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Liturgies
Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 PM
              Sunday  8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 AM
               Wednesday 8:15 AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM
Adoration: Monday 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

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Youth Faith Formation  319-377-8402
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St. Joseph Catholic School  319-377-6348
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New to the Parish: Welcome! Please call the office to make an appointment to register at 377-4869.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Call the office and make an appointment with the priest or deacon.

Prayer Chain: Contact Dawn at 377-4869 or d.feltman@dbqarch.org.

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, Deacon Dennis Ternes, 319-377-4869 or d.ternes@dbqarch.org and Deacon Ken Bauer, 319-377-4869 or k.bauer@dbqarch.org.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry requests canned soups. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by gathering from January 28 - February 1, to pray the Rosary at Xavier High School Chapel; 6300 - 42nd St. NE, at 7:00 PM each evening. All are welcome.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019, in the St. Joseph Room of the parish offices from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at d.ternes@dbqarch.org or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 28
7:30 AM MASS † Catherine Hayford
8:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM Rosary, Church
7:00 PM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, January 29
7:30 AM MASS † Ann Connor
7:00 PM Men of Action

Wednesday, January 30
8:15 AM MASS † Bill Halstead
9:30 AM Scripture Study
2:00 PM Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Room
5:50 PM Minor Miracles, Church
6:30 PM JAM, Church
7:30 PM MAC, Church

Thursday, January 31
6:00 AM Men of Action, Church Hall
7:30 AM MASS † John Bulman
9:30 AM Crestview † Rev. Mark Reasoner
6:30 PM RCIA
6:30 PM Jubilation, Church

Friday, February 1
7:30 AM MASS † Ryan Family
6:30 PM Silent Prayer, Church

Saturday, February 2
3:30 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM MASS † All Holy Souls

Sunday, February 3
8:00 AM MASS † Herbert Schulte Sr.
10:30 AM MASS † For the People

MASS INTENTIONS

Please see Dawn Feltman in the Parish Office
Women’s Connection offers widows from the parish the opportunity to share experiences, solve problems, support each other emotionally and spiritually and have fun, all while developing true and lasting friendships. Gatherings are the second Thursday of each month, 1:15 to 3:15 PM at the school. Next meeting date: February 14. Sean McVeigh will be speaking. For more information, please contact Sally Wilkinson at 373-5484.

Women’s Connection will meet Thursday, February 28, 11:30 AM, at Emil’s Hideaway, 222 Glenbrook Dr. SE, for the monthly luncheon. For more information please contact Sally Wilkinson at 373-5484.

Pietra Fitness Classes
Join for gentle stretching and strengthening of the body combined with prayer and Christian meditation. Wednesdays, in the St. Joseph Room, from 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Suggested offering of $5 per class.

St. Joseph Quilting Ministry
The Quilting Ministry meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Church Hall from 1:00 - 3:00 PM where they make quilts for various charities throughout the greater Cedar Rapids area. Next meeting date: February 12. For more information, please contact Lynn Mitchell at 377-6166.

Gems of Hope, Inc.
Gems of Hope, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that offers small gifts mounted on inspirational cards to cancer patients, bringing them hope to the patients and their families. St. Joseph’s group meets the 4th Tuesday of each month (next meeting: February 26) in the church hall from 1:00 - 3:00 PM to make the cards that are given to others. For more information, please contact Dawn at 377-4869 or Kathy Conrad at 377-8371.

Senior Lunch
Please join us for the next Senior Luncheon on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Enjoy music from the St. Joseph Bell Choir. All senior men and women of St. Joseph parish are invited. Please call the parish to RSVP.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Compassion and knitting/crocheting combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort. Contact Sharon at 373-2810. Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first Wednesday of the month, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM, in the St. Matthew Room. Next meeting date: February 6, 2019.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

When does Scripture study get canceled? - Wednesday morning Scripture study gets canceled if there is a 2-hour school delay or cancelation at the school. Both morning and evening Scripture Study groups are canceled when the school is closed due to ice or snow and the ice or snow conditions continue throughout the day. Aside from poor driving conditions, the snow removal crew needs the parking lot empty to be able to properly remove all snow and treat all ice. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused this past week.

RCIA – If you have an interest in becoming Catholic or are Catholic but would like to learn more about your faith, contact Sean McVeigh for more details.

Our YouTube Channel. Just type “St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion” into YouTube and you should find our channel. Make sure you subscribe and click the BELL icon so that you are notified when we upload a new video. We are currently producing testimony videos of parishioners, so make sure you check them out! If you have an experience of something God has done in your life, and would like to share that with us, please contact Sean McVeigh.

Registration is now open for the Catholic Men’s Conference to be held at Xavier High School on March 16, 2019. You can register at: https://www.catholicmenonline.com.
Coffee and Doughnuts

Enjoy coffee and doughnuts, the 2nd Sunday of the month, following 8:00 AM Mass in the church hall. Next coffee and doughnut date: February 10, 2019

Sponsored by the Finance Council

I wish to express my sincere and profound gratitude to Fr. Dave and all Parishioners of St. Joseph for your prayers, concern, support and words of consolation. I really appreciate it, God Bless You. I would also like to inform you that the funeral of my mother is scheduled for 3/16/2019 and 3/17/2019, however, I will leave Marion for Ghana (Africa) for the funeral on 3/7/2019.

Thank you and God Bless You,
Fr. Mark Kwenin

Pause...ponder...pray.

