May 28, 2017
Ascension of the Lord

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30 pm, Sunday: 8 am and 10:30 am

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:30 am
(Wednesday Mass is at 8:15 am during the school year.)

Adoration: Monday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Confession: Saturday, 3:30 p.m. to 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, July 8, 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 Dawn at 377-4869.

Mass Intentions: Please stop in the office to schedule.

Prayer Chain: 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, in the 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 bath tissue and Kleenex for June. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Honor Mary May 28th-June 2nd with Tommy and Elizabeth Riester; 227 Sussex Dr NE, Cedar Rapids. 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, 319-377-0497/1132, and Deacon Dennis Ternes, deaconternes@stjoesmarion.org.
Teach Spanish at St. Joseph Catholic School
St. Joseph Catholic School has an open Spanish position. This position will consist of Spanish every day in grades 6-8, twice a week in grades K-5 and once a week in PreK. This would be a .75 FTE 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@sjcsmarion.org.

Clip and Earn Money for St. Joseph School!
St. Joseph Catholic School collects: Box Tops, Hy-Vee receipts, Tyson Foods, Prairie Milk caps and A+ labels.

Parish Elections
Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected for leadership positions in the parish.
• Catholic School Board: Sharron Konzen and Jaymie Noffke
• Pastoral Council: Mike Cira and Megan Gan
• Faith Formation Commission: George Cleppe and Dolores Dilger
Thank you to all who ran for office. We extend our gratitude to the parish Election Committee and staff members who were integral to the election process.

Memorial Day Mass
Please join in the Mass honoring our loved ones on Monday, May 29th, 9:00 a.m., at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, 375 32nd St. Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids. Bring lawn chairs to set up next to the office. (If it is raining, the Mass will be celebrated at St. Matthew’s, 2310 First Ave.) Hosted by Immaculate Conception Parish.

TENDERLOIN Dinner!!
Marion Columbus Club, hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 5390, located at 5650 Kacena Ave., will host a fish dinner Friday, June 11th, 5-7 p.m.

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.

Marion BBQ RENDEZVOUS
Saturday, June 3rd, 11 AM to 9 PM at Marion Square Park. Admission is free! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the day. Live music, Kids Zone, vendors with award-winning BBQ and non-BBQ vendors, as well. All proceeds go to help build a Miracle League Field at Prospect Meadows. Every child deserves a chance to play baseball!

Help Us Make VBS a Success!
The Earthkeepers VBS is June 19-23, 9 a.m. to Noon, and we need your help!

- REGISTER your child (going into grades K-6 in the fall) at https://stjoesmarion-org.sites.ecatholic.com/vbs
- Sign up to VOLUNTEER (going into grades 7 – adults) at https://stjoesmarion-org.sites.ecatholic.com/vbs-volunteer-registration-1
- Take a tag from the DONATION tree by the church’s front doors and return the needed items by June 4th!
- PRAY for the seeds of God’s Kingdom to be planted in the hearts and minds of the children we serve!

Thank you for being so generous with your time, talent, & treasure!
If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Trapani, 2017 VBS Director, at 563-495-0190 or StJoesVBS2017@gmail.com.

Alert For Those Who Sew!
The tote of quilt top kits in the church hall is overflowing. If you can sew a quarter inch seam we warmly invite you to take a kit and piece a quilt top. Thank you from the Quilt Ministry.

Dealing with Grief and Guilt as a Family Caregiver
All caregivers deal with grief and guilt and the emotional, spiritual and physical aspects of both. This four-part series will focus on each of these aspects and will be led by Julie Harris-Johnson (Hospice Chaplain), Tammy Buseman (MMC Chaplain), and Dr. Ken Cearlock (MMC Palliative/Hospice Medical Director). Participants may sign up at https://stjoesmarion-org.sites.ecatholic.com/vbs-volunteer-registration-1 or call 319-886-2966 or mrink@familycaregiverscenter.org.

Night on the Town
Make your memories while you can and create that special moment with your parents. Join us at Ushers Ferry for an evening of sharing memories and making new ones as your travel back to a simpler time on the village grounds. The evening includes dinner at Ushers Ferry Lodge, dessert in the Historic Village, shopping at the General Store and Saloon and Living History Demonstrations. June 7th, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Register online at www.crrec.org or call 319-286-5566. Ushers Ferry Historic Village is located at 5925 Seminole Valley Trail NE, Cedar Rapids.
The Ascension of Our Lord—This great celebration is part of the Paschal (Easter) Mystery, which is Jesus’ death on the cross, his resurrection and ascension into heaven. The Ascension is a multifaceted mystery. Saint Matthew’s gospel proclaimed this weekend, depicts Jesus giving himself as a parting gift to his disciples (know that I am with you until the end of the age) through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is present to the world through the Spirit. In turn, the disciples were given as a gift to the world to tell all about Jesus and to make disciples, baptize and teach. Jesus gives them the authority and the Spirit offers the power to fulfill Jesus’ mandate. The celebration of the Ascension says that you, as a member of the Church, are a disciple and have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Go into the world with strength and courage to make disciples. You do so by the authority of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday Weekday Mass Time—Since St. Joseph School has dismissed for the summer, the Wednesday weekday Mass time will change to 7:30 AM, and shall be such until the beginning of the new school year in the fall.

