please RSVP by calling the parish secretary by Monday, April 17th at 377-4869.

It’s a Great Day for a Cabaret!

You are invited to the Mercy Auxiliary Luncheon: “It’s a Great Day for a Cabaret!” Enjoy a delectable buffet-style luncheon and the wonderful entertainment of Giving Tree Theater at Mercy Medical Center on Thursday, April 20th, at 11:30 a.m., in the Hallagan Education Center. Tickets are available for purchase from Wednesday, March 22nd through Wednesday, April 12th and are $30 per person or $240 for a reserved table of eight. For more information, please call 319-398-6286 or email [jwoods@mercy care.org](mailto:jwoods@mercy care.org). (Proceeds from this event support special projects at Mercy Medical Center.)

Please Note

⇒ There will not be a Knights of Columbus fish dinner on Good Friday.
⇒ There will not be a 5:30 pm Sunday Mass at Immaculate Conception in Cedar Rapids on Easter Sunday.
Palm Sunday and Holy Week—The liturgical drama of this week underscores its spirituality as we accompany Jesus from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the Last Supper, his Agony in the Garden, betrayal, Passion and death. At the end of the week, we will be reduced to silence keeping vigil at his tomb pondering his entombment, as we await the Good News of his resurrection. Please make time this week for personal and communal prayer. Frame the days with the scripture readings from Mass and/or the liturgical services of the day. Please attend the liturgies as you find them scheduled below. This is the most important time of the Church’s liturgical year and its spirituality is meant to form yours and enliven your faith.

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.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule—Holy Week and Easter are fast approaching. I am pleased to offer the following schedule from Palm Sunday to Easter:

### PALM SUNDAY (Regular weekend Mass schedule)
- **Saturday, April 8th**
  - Communal Penance, St. Pius, 10:30 AM
  - Confessions at St. Joseph, 3:00-3:30 PM
  - 4:30 PM. The Palm Procession will be in the church.
- **Sunday, April 9th**
  - 8:00 AM. The Palm Procession will be in the church.
  - 10:30 AM. The Palm Procession will begin in the school gym. Inclement weather site is the church basement.
- **Monday, April 10th**—No Mass. Eucharistic Exposition as usual, 7 AM to 9 PM.
- **Tuesday, April 11th**
  - 7:30 AM Mass.
  - Chrism Mass, St. Patrick’s, Cedar Falls, 2 pm.
  - Confessions at St. Joseph, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM
- **Wednesday, April 12th**—8:15 AM Mass

### HOLY WEEK

#### The Paschal Triduum

**Holy Thursday**, April 13th—
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper—7 PM
- Chapel of Repose open until 9:30 PM

**Good Friday**, April 14th—A Day of Fast and Abstinence
- Friday of the Passion of the Lord, 3 PM
- Stations of the Cross, 5:30 PM

**Holy Saturday**, April 15th—The Easter Vigil, 8:15 PM

**Easter Sunday**, April 16th—(Regular Mass schedule)
- 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM: in the church and school gym.

### 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 remaining confession times scheduled for St. Joseph.

- **Tuesday, April 11th**, 5:30-7:30 PM

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**Survey for the 2018 Synod on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment"**

If you’re 16 to 29 years old, Pope Francis wants to hear from you!

Pope Francis is preparing for a synod on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment" which will take place in October of 2018. In order for the Pope and his bishops to have a good sense of how the Church should help young people grow in their faith and discern God’s call for them, he wants to hear from you.

All over the world, young people who are approximately 16 to 29 years old are being asked to provide feedback and insight to Church leaders. This survey is your chance to share your thoughts and experiences.

The information you provide in this survey will be confidential. We do ask for some information that will be used to ensure that we have heard from the right number of people and a diverse group of people. We also promise to take your feedback seriously.

Please know that the Catholic Church cares very much about what you think. So, please take some time to complete this survey accurately and honestly. It should take about 10-15 minutes to complete.

Take the survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/yasynod.

Thank you!

The Archdiocese of Dubuque
**Easter Flowers**  
If you wish to donate to the Easter flowers for our church in the name of a loved one, please place $15 in an envelope marked “Easter Flowers,” print the name of your loved one along with your name, and put your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or drop off envelopes at the parish office by 6 pm on Wednesday, April 12th. Thank you for contributing to the beauty of our parish’s Easter season with a special remembrance of your loved one.

**Parish Lenten Giving: The Sister Water Project**  
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. Our parish goal is to collect enough to cover the cost of a well. 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.osfdlbq.org/sister-water-project](http://www.osfdlbq.org/sister-water-project)!

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**  
VITA is a national program sponsored by the IRS which offers free 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 landline or 319-739-4211 from a cell phone.

**40 Days for Life:** Join us for the Closing Rally on Sun, Apr. 9 at 5 pm. We pray for one hour outside Planned Parenthood, and then head to Godfather’s Pizza at 6 pm. The Coalition for Life of Iowa is looking for people to commit to pray in front of Planned Parenthood. 40 Days for Life draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. For additional info go to [https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids](https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids), call Jim at 319-431-7814, or email: coalitionforlife@gmail.com. Save the date for our closing rally Sun., April 9th, 5-7 p.m.

**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.  
**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:** Please register for our St. Joseph Women’s Ministry newsletter at [www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/women](http://www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/women) or text: 84576 “women”.

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

**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](http://www.stjoesmarion.org).

**Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour**  
On Sunday, April 23rd, you’re invited to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday by attending a special Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration devoted to Divine Mercy at 3:00 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 to enjoy an evening of fun, food, and fellowship! Childcare will be available and pizza will be provided for dinner.

**Spring Retreat Weekend for Adults with Varied Abilities**  
April 22-23, 2017 at Camp Albrecht Acres, Sherrill, Iowa. For information and registration contact Jim Betzner at dbqcffpc@dbqarch.org.