March 10, 2019

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Liturgies
Weekend Mass:  Saturday 4:30 PM
               Sunday  8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Weekday Mass:  Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 AM
               Wednesday 8:15 AM
Reconciliation: Saturday, March 16, 23, 30, April 2, 6,
               3:00 - 4:00 PM,
               Saturday, April 13, 3:30 - 4:00 PM
               Sunday, April 14, 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Adoration:     Monday  8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

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Sunday Envelope Giving
Week of March 3, 2019 - Week 36

| Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs     | $22,641.51   |
| Year-to-date budget                | $815,094.34  |
| Collected last weekend             | $22,660.57   |
| Actual Year-to-date envelope income| $781,169.47  |
| Over/(Under) Budget                | ($33,924.87) |

Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory $137,962.00
Budgeted Gifts and Offertory $89,525.64
Over / (Under) budget $48,436.36

Bricks and Mortar Envelopes $35,047.92
Bricks and Mortar budget $30,566.04
Over/(Under) Budget $4,481.88

Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes $1,133.03

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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 pasta. 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 March 10 - 15, to pray the Rosary at the home of Jim and Marge Grawe, 3770 - 24th Ave, Marion, at 7:00 PM each evening. All are welcome.

**Infant Baptism:** The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, May 11, 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.
Please remember in your prayers all those have died especially **Maury McCaffrey**, brother-in-law of Larry & Carol Ann Kane; **Harold Maiers**, grandfather of Chris (Mandie) Winter; **Daniel Naughton**, father of Tracy (Stefan) Walther, grandfather of Sydney and Peyton; and **Everett Harper Scott**, father of Diana (Gary) Frazer.

**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 Bellina. For more information, please contact Sally Wilkinson at: 373-5484.

Women’s Connection will meet Thursday, **March 28**, 11:30 AM, at the Irish Democrat, 3207 1st Ave. 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: **March 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.

**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: **April 3, 2019**.

**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.

**Senior Lunch**

Please join us for the next Senior Luncheon on Wednesday, **March 20, 2019**. Surprise entertainment is planned. All senior men and women of St. Joseph parish are invited. Please call the parish to RSVP, Wayne & Grant will provide entertainment in April.

**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 date: **March 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.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

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

**PODCAST** – We’ve started to record the Sunday homily for a parish Podcast. To listen to the podcast visit the podcast page of our parish website. You can also find it on iTunes under stjoesmarion.

**FORMED** parish access code = ae0136 - please sign up for the FREE Lenten Reflections – Visit the following website to register - https://formed.org/promo/lent-registration.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** – Join us every Friday evening of Lent for Stations of the Cross followed by a free soup supper. Stations of the Cross begin at 5:30 PM in the Church followed immediately by the soup supper in the basement of the Church.

**FUN DAYS – Faith Sharing Training Workshops** – Do you feel comfortable chatting with others about your faith? It is much easier than you realize, and Sean McVeigh helps you realize that in minutes of talking with him. He is helping parishioners get ready for FUN DAYS, which is our parish evangelization outreach to our surrounding community. You are invited to attend these faith sharing workshops to help you get ready for Fun Days, and the meetings are held on Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:15 PM in the St. Joseph Room. All are invited.

**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.

**Fun Days** – Be part of the hospitality and faith sharing team at Fun Days this year! Contact Mike Alt at mikealt47@gmail.com.

**RCIA** – If you have an interest in becoming Catholic or are Catholic who would like to learn more about your faith, contact Sean McVeigh for more details.
St. Joseph Parish Office Hours
8:00 - 12:00 PM and 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Monday - Friday

Catholic Charities Asks You to Help
Did you know that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque holds no government contracts for funding, as compared to similar agencies across the U.S., which rely on budgets comprised of two-thirds public funding. This makes your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal all the more critical!

Faith Formation Opportunity for Lay Formation and IMPACT Alumni
Experience God's grace and explore its impact on your life during our next IMPACT/LF Alumni Retreat, “Grace: On the Journey to God.” The retreat will be held at New Melleray Abbey, just outside of Dubuque. We are excited for the opportunity to pray with and learn from the monks this Lenten season. Join us Saturday, March 30, 10:00 AM to Sunday, March 31, 12:00 PM. For more information or to register, contact Theresa Ailt, 319-447-1132, ailt.theresa@yahoo.com.

