Fed by Word and Sacrament to Love and Serve

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
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And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:2

Sunday, August 6, 2017
Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.,
Sunday: 8 am and 10:30 am

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.
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.

Men of Action: 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 boxed pudding and Jello for August. 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 August 6th-11th by praying the rosary at the residence of Richard and Carmelita Scott; 5907 Windy Meadow Lane, Cedar Rapids, 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/ jmr926722@mchsi.com, and Deacon Dennis Ternes, deaconternes@stjoesmarion.org.
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.

Saints Shop Xtravaganza
Mark your calendars! The Saints Shop will be open on Thursday, August 10, from 4-7 pm and Friday, August 11, from 11am-1pm for its annual "Back to School Xtravaganza" in the Xavier High School Commons. Browse through a variety of gear to show your Xavier pride as we get closer to another school year. Also available will be $5 XHS dress code/uniform items.

CPID Tootsie Roll Drive—Knights of Columbus
Please give what you can to support the Knights of Columbus in their Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. Many Knights will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting money throughout the metro area in the next month. One hundred percent of the money goes to charities, and with the combined effort of eleven councils in our metro area, it accumulates to over $40,000 each year in pennies, nickels, quarters, and dollars. Visit KofC3390.org for more information.

St. Joseph will have their drive next week, after the Masses on August 12th & 13th.

A Thank You from EarthKeepers VBS
As the summer moves along and we gaze upon what’s ahead, we look back with gratitude upon our successful week of Vacation Bible School. Our time at "Camp Creation" was a fun, faith-filled experience! Thank you to all who helped make it possible - the dedicated volunteers, those who provided donations, those who prayed for us, and the families who participated and supported our service project so generously! We raised $525.43 to purchase a honeybee hive through Catholic Relief Services! Additional thank yous go to Eddie Bauer for donating the cardboard trees that were turned into our Camp Creation props, The Cotton Gallery for working with us to make our awesome T-shirts, and Hy-Vee for offering a discount on some of our perishable snacks. We are filled with gratitude! Thank you all!

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, September 9th, from 9 to 11 am in the parish office. For more information or to register for the class, please contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at 377-4869.

Coﬀee and Donut Sunday
You are invited to come and enjoy donuts, coffee, juice and the company of your fellow parishioners Sunday, August 13th, at 9 a.m. in the Church Hall.

Rosaries in Support of Christians in the Holy Land
Rosaries brought back to St. Joseph from the Holy Land pilgrimage are available for purchase in the parish office during weekday office hours. Simple in design and yet profound in symbolic significance, these rosaries were handcrafted from the wood of olive trees by Christian families living in Bethlehem. Your purchase of a rosary helps support these families who, despite hardships and obstacles, strive to witness to Christ’s message of love. The parish office does not have change, so please pay by cash in the exact amount, or by check made out to St. Joseph Church. are $15 each. Plan ahead...these make wonderful gifts for confirmation, birthdays or Christmas.

Pietra Fitness Classes Resume!
Join 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.

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!
Formation for All: Racial Violence, Genocide and the Principle of Solidarity

The next installment of the Respect Life and Social Justice "Formation for All" program focuses on Racial Violence, Genocide and the Principle of Solidarity. It can be used anytime in the month of August but the sessions coincide with the feasts of St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) (August 9th) and St. Maximilian Kolbe (August 14th), both of whom perished in the Nazi Holocaust.

Go to www.dbqarch.org/offices/respect-life/ and click on the link for “Formation for All” to access sessions for Grades K-6 and the Domestic Church (the home) or sessions for Grades 7-12, Faith-Sharing Groups, Parishioners and Parish Leaders and Parish Committees.

Ad Altare Dei: Catholic Scouting Program

The purpose of the Ad Altare Dei (to the altar of God) program is to help Catholic Youth of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is designed for Boy Scouts ages 13-14 years old, but all Scouts up to 18 years old and Venture Scouts up to their 21st birthday can attend.

Participants must attend a retreat and participate in a group service project. Classes will be held on the following Sunday’s from 4 to 5:30 pm: Aug. 20th, Sept. 10th, 17th and 24th, Oct. 8th and 22nd, Nov. 5th and 19th. The retreat and Board of Review will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 1 to 5:30 pm. To register for this religious program go to www.eventbrite.com and search for Catholic Scouting – Ad Altare Dei – Cedar Rapids.

