ST. JOSEPH
Catholic Church
1790 14th St. Marion, Iowa

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Word
and Sacrament
to Love
and Serve

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Weekday Masses:
Monday through Friday, 7:30 am
(Wednesday Mass is at 8:15 am
during the school year.)
Adoration: Monday, following
morning mass, until 9 p.m.
Confession: Saturday, 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.


Sunday,
July 23, 2017
Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.,
Sunday: 8 am and 10:30 am

16th Sunday
In Ordinary Time

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say
to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for
burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’ - Mt 13:30
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 call the parish office at 377-4869.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, September 9, 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 or dawn.feltman@stjoesmarion.org.

Mass Intentions: Please stop in the office to schedule.

Prayer Chain: Contact Dawn by email at dawn.feltman@stjoesmarion.org.

St. Joseph Quilting Ministry: Sessions meet every 2nd Tuesday, 1 to 3 pm, in the Church Hall. To learn more, call Lynn at 377-6166.

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, parish office 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 peanut butter for July. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Gather to honor Mary July 23rd-July 28th by praying the rosary at th Gloria Janey residence; 320 - 2nd St., Atkins, 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 decision directives. Parish contacts: Theresa Alt, 319-447-1132 or alt.theresa@yahoo.com, Jean Randolph, 319-377-0497/imr926722@mchsi.com, and

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**Ministry Schedule**

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Colorado Peaches Fundraiser
Catholic Daughters of America are taking orders for fresh Colorado peaches. Please call Linda and Bob Brandt at 319-480-4983 or 319-480-4982. Orders for this fundraiser must be in by July 26th. A box (30 premium peaches) is $30.00. A flat (15 Colorado peaches) is $18.50. Arrival will be early August.

Pietra Fitness Class Summer Schedule
Pietra Fitness classes at St. Joseph will resume their regular schedule on Wednesday, August 2nd. Join us then 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.

Fun Days Logo Contest
The St. Joseph Fun Days committee would like to invite you to participate in a parish-wide competition to create a logo to be used for our parish Fun Days event!

Judging:
- All qualified entries will be reviewed by St Joseph’s Fun Days committee and 3 finalists will be presented to Fr. O’Connor who will make the final selection.
- Winners will be contacted via their contact information.
- Winning design will be used going forward in all print and electronic media for the 2018 event. Depending on popularity of contest, a decision will be made to either run another contest for future Fun Days or keep the design and update with dates.

Prizes:
- Anyone who submits a logo for the contest will receive three free games of Bingo.
- Second Runner Up receives a trophy and $25 in Hy-Vee Gift Cards.
- First Runner Up receives a trophy and $50 in Hy-Vee Gift Cards.
- Winner receives a large trophy, a framed poster-sized logo, public recognition, and $100 in Hy-Vee Gift Cards.

Women’s Connection Luncheon
Women’s Connection, will gather for the monthly luncheon at the Olive Garden on Thursday, July 27th, at 11:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Sally at 373-5484.

Women’s Connection Meeting
(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE, TIME AND PLACE)
Women’s Connection a support group for parish widows, will meet Thursday August 3rd, from 12:45 to 2:30 p.m. at the Marion Public Library. All widows of the parish are invited. For more information contact Sally at 373-5484.

Parish Directory Delivery
The new St. Joseph Parish Directory has been delayed and will be arriving in approximately six weeks. We’ll keep you posted on its progress! Thank you for your patience.

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

Women’s Ministry Newsletter
Register for our Women’s Ministry newsletter at www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/women or text: 84576 “women”.
The Kingdom of God—There are three parables included in today’s gospel. You may hear all three if the long form of the gospel is chosen or one if the short form is proclaimed. No matter what, make sure you check out all three as Jesus is teaching about the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom is not always easy to define or describe. A shorthand understanding of it is that the Kingdom is the coming of God’s providential will in the world. In the beginning, God created the world in love and all of creation was in right relationship with God. The Garden of Eden, the world, was paradise. Creation participated harmoniously in God’s providential will. Adam and Eve lived fully and freely because of it. Everything changed when they sinned. They selfishly chose their desires to be superior to God’s will. God’s providential care was secondary and his love was insufficient to them in favor of their paltry desires and egoism. Their sin introduced chaos into creation and humanity’s relationship with God. Adam and Eve were kicked out of paradise and the world fell apart.

