Congratulations on your First Communion

Amaya Aguilar-Lingo
Isabella Aguilar-Lingo
Hadley Andrews
Alexa Astorga
Collin Barnard
Colton Barnard
Bryton Baxa
Noah Baxter
Trace Bryant
Lauren Cooper
Kaitlynn Corporon
Emerson Dabroski
Brooklyn Davis
Natalie Decker
Mason Ehlers
Tenley Eicher
Ellen Esch
Maxwell Flynn
Cole Frank
Landon Geissler
Noah Gonzalez
Kaden Grief
Charlee Guild
Gavin Harney
Adalynn Haugen
Evelyn Heil
Lily Heim
Jordan Heinrichs
Kyle Hinrichs
Trey Hockaday
Kieran Johnson
Drew Koranda
Jillian Landherr
Micah Marasch
Norah Marshall
Brody Merritt
Ethan Myrom
Cecilia Mullen
Kathryn O'Connell
Cooper Pacheco
Nicholas Phillips
Brinley Platner
Natalie Pope
Hank Rasmussen
Julia Santana
Emmett Shede
Logan Starns
Robert Tipter
Aiden Ulferts
Nathan Vu
Elizabeth Walz
Alexander Wandler
Zachary Wassmer
Alexa Watts
Michael Wegmann
Brady Weis
Lauryn Whelchel
Tate Zeets
New to the Parish: Welcome! Please call the office to make an appointment to register at 377-4869.

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 Ait, 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 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 April 28 - May 3, to pray the Rosary at Mount Mercy University, 1330 Elmhurst Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, 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.

### Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

**April 29 - May 5, 2019**

**Monday, April 29**
- 7:30 AM MASS † Remington Family
- 8:00 AM Adoration
- 12:00 PM Rosary, Church
- 7:00 PM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room

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

**Wednesday, May 1**
- 8:15 AM MASS † Jim Hebert
- 9:30 AM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, St. Matthew Room
- 2:00 PM Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Room
- 7:30 PM MAC, Church

**Thursday, May 2**
- 6:00 AM Men of Action, Church Hall
- 7:30 AM MASS † Darrell Wiley
- 9:30 AM Willow Gardens † Cecelia Kepros
- 6:30 PM RCIA, St. Joseph Room

**Friday, May 3**
- 7:30 AM MASS † Don Woodhouse
- 8:00 AM May Crowning, Church

**Saturday, May 4**
- 3:30 PM Reconciliation
- 4:30 PM MASS † Ann Connor

**Sunday, May 5**
- 8:00 AM MASS † Mary Weekley
- 10:30 AM MASS † For the People

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please call Deacon Jeff Volker at the Parish Office.

### St. Joseph Catholic Church - Bulletin

**Deadline for submissions is:**
Tuesday, at noon, for the following Sunday bulletin

Please send submissions to: dbq126sec@dbqarch.org
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: May 9. Kathy Conrad, Inc. Gems of Hope, will be the speaker. We will also be making inspirational cards for cancer patients. For more information, please contact Sally Wilkinson at: 373-5484.

Women’s Connection will meet Thursday, May 23, 11:30 AM, at Cheddar’s, 161 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: May 24, 2019. Mr. Bean’s 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: May 14. 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: May 1, 2019.

Senior Lunch
Please join us on Wednesday, May 15, for the Senior Luncheon. 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: May 28, 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.

Congratulations RCIA! – We extend our excited congratulations to all those who were received into the Church this Easter at the Vigil Mass.

RCIA Sign Up – If you or an adult you know not yet received all of the Sacraments of Initiation, contact Sean McVeigh to get started in the process.

Date Night – Our next marriage enrichment Date Night will be held on May 18 after the 4:30 PM Mass. We will have a meal together in the Church Hall as well as play a fun game. Childcare will also be provided. If you are interested, please register on our website at https://stjoesmarion.org/marriage-enrichment.

Small Groups – Get more involved in your faith by joining a small group, contact Sean McVeigh at the above information.

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

FUN DAYS – Faith Sharing Training Workshops – Do you feel comfortable chatting with others about your faith? It is much easier than you realize. Let Sean McVeigh show you just how simple it can be. Come join our faith sharing workshops held on Thursday evenings from 5:15 to 6:15 PM in the St. Joseph Room. All are invited.

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.

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.
**Liturgies**

**Weekend Mass:**
- Saturday 4:30 PM
- Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**Weekday Mass:**
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7:30 AM
- Wednesday 8:15 AM

**Reconciliation:**
- Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM

**Adoration:**
- Monday 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

**5K NEON RUN:** This will take place on Friday, **May 31**. The kids 12 & under Fun Run will start at 7:00 PM and the 5K Neon Run and Walk will start at 7:30 PM. Wear your brightest neon attire. Prizes will be given for the top finishers. Sign-up and more information can be found at: RUNSIGNUP.COM or can be accessed from the Fun Days link on the parish website.

