St. Joseph Catholic Church
Fed by Word and Sacrament to Love and Serve

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March 31, 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, April 2, 6, 3:00 - 4:00 PM,
                Saturday, April 13, 3:30 - 4:00 PM
                Sunday, April 14, 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Communal Penance: April 6, 10:30 AM St. Joseph, Marion
                April 11, 7:00 PM at St. Jude, Cedar Rapids
                April 13, 10:30 AM at St. Elizabeth, Hiawatha
Adoration:      Monday  8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
New to the Parish: Welcome! Please call the Parish 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 Deacon Jeff at 377-4869 or dbq126d3@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 Temes, 319-377-4869 or d.temes@dbqarch.org and Deacon Ken Bauer, 319-377-4869 or k.bauer@dbqarch.org.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry requests laundry soap, dish soap, bath soap and shampoo. 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 31 - April 5 to pray the Rosary at the home of Margaret Selzer, 2601 A Avenue NE, 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 Temes at d.temes@dbqarch.org or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

**Monday, April 1**
- 8:00 AM Adoration
- 12:00 PM Rosary, Church
- 7:00 PM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room

**Tuesday, April 2**
- 7:30 AM MASS † Ann Conner
- 7:00 PM Men of Action, St. Joseph Room
- 7:00 PM Bells, Church

**Wednesday, April 3**
- 8:15 AM MASS † Vergermaine Klima
- 9:30 AM Scripture Study
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, St. Matthew Rm
- 2:00 PM Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Room
- 5:50 PM Minor Miracles, Church
- 6:30 PM Triduum Rehearsal, Church
- 7:00 PM JAM & MAC, Church

**Thursday, April 4**
- 6:00 AM Men of Action, Church Hall
- 7:30 AM MASS † John Bulman
- 6:30 PM RCIA, St. Joseph Room
- 6:30 PM Jubilation, Church

**Friday, April 5**
- 7:30 AM MASS † Jean Moeller-Rafis
- 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Church
- 6:00 PM Soup Supper, Church Hall

**Saturday, April 6**
- 10:30 AM Communal Penance, St. Joseph
- 3:00 PM Reconciliation
- 4:30 PM MASS † For the People

**Sunday, April 7**
- 8:00 AM MASS † Mary E. Esch
- 10:30 AM MASS † Michael & Collete Cox

MASS INTENTIONS

Please call the Parish Office

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### Sunday Envelope Giving

**Week of March 24, 2019 - Week 39**

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### Ministry Schedule

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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. Seem McVeigh, Faith Formation Director, will be speaking. For more information, please contact Sally Wilkinson at: 373-5484.

Women’s Connection will meet Thursday, April 25, 11:30 AM, at Perkins, 315 Collins Road NE, 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: April 26, 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.

Senior Lunch
Please join us for the next Senior Luncheon on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Wayne & Grant will provide entertainment. All senior men and women of St. Joseph parish are invited. Please call the parish to RSVP.

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: April 23 in the church hall from 1:00 - 3:00 PM to make the cards that are given to others. For more information, please contact Kathy Conrad at 377-8371.

Adult Faith Formation
Adult Faith Formation contact info – Sean McVeigh – email: s.mcveigh@dbqarch.org – phone: (319) 377-4869.

Marriage Enrichment Small Groups – You may have watched Brian and Emily Logan this week on our YouTube channel https://youtu.be/AAiwnkGilqE as they shared about their marriage enrichment small group. If you would like to join a couples’ small group as well, contact Sean McVeigh at the above information.

Invite others to Easter Mass — We are looking for volunteers to go out into the community with our hospitality team to invite others to Mass this Easter. We will do this on Saturday afternoon, April 13th. Please contact Sean McVeigh if you are interested in helping us invite others to worship God with us this Easter.

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.

Our YouTube Channel. Would you like to share something with the rest of us on our “St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion” YouTube channel? Contact Sean McVeigh if you are interested. Even if you don’t want to share, please subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Fun Days – Be part of the hospitality and faith sharing team at Fun Days this year! Contact Mike Alt at: mikealt47@gmail.com.
LENTEN GIVING  
FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Our Story of Hope is from Gaza, a Palestinian territory. Ona worked very hard to achieve her degree in education at a university but was having difficulty finding a teaching job. Through CRS, Ona was able to obtain an internship as a teacher and was hired to teach math. She now owns her own tutoring center. CRS is able to help people fulfill their dreams through job placement. Go to: https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-5 to learn more about Ona.

Please continue to use the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls in your homes for your Lenten Almsgiving. Rice Bowl donations will be collected beginning Palm Sunday weekend April 13/14 through April 27/28 at the entrances to the church. Please look for displays at that time.

Knights of Columbus #5390 will be hosting fish dinners on Fridays, 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. The public is welcome. Carry outs are available.

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.