God wasn’t satisfied to leave humanity and creation in this irreparably broken state. Working within human history and the consequences of the free decision of Adam and Eve, God called humanity back to himself, culminating with the coming of Jesus into the world who proclaimed the definitive way back to the Father through his teaching and provided for it through his death and resurrection. Jesus made creation even better for what he did. Where sinfulness once prevailed, grace abounded even more.

God’s Kingdom, his reign, is THE way to be and to live. It is healing, forgiveness, restoration and a right relationship with God. Jesus calls us to be a part of the Kingdom and to work for its full coming at the end of time. “Thy Kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,” he taught us to pray. Listen closely to and ponder the parables Jesus uses to teach about the Kingdom. They tell us what it is and how God is bringing it about to its completion. The Kingdom of God is in our midst!

Out of the Office—I will be away from St. Joseph beginning July 29th through August 7th.

NEW PARISH LENDING LIBRARY: An active parish lending library will be opening in the parish offices in August. Mark your calendar for the weekend of August 26/27 to come to an open house after all the Masses that weekend to see the updated office wing and new library. 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. Please note that book donations will NOT be accepted for the library.

WINE & WISDOM SERIES: 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. There will be a session on the following Wednesdays at Lowe Park from 7:00-8:30 PM. The cost is $10 per session.

• August 16th: “Homosexuality & the Catholic Church: Navigating the Teachings” – Fr. Jerry Kopacek

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.

FORMATION FOR ALL

Formation for All is an online program designed to help Catholics of all ages to learn and pray about Respect Life and Social Justice issues. The current session addresses the topics of Natural Family Planning and In Vitro Fertilization. This session coincides with National NFP Awareness Week. Sessions are designed for all ages and various settings. To access these sessions go to: dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation.

MARIAN RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

In 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times to three young children in Fatima, Portugal. She gave them a number of messages and urged them to pray for the conversion of sinners. During this retreat we will review the story of Fatima and what Mary showed the children and what she told them. We will also see how the message of Fatima is still very timely and relevant for us 100 years later. This retreat will be held at American Martyrs Retreat House, 2209 N. Union Rd., Cedar Falls, beginning at 8 PM Friday, August 11th and concluding after lunch on Sunday, August 13th. Fr. Jerry Kopacek is retreat director. For further information or registration please contact American Martyrs Retreat House at DBOAMRHsec@DBQarch.org or #319-266-3543.
St. John of the Cross Catholic Worker House: How can you help the homeless? 1. Come to the St. John of the Cross Catholic Worker House 2nd Annual Benefit at the Quarter Barrel, 616 2nd Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, from noon to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, August 27th. A portion of all proceeds goes to the Catholic Worker House. 2. Make a tax deductible contribution to the St John of the Cross Catholic Worker House by mailing your donation (we suggest $1.00 for every year that you have had a home) to P. O. Box 2321, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406-2321 or go to our website www.catholicworkerhouse.org and make a donation online with PayPal. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Well Project—During Lent, our parish participated in a project to help an African village in the vicinity of Morogoro, Tanzania, to dig a well to provide fresh water for villagers. The following is a message to us regarding the completion of the well. “The village leaders on behalf of their subordinates expressed their deep gratitude for your generous donation with which the construction of the new well was possible. Getting a sustainable access to safe water will benefit them in different ways such as a considerable reduction of water related diseases and improvement of general welfare of the community. Before the implementation of this project the situation was very hectic, women and children used to walk a long distance and spend a number of hours in searching for water. As a result this could deny their full participation in income generating activities and also the poor academic performance of young children was another problem contributed to the lack of access to safe water.” The estimated number of beneficiaries is 3000 people.

In case you would like to locate the project area, it is found about 90 miles from Morogoro, Tanzania. The GPS coordinates are: 6°05’47.2”S 37°38’17.9”E.

Calling All Youth! Service Hours Opportunity! Looking for an opportunity to get service hours?? We have the place for you. St. Jude Sweet Corn Festival would love your help!!! Sign up online at www.judesweetcornfest.com and click on Volunteer Signups. Sweet Corn Festival is August 11, 12, and 13th. If you volunteer to help the weekend of the festival, you get in FREE!!!

Olive Wood Rosaries Rosaries from the Holy Land are available for purchase in the parish office during regular office hours, each day. Your purchase of a rosary helps support these families who, despite hardships and obstacles, strive to witness to Christ’s message of love. The olive wood rosaries are $15 each. These make wonderful gifts!