February 17, 2019

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### Sunday Envelope Giving

**Week of February 10, 2019 - Week 33**

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| Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory | $133,384.46 |
| Budgeted Gifts and Offertory    | $82,065.17  |
| **Over / (Under) budget**       | **$51,319.29** |

| Bricks and Mortar Envelopes     | $31,344.92  |
| Bricks and Mortar budget        | $28,018.87  |
| **Over/(Under) Budget**         | **$3,326.05** |

Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes $941.33

**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.ternes@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 fruits and vegetables. 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 February 17 - 22, to pray the Rosary at the home of Tommy & Elizabeth Riester; 227 Sussex Dr. 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.

### Ministry Schedule

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<td>Saturday, February 23</td>
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<td>St. Joseph Room</td>
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### Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

#### Monday, February 18
- 7:30 AM MASS † John Esch
- 8:00 AM Adoration
- 12:00 PM Rosary, Church
- 7:00 PM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room

#### Tuesday, February 19
- 7:30 AM MASS † Roberta Haley
- 7:00 PM Men of Action, St. Joseph Room
- 7:00 PM Handbells, Church

#### Wednesday, February 20
- 8:15 AM MASS † Terry & William Canning
- 9:30 AM Scripture Study
- 12:00 PM Senior Lunch, Church Hall
- 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, February 21
- 6:00 AM Men of Action, Church Hall
- 7:30 AM MASS † Jim Hebert
- 9:30 AM Villages † Msgr. John Dalton
- 6:30 PM RCIA
- 6:30 PM Jubilation, Church

#### Friday, February 22
- 7:30 AM MASS † Bill Altenhofen
- 9:30 AM Bickford † Rev. Mark Reasoner
- 6:30 PM Silent Prayer, Church

#### Saturday, February 23
- 3:30 PM Reconciliation
- 4:30 PM MASS † Doris Forbes

#### Sunday, February 24
- 8:00 AM MASS † Jean Moeller Rafls
- 10:30 AM MASS † For the People

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Please see Dawn Feltman in the Parish Office.
Women’s Connection

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: **March 14**.

Patty Kelly will be sharing her Clinical Musicianship and Belina. 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.

Coffee & Conversation

Join our informal, friendly gathering of women of the parish every fourth Friday of the month for “Coffee and Conversation.” Next date: **February 22, 2019**. Mr. Beans meeting room, 1080 East Post Road, Marion, 9:30 - 11:00 AM. No need to RSVP.

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: **March 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 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**. Different entertainment has been arranged, please come and be surprised. 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: **March 6, 2019**.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation contact info - Sean McVeigh - s.mcveigh@dbqarch.org or call 377-4869.

**Afternoon Retreat** – Dr. John Bergsma will be providing an afternoon retreat to help us prepare for Lent. The retreat will begin at 12:30 on **March 2**. Dr. Bergsma will provide a talk then meet with parishioners for about 45 minutes before giving a second talk. He will then provide time to meet again with parishioners after the second talk. You are then invited to partake of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the conclusion of his offerings, spend time in quiet prayer, and then join the parish for Mass at 4:30 PM.

Our **YouTube Channel**. We are trying to post a new video every Monday morning on our “St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion” YouTube channel. Please check them out and consider sharing a story of faith from your own life. Contact Sean McVeigh for details.

**Young Adult Bible Study Small Groups** – If you are a young adult and you would like to join a young adult small group Bible study, please email Sean McVeigh for details.

**Evangelization Training Workshops** – Our ongoing Evangelization Training Workshops for those who have gone through the beginner’s level sessions meet on Thursday evenings from 5:15 to 6:15 in the St. Joseph Room.

**Fun Days** – Although winter seems to be unending, many of us are planning our efforts for Fun Days at the beginning of June. If you would like to be part of the hospitality and faith sharing booth, contact Mike Alt at: mikealt47@gmail.com.

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.

**Lenten Reflections** – Please sign up for the daily Lenten Reflections we are doing as a parish for Lent. Visit this website to sign up: https://formed.org/promo/lent-registration.
Coffee and Doughnuts

Enjoy coffee and doughnuts, the 4th Thursday of the month, following 7:30 AM Mass in the church hall. Next coffee and doughnut date: February 28, 2019

Sponsored by Men of Action

Catholic Daughters Scholarships

National Catholic Daughters Court will award two $1,000 scholarships to 8th grade students entering the 9th grade, in a Catholic High School, in the Fall of 2019.

Requirements: Must be a Catholic, attending a Catholic High School in the fall, write a 250-300 word essay on “How will I be compassionate and bring the spirit of God to others?” and provide letters of reference and list of church, community, and school activities. Entries must be postmarked by April 1, 2019. For entry forms, please contact Susan at 389-5512.

Looking for Childcare during the summer?

Look no further than St. Joseph Summer Care. From field trips to water days and many hands on activities students enjoy coming each and every day. Open to students ages 3-13. Please contact the school for registration materials.

Do you like Culver’s? Please join us Tuesday, February 26, at the Marion Culver’s for supper for the first St. Joseph Share night. We will have greeters in St. Joseph attire welcoming you in and helping to bus the tables.

A portion of ALL proceeds (dine in, carry out, and drive thru) between the hours of 4:00 - 8:00 PM will go to the St. Joseph Charger’s organization which helps to fund iPads and other necessary school improvements.

