April 1, 2018

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Liturgies

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

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

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Adoration: Mondays 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

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1790 14th Street, Marion, IA  52302

Youth Faith Formation  319-377-8402
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St. Joseph Catholic School  319-377-6348
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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 jm926722@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.

Parish Library—Open during office hours.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry needs soap for dishes, laundry, bath 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—Gather to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by gathering from April 1 - 6, to pray the rosary at the home of Tommy and Elizabeth Riester, 227 Sussex Dr. NE, at 7:30 pm each evening. All are welcome.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018, in the St. Joseph Room of the parish offices from 9 to 11 am. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at d.ternes@dbqarch.org or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

New Church Directories are in and may be picked up in the Parish Office. One per family please.

### Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

**Sunday, April 8**
- 8:00 AM MASS † Mary Jayne Merrigam
- 10:30 AM MASS † For the People

**Mass Intentions**
Please see Dawn Feltman in the Office
Women’s Connection
Support and friendship group for widows of the parish. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the LLL at St. Joseph School. Carol Hodgden will be sharing her quilts with us. Carol has been quilting for 30+ years and has participated in quilt show competitions. For more information, please contact Sally at 373-5484.

Please join us for the monthly luncheon on April 26, @ 11:30 - Perkins. For more information contact Carol Gonzalez at 654-6296.

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 2-3 pm. Suggested offering of $5 per class.

Senior Lunch
Please join us for the Senior Luncheon on April 11, 2018. (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Let this Easter be the start of a renewed commitment to grow stronger in your faith and gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of it by taking advantage of the many resources available to St. Joseph parishioners. Visit our parish website at https://stjoesmarion.org/resources/ to see what is available for you and your family by clicking on the different links under the "Grow in Faith" tab. Also take advantage of our Parish Library in the main office area to see all the solid Catholic books, DVDs, and audio CDs that are at your disposal free of charge. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes for more information or to sign up for any of the different faith-building opportunities. Call 319-377-4869 or email d.ternes@dbqarch.org.

Director of Adult Faith Formation
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion, IA, a two thousand family parish, is seeking an Adult Faith Forma/g415on Director. The candidate must be a prac/g415ing Catholic with a Bachelor’s Degree or higher in Theology or a related field. A Master’s Degree is preferred.

The Director will work as a team member with pastor and staff, direct the RCIA process, administer and develop adult faith formation programs and materials, teach and meet the ongoing adult educational needs of the parish. A familiarity with digital technology would be beneficial.

Please go to: www.stjoesmarion.org/employment to review the job description and retrieve an application. Please send the completed application for employment with cover letter and resume to: jobs@stjoesmarion.org or Search Committee, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1790 14th Street, Marion, IA, 52302.

Parish Elections
On May 19 and 20, 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 someone you would like to nominate, please fill out one of the nomination forms located in your pew.

There will be an opportunity to learn more about these positions from current members on Wednesday, April 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 in the St. John Paul II Room in the church office. If you are not able to attend this meeting, you are also welcome to attend one of the following meetings:

- Pastoral Council: Thursday, April 19 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room of the parish office
- Faith Formation Commission: Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 PM in the Leadership and Learning Lounge at St. Joseph School
- Catholic School Board: Tuesday, April 10 at 5:00 PM in the Leadership and Learning Lounge at St. Joseph School

Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity to use your unique gifts in service to our parish.
Worldwide Marriage Encounter
is a weekend to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day. Take time to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married. Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive by signing up today to attend one of the upcoming Weekends on April 20-22 @ Dubuque, September 7-9 @ Cedar Falls, October 19-21 @ Marathon, WI and November 2-4 @ Coralville. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://www.iowa-wwme.org/ or email: ljwwme08@gmail.com.

Catholic Laymen’s Club
The Catholic Laymen’s Club has been meeting since 1954. They meet every Friday noon in the Katz Room at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids. Both spiritual and financial support is provided to seminarians in the Dubuque Archdiocese. Please join the group to hear speakers that share their experiences in theology, sports, government and other topics of interest. For more information, please call Kevin Wimmer at 319-373-7424.