Attending a Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) is one of the greatest ways to pause, ponder and pray. CEW allows us to take time away from our busy lives to reconnect with our faith through talks, reflection, fellowship, and prayer – not to mention amazing food too! This year’s theme is “Thy Will Be Done” which centers around trusting God’s plan for your life. Build upon your faith foundation at the women’s weekend February 8-10, and the men’s weekend February 22-24. Registration forms are available online at www.crcew.org. Please contact the Lay Directors – Denise Upah (319) 364-7364 or George Erwin (319) 530-6218 with any questions. We pray you will say YES to the weekend.

World Marriage Day Mass

Sunday, February 10, 2019 2:00 PM
Basilica in Dyersville
104 3rd St SW, Dyersville, IA  52040

Whether newly married or married 100 years, all are welcome to celebrate love, faith, and their commitment to the sacrament of holy matrimony. Reception with refreshments will follow in the Xavier Hall.

Pastor’s Pen continued . . .

The bottom line is this:

- While this is not a crisis, but a serious question of discernment, pray with me that the best decision is made. I want to be a good steward of the goods, property and financial resources of the parish.
- I welcome your input regarding what I have just shared
- I do not intend to make a decision about when to place new shingles on the roof unilaterally, but in collaboration with the aforementioned groups.
- I anticipate sharing further information with you.
- Everyone may not agree with the final decision, but I will be able to rest on the fact that it was made collaboratively with the best interests of the parish in mind.
Master of Ceremonies Liturgical Ministry at Weekend Masses—some parishioners have been wondering about this new ministry that was begun in the summer of 2018 while Deacon Josh Link, our seminarian intern, was here. Those participating in the ministry wear a black cassock and white surplus, attire that is appropriate for the liturgical role. Masters of Ceremonies (MC) can be male or female, and at St. Joseph, be high school age or older and need to be commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

The MC ministry is described in a section of The General Instruction of the Roman Missal which details ministries at Mass. “It is desirable,” the instruction states, “at least in cathedrals and in larger churches, to have some component minister or master of ceremonies, to see to the appropriate arrangement of sacred actions and to their being carried out by the sacred ministers and lay faithful with decorum, order and devotion” (106). We’re certainly not a cathedral parish, but one of the largest parishes in the Archdiocese.

The MC helps to organize the Mass before and while it is being celebrated. S/he is not a Mass server but helps to coordinate them during Mass when necessary. The MC doesn’t assume the ministry of others, but assists when necessary to help the Mass ministries flow smoothly and seamlessly. Because of this, the priest presider can actually pray the Mass rather than being its coordinator and presider. He also does not need to coordinate matters before Mass so that he can tend to greeting the faithful while entering the church.

Looking at the big picture, having an MC ministry in place is especially helpful during Christmas Masses, Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum where liturgies can be complex because of the liturgical season and the nature of the celebration. I remember becoming ill with the flu during Holy Week on year while pastor here. Thankfully, we had an MC for the Triduum liturgies. Despite my efforts to recover, I had a difficult time completing the celebration of the Easter Vigil. I would not have been able to preside at Mass and do what was required, instruct altar servers before Mass and direct them during Mass. The MC was a godsend, and fulfilling his role, helped the Mass to flow seamlessly. Having an MC during Sunday Masses, while usually not as complex, is also a preparation for duties during the aforementioned liturgies. Additionally, I am impressed with the number of volunteers for this ministry. They range from 16 to 17 year olds to senior citizens. It offers more people an opportunity to minister at Mass through a valid and legitimate ministry. Anyone interested in being an MC or who would like further information about the ministry are welcome to contact me.

From the Pastor’s Pen, January 20, 2019 — The Church Roof—It has been about a month since I announced the need for a new roof for the church. I want to share with you the latest information along with my thoughts about it.

We do have a need for a new roof and the leaks we have been experiencing through substantial rains and thawing offers tangible evidence for the need. There are other considerations, however, that complicate the issue. They are:

- In the foreseeable future, it is likely that we will conduct a capital campaign for improvements to the parish plant that includes the church, school and parish grounds.
- Possible improvements to the church could, but not necessarily shall, include the construction of a new entryway as well as the addition of a cupola to replace the steeple.
- If these improvements are made, it stands to reason that a portion of the roof would be removed. Is it the best decision to replace the roof now and then remove portions of it in a few years?
- Meanwhile, what structural damage is occurring because the roof needs to be replaced, what repairs, if any, will need to be made as it is being replaced, and if it is not replaced in the near future, can the infrastructure of the church tolerate the wait without sustaining major damage?
- As pastor, I am called to good stewardship of the goods and resources of the parish, which includes the monetary gifts you give for the general operation and maintenance of the parish and any improvements made or construction done. Would I be exercising good stewardship if we put on a new roof in the near future and then tore parts of it off in a few years? That’s the proverbial “rock in the hard place” situation at hand.

There are two things happening right now. A small committee is being constituted to study the church infrastructure question to determine what the building can tolerate and if the roof replacement needs to occur sooner than later even if new construction would cause part of the roof to be removed. In other words, we need to determine the best options we have accounting for the church building and the use of our financial resources regarding the roof even if new construction on the church may be in the foreseeable future. Additionally, some members of the parish Building and Grounds Committee, which reports to the Finance Council, are attempting to secure bids for a roof project. That way, if we need to put a new roof on right away, we will be ready to do so.

I don’t make decisions like this alone, but rather do so collaboratively. Here’s how it is done collaboratively.

- The Building and Grounds Committee offers input to the Finance Council.
- The Finance Council is an advisory body to me, and is given the responsibility among many things, to assist me with the administration of the goods and property of the parish.
- By design, our Business Manager works closely with the Building and Grounds Committee, the Finance Council and me.
- I can also consult with the Pastoral Council, a body that is advisory to me, regarding this issue.
- And, any of you can speak to me if you so desire. Several parishioners have asked me about the roof already and I have shared with them the bullet points outlined above.