**BAG TOSS TOURNAMENT (aka Cornhole):** This will take place on Saturday, **June 1** at 2:00 PM in the beverage tent. It is limited to 32 teams. There is a $20.00 per team entry fee due at the day of the tournament. 100% payout of all entry fees (1st place –50%, 2nd place-30%, and 3rd place-20%). DON’T MISS OUT. Sign up using the Fun Days link on the parish website. It can be found under “Activities”.

**TALENT SHOW:** New to Fun Days this year. Do you have a special talent/skill you would like the world to see? The Fun Days stage is waiting for you! It will take place on Saturday, **June 1**, at 2:00 PM in the Veritas tent. It is open to ALL ages. To sign up, please visit the parish website and use the Fun Days link.

**COUNTRY STORE:** Do you have a shelf of dusty novels? Are your children’s beloved tomes boxed and in storage? Could your personal library use some weeding? The Fun Days Country Store can help! We are collecting gently used Children’s Books, Chapter Books, Young Adult Novels, and Adult Novels in hardback and paperback to offer for sale at this year’s event. Contact Robyn Ginther at rdginther@gmail.com or 319.551.5083 with questions and donations.

To contact the Fun Days Executive Committee, please phone 319-774-8719 or send an email to: info@StJosephFunDays.org

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**The Our Call to Share Collection** will be taken up in our parish on the weekend of **May 5**. The combined collections for spring include: Catholic Communications, Catholic Relief Services, and Peter’s Pence. Each parishioner will receive in the mail a brochure explaining how the proceeds of this effort will be used along with an offertory envelope. On the envelope you will have the choice of having your contribution divided among the collections, or you may designate how you would like to have your contribution distributed. Please be generous and remember these important efforts of the mission of the Church in your prayers. Thank you in advance.

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**Our next CEO (Catholic Evangelization Outreach) will be held at All Saints on Thursday, **May 9**, from 6:30-8:00 PM. Parishioner Cynthia Gunsolly OFS will share how Our Lord’s grace worked in her life and her family’s life. A light meal will be served. Childcare is available. This event is FREE and ALL are welcome! Bring a friend!!

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**Married Couples:** Would you like to re-live the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming dates: **May 3-5**, Dubuque, IA. For more information call (563) 608-3305 or visit our website at: iowa-wwme.org.
Holy Week and Easter Thank You - There is lots of preparation, much of it behind the scenes and some months in advance, that is essential for the liturgies we celebrated during Holy Week and at Easter. Rehearsals, planning, training, homiletic preparation and scheduling just begin to scratch the surface of what occurred. The staff, leaders of the various liturgical ministries, the decorators of the liturgical environment in the church, and many more parishioners labored hard and well to offer the gift we found in the celebration of these liturgies. Then, there were the liturgical ministers who sacrificed their time to offer their talents which blessed the liturgies we celebrated. Thank you to all who contributed to these liturgies and to all who participated in them. God blessed us with a wonderful Holy Week and Easter.

1st Communion Welcome and Congratulations — Congratulations to our First Communicants, their parents, guardians, family members, catechists and to all who brought them to this sacred encounter with Jesus present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist. Welcome to all who have joined them in this sacred celebration. We pray that their devotion to, reception and appreciation of the Eucharist will grow and deepen through the years and that they will remain faithful to Jesus and the Eucharist.

A Message from St. Joseph Parishioner Deacon Tyler Raymond — In a month’s time, Deacon Tyler Raymond will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Here’s a letter from him addressed to all of us.

Hello St Joes!

After what seems like only a very brief time in seminary (6 years!) my path as a seminarian is ending as I begin to embark on a hopefully long and joyful life as an ordained minister for the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

On Saturday, May 25, I will be ordained a priest at Saint Raphael Cathedral in Dubuque at 10:30am. Praise God!

On Sunday, May 26, I will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at my home parish, St Joseph in Marion, at 4:00 PM.

I would like to invite all of you, who have been important for me in this journey to the priesthood to these celebrations, especially to my Mass of Thanksgiving.

Just an FYI, 5 other men in my class will be ordained on Saturday, so the Cathedral will be packed. If you would like to watch the ordination, the Archdiocese will be live streaming it from their website.

While it may not be feasible to come to the ordination, I would be especially honored if you could make it to the Mass of Thanksgiving in Marion, and the reception afterwards.

I have been touched by so many lives in my years through seminary by you, the great people of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and it would mean a great deal to be able to celebrate with you all.

Please pray for me as ordination approaches.

If you would like to contact me, I can be reached by email at t raymond@dbqarch.org or by mail at:

130 Meghann Dr.
Marion, IA 52302

Thank you for all your prayers, support, encouragement, and all you’ve taught me about what it means to be a priest in service to the People of God.

God bless, and I hope to see you soon!

Deacon Tyler

First Holy Communions — will occur this weekend and May 4-5, during the 4:30 PM, Saturday and 10:30 AM, Sunday Masses. Please pray for our communicants, their parents and families. May our first communicants find a supportive, faith filled environment in our parish and at home to grow and thrive in their Catholic faith.