Catholic Evangelization Outreach

Since childhood, Tony May was drawn to the Rosary. Little did he know that in the midst of a rosary vigil service for his father’s funeral, he would receive a Divine Summons to bring it to the multitudes in a way he’d never imagined.

Join us as Tony and Sue share their powerful story of faith. St. Patrick Parish Center, 120 5th St. NW, Cedar Rapids, Thursday August 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m. An ice cream social will follow and free child care will be provided. There is no charge and all are welcome. Visit CRCEO.info.

Support Our Soldiers!

Operation Gratitude Needs Your Help.

Operation Gratitude annually sends over 200,000 care packages filled with food, entertainment, hygiene, and handmade items, plus personal letters of appreciation to individual U.S. service members deployed overseas. A recent surge in requests is quickly emptying their shelves and they are in dire need of help to refill them. If you are an Amazon shopper, you can save on shipping costs and have items shipped directly to Operation Gratitude. Go to www.amazon.com and search for “Operation Gratitude wish list” to purchase items. In addition, by selecting Operation Gratitude as your charity, each time you make any purchase, Amazon donates a portion to Operation Gratitude. Soldiers deployed overseas rely on the support these care packages provide! For more information, visit www.operationgratitude.com.

Support for Family Caregivers

Do you help a chronically ill, frail or disabled adult remain independent? Do you struggle to find balance between your responsibilities and their needs? It’s stressful. We know. Don’t go it alone. Call the Family Caregivers center of Mercy at 319-221-8866 or visit mercycare.org/familycaregiverscenter.
**Following God’s Lead in the Dance of Life**

*Retreat Opportunity for Lay Formation and IMPACT Alumni*

Alumni of the Archdiocese of Dubuque’s Lay Formation and IMPACT programs (or similar programs in other dioceses) are invited to a retreat at American Martyrs Retreat House in Cedar Falls, Saturday, September 30 through Sunday, October 1st. Based on Joyce Rupp’s book, *May I Have This Dance?*, the retreat will invite participants into a closer relationship with God through a variety of prayer experiences, talks, personal reflection, and small group discussion. Cost is $125; scholarships are available. For more information or a registration form, contact Theresa Alt at alt.theresa@yahoo.com or 319-447-1132.

**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 DBQAMRHHsec@DBQarch.org or 319-266-3543.

**IMPACT**

“I want to do it all over again, I loved it that much!” - IMPACT Participant

Looking for a life-changing spiritual adventure? Then IMPACT, the two-year lay formation program of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, may be perfect for you! Monthly sessions begin this September. Host parish is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hiawatha. Registration due August 15th. For more information, please check out the IMPACT website: dbqarch.org/impact.

**Theology on Tap**

Young adults through the age of forty are invited to attend our event on Monday, August 14 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish Hall. Our guest speaker will be Tony Digmann who will teach us about “Using the Force: Star Wars and Catholicism.” Snacks and beverages will be provided. Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CRToT. See you there!

**Strong Catholic Marriage Workshop—Saturday, October 14, 2017**

You’re invited to “Essential Elements for a Strong Catholic Marriage,” a workshop for couples interested in improving communication, experiencing healing and forgiveness, exploring the role of service and prayer, and cherishing the marriage intended by God. The workshop will take place at St. Gabriel, Reinbeck on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 9 AM to 4 PM. The presenters will be Greg and Julie Alexander, founders of the Alexander House, a non-profit apostolate dedicated to the education and enrichment of marriage and family life. The cost for the day is $75 per couple, including lunch. For more information, to download the flyer, and to register online for this event, go to: https://www.dbqarch.org/marriage-event, or contact Matt Selby, Director of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, at (563) 556-2580, Ext. 233 or m.selby@dbqarch.org.

**SAVE THE DATE! New Initiative: Beauty Alive!**

The Archdiocese of Dubuque is deeply interested in providing quality ministry for women of all ages. We want to hear from as many women as possible! We invite all interested women to attend this event to share their needs, desires and ideas for women’s ministries. Refreshments and door prizes (including two tickets to the Women’s Conference, Beauty in Christ—January 2018). This is an event you won’t want to miss! To be held at St. Joseph Church Tuesday, October 3rd, 6:30 to 8 pm. Watch the bulletin for more details and registration information.