Pentecost Sunday—will be celebrated the weekend of June 3-4, and is the culmination of our observance of the Easter Season. The liturgical color is red which signifies the Holy Spirit in terms of the tongues of fire (red) that appeared over the heads of the disciples on Pentecost. I’ve noticed that a lot of people wear red that day either intentionally or accidentally. Whatever the case, feel free to wear red as a way of participating in Pentecost, the birthday of the Church through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

CEO Retreat
The Best Time You Will Spend on Earth
“The Fruits of Eucharistic Adoration” with Archbishop Jackels and Cyndi Volk. Saturday, June 24th, 8:30 AM to 3:30 p.m. St. Patrick Parish Center, 120 5th St. NW, Cedar Rapids. Lunch: 11:45 a.m., provided by Tomaso’s. There is no charge and all are welcome. Registration is REQUIRED by June 20th—Please sign up early as space is limited. CEO.INFO/TH_EVENT/RETREAT or sign up online at contact Karen at 319-573-8106. Registration flyers can also be found in church.

Theology on Tap
Young adults ages 21 through 40 are invited to attend our event on Wednesday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Manhattan Pavilion in Ellis Park. Father Jack Flaherty of All Saints Parish and Fr. Dustin Vu of St. John XXIII Parish will be our guest priests. Snacks Will be provided but please BYOB. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CRToT. See you there!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
Your response to our recent book drive was magnificent. Thanks to you, we have a wonderful assortment and a large number of books to take to the Prayer Lodge in Southeastern Montana. They will be distributed to the people of the Northern, Cheyenne and Crow Reservations. Thanks so much for making this such a huge success!

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.

Personal Renewal and Leadership Opportunity
Are you looking for more? Do you want a deeper understanding? Do you desire transformation for you and your parish? Then, IMPACT may be right for you! The next cohort of IMPACT, the Archdiocese of Dubuque’s two-year adult lay formation program, will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hiawatha, beginning September 2017. For more information and dates: https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/adult-faith/impact/information-for-the-2017-2019-impact-sessions.

Alpha
Join us to discuss the basics of the Catholic Faith and answer all your questions. Each session will include food, a short talk and small group discussion time. Alpha is for anyone and all are invited to join us. We will meet Wednesday nights starting May 31st from 7pm to 8:30pm at St. Matthew Catholic Parish. To sign up or get more information, check out St. Matthew’s website: http://www.stmatthewcr.org/parish/alpha. (Non-St. Matthew’s parishioners are warmly invited to participate.)

Diversity Immersion and Pilgrimage of Service in Waterloo, Iowa, July 9-13
Come join this Franciscan Common Venture opportunity to give a variety of service related to the inclusion and celebration of the increasingly diverse population of Waterloo. This will include such things as gardening tasks at a food bank community garden, a meal site, and activities with the Burmese community, among other service needs. In addition there will be the opportunity to learn from and share with various residents about the rich diversity found in the metro area. Volunteers will have the opportunity to experience each organization visited as a “holy site” in the spirit of pilgrimage. Volunteers will live at the Catholic Worker House. Due date to apply is June 23rd. For more information or to apply contact: Sr. Shell at balekm@osfdbq.org or 563-583-9786.

Save the Date: Marriage Enrichment Event!!
Greg and Julie Alexander are coming to the Archdiocese of Dubuque to offer a workshop entitled “Essential Elements for a Strong Catholic Marriage.” The workshop will be held on October 14, 2017, 9AM to 4PM at St. Gabriel Parish Center, Reinbeck, IA. Contact the Archdiocese of Dubuque Family Life Office to register: 563-556-2580, Ext. 233; dbcfl@dbqarch.org. For information on the Alexanders https://thealexanderhouse.org/.
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
An active parish lending library will be opening in the parish offices in June. 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.

St. Joseph Family Picnic
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). Please bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. Burgers, brats, hotdogs, and tableware will be provided. The rain location is the Church Hall.

Young Adult Summer BBQ
All young adults, ages 21-39, are invited to the summer Young Adult Ministry BBQ on Sunday, June 4th at 5:00 PM at Taube Park (2200 31st Street, Marion). Please bring a side, dessert, or drink to share. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. Kids are welcome! And feel free to bring some outdoor games to enjoy.

Wine & Wisdom Series
Mark your calendars for the summer Wine & Wisdom series! There will be a session on the following Wednesdays at Lowe Park from 7:00-8:30 PM: June 21, July 19, and August 16. Stay tuned for the speakers and topics. There will be a $10 cost per session or $25 for all three.

June Scripture Study Sessions
All are invited to participate in one of the Scripture Study groups during the month of June. At these sessions there will be topical discussions based on questions about the Catholic faith from participants. Come when you can for some engaging discussion about various faith-related topics that will be addressed by Adult Faith Formation Director Matt Selby. The evening group meets on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM (June 5, 12, 19, and 26) and the morning group meets on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM (June 7, 14, 21, and 28). No registration is necessary.

Lighthouse Resources
Stop by the kiosk in the vestibule to pick up some of the new titles now available!

St. Joseph Parish YouTube Channel
St. Joseph now has its own YouTube Channel! Visit and subscribe to our channel to see videos from various talks given at the parish. Simply go to www.youtube.com and search for St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion.

Eucharistic Adoration
There will be regular Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, May 29th even though it is Memorial Day. If you are a committed adorer, please plan to attend your hour or find a substitute. Anyone who would like to become a committed adorer or substitute, please visit www.stjoesmarion.org/adoration or contact Matt Selby to sign-up.

Women’s Ministry
Connecting and Enriching Women in Faith
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”.

Pietra Fitness Class
Join us for gentle stretching and strengthening of the body combined with prayer and Christian meditation. Wednesdays, St. Joseph church hall, 2-3 pm, on a drop-in basis. Suggested offering of $5 per class.

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