March 17, 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 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

2nd Sunday
Of Lent
While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Fed by Word and Sacrament to Love and Serve
1790 14th Street, Marion, IA 52302 * PHONE: 319-377-4869 * WEBSITE: www.stjoesmarion.org
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.feitman@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.

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Sunday Envelope Giving Week of March 10, 2019 - Week 37

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Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory

| Budgeted Gifts and Offertory | $141,013.00 |
| Over / (Under) budget        | $49,000.54 |

Bricks and Mortar Envelopes

| Bricks and Mortar budget      | $31,415.09 |
| Over/(Under) Budget           | $4,138.83 |

Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes

| Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes | $1,149.45 |

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

**March 18 - March 24, 2019**

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**Tuesday, March 19**

| 7:30 AM          | MASS             |
| 7:00 PM          | Men of Action, St. Joseph Room |
| **Ruth Woodhouse** |

**Wednesday, March 20**

| 8:15 AM          | MASS             |
| 9:30 AM          | Scripture Study  |
| 12:00 PM         | Senior Lunch, Church Hall |
| 2:00 PM          | Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Room |
| 6:30 PM          | Triduum Good Friday Rehearsal, Church |
| 7:30 PM          | MAC, Church      |
| **Michael & Steve Casey** |

**Thursday, March 21**

| 6:00 AM          | Men of Action, Church Hall |
| 7:30 AM          | MASS             |
| 2:00 PM          | Villages         |
| 5:15 PM          | Evangelism Training, St. Joseph Room |
| 6:30 PM          | RCIA, St. Joseph Room  |
| 6:30 PM          | Jubilation, Church |
| **Eleanor Spicer** |

**Friday, March 22**

| 7:30 AM          | MASS             |
| 5:30 PM          | Stations of the Cross, Church |
| 6:00 PM          | Soup Supper, Church Hall |
| 6:30 PM          | Silent Prayer, Church |
| **Tom Kerns**    |

**Saturday, March 23**

| 3:00 PM          | Reconciliation   |
| 4:30 PM          | MASS             |
| **Joan Nath**    |

**Sunday, March 24**

| 8:00 AM          | MASS             |
| 10:30 AM         | MASS             |
| **Mary Weekley** |
| **For the People** |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Please call the Parish Office

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Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially Marvin Slaymaker, father of Pam (Ray) Thys.

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: April 11. Sean McVeigh, Faith Formation Director, will be speaking. 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: April 9. 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. Class on Wednesday, March 20, is canceled.

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

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 is 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 Church Hall.

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.
Lenten Giving
Third Week of Lent

Our Story of Hope is from the Dhathcroos family who fled Sri Lanka due to war and upon returning needed to rebuild their lives and their land. Through programs sponsored by CRS, Christyan Dhathcroos was able to clear his family’s land and begin producing rice, pumpkins and peanuts. Go to:

https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3 to learn more about Christyan.

Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus #5390 will be hosting fish dinners on Fridays, March 22, 29 and April 5, 12, and 19, from 5:00 - 7:30 PM at the Marion Columbus Club, 5650 Kacena Ave, Marion. All you can eat baked or fried fish, baked or fried potatoes, coleslaw, Texas toast or cheese sandwich, homemade dessert, and lemonade or coffee. Adults: $12, children ages 6 to 10: $6, ages 5 and under free. Public welcome. Carry outs available.

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 Alt, 319-447-1132, alt.theresa@yahoo.com.

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.

Parish Elections

On May 18 and 19, we will be holding parish elections for open positions on the Pastoral Council, the Faith Formation Commission and the Catholic School Board. If you are interested in running or know of someone you’d like to nominate, please fill out one of the nomination forms found at: www.stjoesmarion.org or in the parish office.

Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity to use your unique gifts in service to our parish.