Whether you bring the family and sit down for dinner, or just pick up something quick in the drive thru, you will be helping support St. Joseph Catholic School!

Hope to see you there!

Join us on Saturday, March 9 for Shamrock 2019, the gala event to support St. Joseph Catholic School. The event will start at 5:30 PM at the Best Western Longbranch and will include gourmet food stations, live and silent auctions, games and raffles, drinks, live entertainment and more. Reservations are due by Thursday, February 28. Visit www.sjcsmarion.org for more information, contact the school office at 319-377-6348 or connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/chargershamrock.

Proceeds from the event are used to make physical upgrades to the school, which serves preschool through eighth grade students, a childcare center and participants in the parish’s Youth Faith Formation program. We hope you will consider supporting this worthy cause while enjoying social time with the parish community.

Catholic Charities Offers Many Services to Families

Did you know that Catholic Charities offers a diverse array of programs and services throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque, including Mental Health Counseling, Crisis Pregnancy and Post Abortion Counseling, Affordable Housing, Immigration Legal Services, Jail & Prison Ministry, mentoring and support for single parents and Disaster Services? We ask you to consider supporting these services with your gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Learn more at: www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

Mount Mercy University President’s Lecture Thursday, February 21, 7:00 PM, Chapel of Mercy "Religion vs. Science? Don't Believe It" by Dr. Brad Gregory, University of Notre Dame

You are invited to attend Mount Mercy's Presidential Lecture, where award-winning author Dr. Brad Gregory will speak about the perception in popular culture, public discourse, and the media that science and religion are incompatible. This lecture will show how the assumption that science and religion are inherently in conflict is mistaken—and how, properly understood, whatever is true about the natural world does not conflict with true religion.

For more information, please visit: www.mtmercy.edu/faith-reason.

30th Annual Birthright Celebration

Saturday, March 2, 2019

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
St. Patrick’s Parish Center
120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids

$8.00 (Age 5 and under free)

Free Food * Door Prizes * Silent Auction * Face Painting
Music by DJ Bill Kaufman
Balloon Artist Randy Bries
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Proceeds Benefit Birthright of Cedar Rapids
The Church Roof—It has been a while since I last communicated with you about this ongoing project. The information I am sharing is in addition to the other communiqué I had with you about a month ago. Currently:

◊ There is a Roof Replacement Subcommittee comprised of parishioners with building and structural expertise, two Buildings and Grounds Committee members, the parish Maintenance Director and the Business Manager. They are studying the roof to offer valuable data and input regarding when, what and how to address the roof. Their study is important because they will balance the present condition of the roof with whether or not we can wait to reshingle it as part of a capital campaign. The campaign would likely include other improvements done on the church which may affect the roof. We want to be the best stewards of the financial gifts of the parish that will finance what is done to the church.

◊ The findings of the subcommittee have so far been:
  * The existing roof will likely need to be torn off to identify and fix water infiltration areas.
  * The best practice for roof replacement will be tearing off the roof in stages to avoid structural damage.
  * Roof core analyses will need to be done to confirm what the church blueprints say about the roof.
  * Conversation with the City of Marion will need to be had to ensure that the roof meets the city code.

As I shared before, roofing companies are being contacted for bids to determine how much the roofing project will cost. The financial data and how the roof project can be completed and if it can be delayed for a period of time are all further talking points before a decision is made about how and when to replace the roof.

Several parishioners have approached me to share their views about what should be done. I welcome the input and am grateful for it.

Ash Wednesday—for your future planning, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th. Mass times are on the day at 7:00 AM, Noon, 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

Be thinking of how you will observe Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Planning now how you will engage in these traditional Lenten spiritual practices will help you begin this penitential season with purpose and a readiness of heart open to God and his wonderful graces in your life.

Pastoral Associate Hire
Deacon Jeff Volker will be joining the staff in March as the new pastoral associate for our parish. He will assist with visiting the sick, the dying and their families. Deacon Volker will be involved with funeral planning, wakes, funerals, burials and bereavement ministry. This is a partial listing of what his job entails, but will help to give you an idea of his role on staff. Read on for Deacon Volker’s brief autobiography.

Deacon Jeff and Lisa Volker were both born and raised in East-Central Illinois. They have three grown sons now all married raising their five grandchildren spread out from Gibson City, IL to St Louis, and all the way out to Portland, ME.

Jeff was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Joliet in 2007 where he served their local Parish until their move in 2015 to become Caretakers of the National Shrine of St. Therese near Juneau, Alaska.

Catholic Men’s Fellowship

Men of high school age and older are invited to attend the Catholic Men’s Fellowship annual Catholic Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 16 at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker will be Anthony Digmann (www.anthonydigmann.com). The day also includes breakout sessions, lunch, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and more. Register by March 1 for a discounted rate. For more details and registration, please visit: www.catholicmenonline.com.

“Essential Elements of a Strong Catholic Marriage” Day

All married couples are invited to strengthen their marriage by attending the Archdiocese of Dubuque “Essential Elements for a Strong Catholic Marriage” renewal day led by Greg and Julie Alexander of the Alexander House marriage apostolate on Saturday, April 27 from 9:AM to 4:00 PM at St. Ludmila Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. Learn more and register by visiting www.DBQArch.org/Events and clicking on the date. For questions, contact Matt Selby, Director of Marriage and Family Life, at 563-556-2580, ext. 233 or m.selby@DBQArch.org.