Meditating on the Word. For a Lenten opportunity, Judy Ramsey & Pat Soyer are working with our Young Church in grades 7-12 to connect with the Gospel readings. Fr. O’Connor shared his Lenten homily themes with the young people and each Wednesday evening the Young Church breaks open the Sunday Gospel reading with Judy and Pat to determine a visual that helps them connect the homily theme to the Word of God that they will hear at Mass the coming weekend.

We hope you look forward to seeing the visual each week and pray that it allows you to meditate deeper on the meaning of the Word of God in your life.

Week Four Theme: Is God Kidding?
Visual suggested by the Young Church: Prodigal Son print, Red & Purple Clothes, the word MERCY. Whether we relate to the younger son who has run from the Father or the older son who neglects to appreciate what he has of the Father’s both sons need their Father’s mercy. We need to stop kidding ourselves and remember that we are all sinners. To be in need of God’s Mercy requires us to know we are sinners and this parable offers us a great opportunity to reflect on our own relationship with the Father.

To All Eucharistic Ministers
St. Lukes Hospital is needing additional Eucharistic Ministers to provide Holy Eucharist for its hospitalized Catholic patients. If you are interested in providing this rewarding ministry, please contact Don Knutson, at 319-721-2257 or email donknutson_2000@yahoo.com. Detailed training provided.

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: April 14, 2019
Sponsored by the Building & Grounds Committee

Easter Flowers
If you wish to donate to the Easter Flowers for our church in the name of a loved one please clip this form, fill it out and return it along with $15 to the parish office or drop in the collection basket by Monday, April 15, 2019. Your loved one’s name will be placed on the flower that you have sponsored. You may take the flower home after the Celebration of Easter.

In Memory of: (Please print)

With love from:

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.

Early Deadlines
St. Joseph Church Bulletin

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Please send submissions to: dbq126sec@dbqarch.org
**The Parable of the Prodigal Son**—The parable is so familiar to us. A son disowns his father while insisting on his share of the family estate. He runs off, sows his wild oats and ends up destitute and despairing. Waking up and realizing he is living a profligate lifestyle, he decides to go home and ask his father for forgiveness. “Maybe I can be like one of his hired hands,” he thought. When the son returned, the father not only forgave, but restored him to the family. Meanwhile, his older brother became angry and resented the whole thing. He had been faithful to his father and wasn’t treated as well as his younger brother.

It is wonderful this parable is proclaimed on Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday because it contains such profoundly good news for us. The father is God the Father, whose loving mercy reaches to the point of incomprehensibility. How can the Father forgive the profligate son? Why is the Father patient with the resentment and anger of the older son who doesn’t treasure the relationship the Father has with him. The older son is distant from his Father who has a more pro forma, legalistic relationship with him. “See how good I am?” the older son would ask of his Father, “now reward me.”

In a world, culture and society within which we live that is rife with strife, has an anemic or contrary understanding of life and justice, is unforgiving, one that feuds and maintains grudges, this parable may not make sense at first or seem to be inapplicable to one’s life. But, look again. It drills to the heart, the core of your life. God is forgiving. He sets the standard because he is the standard. The world isn’t the standard. The Father is patient, merciful and forgiving. He wants us all to be in his family. It seems too good to be true, but it is true. Apply it to your life, your sins, hurts, regrets, resentments and your stubborn intractability and unwillingness to forgive someone. The Father is ready to receive you, but patiently waits. He is eager for you to bring these matters to him, to his healing embrace. Is there anything that is preventing you from presenting yourself to Him? If so, address it now. The Father is eagerly awaiting you!

**Permanent Deacon Jeff Volker**—Thank you for the warm welcome you extended to Deacon Jeff and his wife, Lisa, this weekend. Deacon Jeff’s job title is Pastoral Associate and his work will primarily be with the hospitalized, homebound, the dying and funerals. He also will be the staff liaison to the Women’s Connection and be involved in some other ministries. We look forward to many blessings from God because of his work and ministry with us at St. Joseph.

**Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum Schedule**

**Palm Sunday, April 14**
- **Saturday, April 14** - 4:30 PM Mass - Palm Procession in the church.
- **Sunday, April 14** - 8:00 AM Mass - Palm Procession in the church; 10:30 AM - Palm Procession starts in the school. Alternate inclement weather site is the church basement.
- **Sunday, April 14** - Confessions - 3:00 PM-5:00 PM in the church.

**Tuesday, April 16**
- Chrism Mass, 2:00 PM, at St. Raphael, Dubuque. All are welcome.

**Holy Thursday, April 18**
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:00 PM. Washing of the feet will occur. The Adoration Vigil of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the liturgy until 9:30 PM.

**Good Friday, April 1**
- Friday of the Passion of the Lord, 3:00 PM. This includes the Veneration of the Cross.

**Holy Saturday, April 20**
- The Easter Vigil - 8:15 PM.

**Easter Sunday, April 21**
- Masses in the church and the gym at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

**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](https://stjoesmarion.org/podcasts).

**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 seeking
* Someone who is fallen away from the Church
* Someone who has no faith