Sacred Silence during Lent
This Lenten season we will be observing more silence during communion to open our spirits to God’s voice within. The Church document, Sing to the Lord # 118 shares: “Music arises out of silence and returns to silence. God is revealed both in the beauty of song and in the power of silence. The Sacred Liturgy has its rhythm of texts, actions, songs, and silence. Silence in the Liturgy allows the community to reflect on what it has heard and experienced, and to open its heart to the mystery celebrated.”

Our next CEO (Catholic Evangelization Outreach) will be held at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Thursday, March 14, from 6:30-8:30. Parishioner David Harris will share how God brought him to the Catholic Church! A light meal will follow. Childcare is available. There is no charge and all are welcome! Bring a friend!!

Mt. Calvary Cemetery Clean-up
There will be a total cleanup at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, IA, starting March 15 and will continue as weather permits. We will be removing all flowers, wreaths and decorations. Please remove all items you wish to keep from around your loved one’s grave site prior to March 15. You may begin placing seasonal flowers again starting April 15. Please call 319-362-4659 with questions.

Former Planned Parenthood (PP) manager Sue Thayer is coming to Cedar Rapids Monday, March 18. Sue joined the national 40 Days for Life team. Join her in prayer outside PP from 4:00 - 4:30 PM. Then hear her talk at All Saints Parish Hall from 5:00 - 6:00 PM.
Pray that people recognize and affirm the dignity of human life and that God leads each of us to take steps to defend life.
The Coalition for Life of Iowa invites you to pray in front of Planned Parenthood during our 40 Days for Life campaign. This draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. For additional info:
Web: https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids, phone: call Pat at: 319-721-9730 or email: coalitionforlife@gmail.com
Lenten Confessions—The confession time on Saturdays will be from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM starting on March 9th. This will occur throughout the Lenten season.

Evangelization Plan—I am pleased to inform you that an Evangelization Plan for St. Joseph has been developed by the parish staff and I, in consultation with the Pastoral Council.

Evangelization means to share the gospel, the Good News, about Jesus. In other words, to share your faith in Jesus who saved you from sin, death and calls you to everlasting life in heaven with him. Evangelization, as Pope Francis reminds us, happens in three ways: (1) To those who take part in the life of the Church, the Sacraments and the parish in a regular, consistent way; (2) To those who are baptized but do not have a meaningful relationship with the Church and/or the Christian faith. Among those considered here are individuals who have fallen away from the Church for whatever reason, those opened to Christianity but have grown disillusioned with it or lack the motivation to grow in their faith and; (3) Sharing Jesus’ gospel message with those who don’t know Jesus or have rejected him.

Our Evangelization Plan was created to be consistent with the parish vision—Disciples will be transformed by Christ to love and to serve—and its mission—Fed by Word and sacrament to love and to serve. The values of the plan from which the goals and tasks flow include: (1) Faith in Jesus; (2) The encounter of Jesus in the Mass, the Church and the sacraments, through personal prayer and service; (3) Discipleship in terms of learning from Jesus and sharing that with others; (4) Hospitality, and; (5) Communication regarding respectfully engaging others in an encounter with Jesus and his gospel message.

This is an operational plan of the parish. I invite you to read and explore the Evangelization Plan. A copy of it is located on the parish website (https://stjoesmarion.org/). To access it, click on the slide on the main page or under the “About” tab.

Parish Lenten Projects—In addition to Operation Rice Bowl, and consistent with our Evangelization Plan, I invite all parishioners to reach out to someone this Lent and invite them to come with you to Mass. Who could you invite?

- A family member or friend
- Someone who is fallen away from the Church
- Someone who is seeking
- Someone who has no faith

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to a person to invite or that person to you. You may know someone already or it may take time to be led by the Spirit to that person. The invitation may not initially be: “Please come to Mass with me,” although it could be. You may experience yourself offering the invitation after having engaged the person in conversation and the opportunity to issue the invitation surfaces naturally. “Be not afraid,” Jesus says to us and don’t be discouraged if people say, “no.” That may be part of the process, too, that leads to a “yes” from them or another person you would least expect to respond affirmatively.

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 on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:00 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.

Formation for All—is an online program to help Catholics learn and pray about Respect Life and Social Justice issues. The session during Lent focuses on restorative justice. They are designed for all ages and various settings. To access these sessions go to: dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation.

Annual Liturgy Ministry Workshop

All liturgical ministers mark your calendar for Thursday evening, March 14, at 7:00 PM for the Annual Liturgy Ministry Workshop to be held in the Church Hall. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Greg Bahl, head of the Archdiocesan Worship Commission. Refreshments will be provided starting at 6:30 in the Church Hall. We would love to see you there!