Thank You from Catholic Charities

These past many weeks Catholic Charities has received strong prayerful and financial support as part of their 2019 Annual Appeal. These gifts provide needed funds to provide assistance to the most vulnerable in our communities and in our families. Thank you to all who have given so generously. It is never too late to join this important effort. To learn more about Catholic Charities or to give go to:


Old Planned Parenthood manager Sue Thayer is coming to Cedar Rapids this Monday, March 18. Sue joined the national 40 Days for Life team. Join her in prayer outside Planned Parenthood from 4:00 - 4:30 PM. Then hear her talk at All Saints Parish Hall from 5:00 - 6:00 PM.

Pray for your local pregnancy help center and everyone who supports their mission.

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
Email: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

Early Deadlines

St. Joseph Church Bulletin

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Please send submissions to:
dbq126sec@dbqarch.org

Sacred Silence during Lent

We continue our Lenten journey with sacred silence during communion. Fr. Thomas Keating stated that "Silence is God's first language." During the richness of this silence open your heart to what Jesus is speaking to you as you receive Him in the Holy Eucharist.

Please consider this Lenten opportunity to grow in your faith.
Happy St. Patrick’s Day!—We celebrate the great Saint Patrick on Sunday. While there is corn beef and cabbage, a “tip of the glass,” and the Wearing of the Green to commemorate his sanctity, the life of St. Patrick as we know it wasn’t all festivals, parades, corn beef and cabbage.

St. Patrick was born either in Scotland, England or Wales, but he called himself a Roman and a Briton. When 16, he and a large number of his father’s slaves were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. He was enslaved in Ireland for six years forced to work as a shepherd while suffering from hunger and the cold. It was during this time he experienced his spiritual conversion.

Six years later, Patrick escaped to France and likely studied there. Ultimately, he was consecrated bishop when he was 43 with a great desire to proclaim the Good News to the Irish. He once had a dream that all the children of Ireland from their mothers’ wombs were stretching out their hands to him in a gesture to come to Ireland to evangelize. Evangelize he did, and in the process he made numerous converts, ordained many priests, organized the isle into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and urged his people to greater holiness.

St. Patrick suffered due to opposition from the pagan druids and was criticized in England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mandate to preach the Gospel. Patrick was a man of action and in a relatively short period of time, Ireland was evangelized and was prepared to send missionaries to Europe, whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

That’s why I say that the Irish were responsible for civilizing the world! We desperately need more St. Patricks in Europe, our country and throughout the world. Pray that St. Patrick will inspire many to do as he did!

Thematic Homilies—This Lent, we are attempting a different approach to the composition of homilies based on a particular theme for each week derived from the Sunday readings. The themes for the Sunday homilies of Lent include:

- The First Sunday of Lent—Should You Turn Your Life Around?
- The Second Sunday of Lent—Does Jesus Have Short Hair and Green Eyes?
- The Third Sunday of Lent—Why Me?
- The Fourth Sunday of Lent—Is God Kidding?
- The Fifth Sunday of Lent—Why Not Just Give Up?

The homilies are being recorded and podcasted and will be found at: https://stjoesmarion.org/podcasts.

St. Joseph Day—Tuesday, March 19th, is a Solemnity (the highest ranking celebration of Mass) and our patronal feast day. That means we can really celebrate, even during Lent. On that day, pray for our parish, the priests, deacons, staff and parishioners. Pray for St. Joseph’s intercession for our mission, to spread the Gospel of Jesus and be fed by his Word and Sacrament (the Eucharist).

Maybe have a special food dish or desert that day to celebrate and commemorate our great patron. I include a Prayer to St. Joseph written by St. Francis de Sales, to pray anytime, but especially on March 19th.

Glorious St. Joseph, husband of Mary,
also extend to us your paternal protection,
you who can made possible the most impossible of things.
Look at our present needs,
turn you fatherly eyes to the pressing needs of your children.
Help us and take under your protection
the questions so important that we entrust to you,
so that their result is favorable both for the Glory of God
and for the good of we who affectionately follow you. Amen.

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.

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.