Coffee and Doughnuts
Enjoy coffee and doughnuts, the 2nd Sunday of the month following 8:00 Mass in the church hall.
Next coffee and doughnut date: April 8, 2018
Sponsored by the Liturgy Function Committee

ST. JOSEPH FUN DAYS
FAITH – FAMILY – COMMUNITY
June 1, 2, & 3, 2018
Fun Days is just a short two months away. It’s mission is to bring the community together for evangelization, service and fun. Great excitement has been building within the parish of St. Joseph as well as the Marion community. There will be something for every age to enjoy – games, carnival, bingo, country store, live and silent auctions, bags tournament, 5K run, magician, several musical acts, and you can even test your biblical knowledge with “Bible Jeopardy” and “Bible Family Feud”.

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Changed Bulletin Submission Deadlines
For April Bulletins
April 8 Bulletin Submission Deadline April 2

Please join us for “A Hawaiian Luau,” a Father/Daughter Dance on Saturday, May 12, from 5:30 - 8:00 pm in the St. Joseph Catholic School Gym, sponsored by the American Heritage Girls. All fathers and daughters are welcome (or grandpas, stepfathers, uncles, etc.). Cost of the event is $15 per person, with a $45 family maximum. Price includes dinner, dessert, music, pictures, and more! Please register online at: https://stjoesmarion.org/ahg and then send payment and the names of all those attending in an envelope to the parish office, Attn: Father/Daughter Dance. Please make checks out to American Heritage Girls. Deadline for payment and registration for this event is Friday, April 13. Please contact American Heritage Girls with any questions at: ahtjoesmarion@gmail.com.

FRANCISCAN COMMON VENTURE
SUMMER SERVICE PROGRAM
has several upcoming opportunities to share your time and talent in service to others. For more information, or to apply, please contact Sr. Shell at 563-583-9786 or balekm@osfdbq.org or visit www.osfdbq.org/commonventure for a full listing. Here are just a few:

EXCEL Summer Camp, Morton, MS: One week in June
1-2 women volunteers (Age 20+) are needed each week in June. Service includes tutoring in reading, language and math to a multicultural population. Volunteers will live and serve with our Franciscan Sisters. Camp is Monday-Thursday; Sunday arrival and Friday departure. Cost: $175 Application Due Date: May 1

EXCEL Summer Learning Program, Okolona, MS: One week in June
2-6 women & men volunteers (Age 20+) are needed each week in June. Service includes tutoring and/or assisting with the learning activities. Sunday arrival with Saturday departure. Cost: $175 Application Due Date: May 1

Rescue Mission & New Hope Catholic Worker Farm, Dubuque, IA
June 3-9, 2018
2-4 women and men volunteers (Age 20+) are needed. The Catholic Worker Farm offers gardening tasks as well as community building. The Rescue Mission offers the opportunity to participate in positive solutions to homelessness. Sunday arrival with a Saturday departure. Cost: $115 Application Due Date: May 6

Canticle of Creation Center/Prairie, Dubuque, IA: Saturday, June 9, 2018
2-4 women and men volunteers (Age 20+) are needed for this one-day service opportunity. Volunteers from the Dubuque area will help the Sisters of St. Francis’ Canticle of Creation Center with tasks to keep the prairie healthy, and other creation-care needs.
Cost: $30 Application Due Date: May 11

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**He Is Risen! Indeed, He Has Risen!** This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Fr. Mark Kwenin and I, on behalf of our deacons, their wives, and our parish and school staffs, warmly welcome you as we celebrate Easter and pray that this holiest of days will bear fruit in your lives. Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with family and friends. Tell people that the tomb of Christ is empty and that you have seen and experienced the Risen Lord. Proclaim to the world that death is defeated and the doors to eternal life have been opened. Happy Easter!

**April Fools!**—I usually don’t pay attention to April Fools’ Day. It is a day of practical jokes and pranks that mislead and embarrass the recipients. Admittedly, there have been some good ones over the years that have fooled a large number of people.

Right from the day of the resurrection of Jesus, people variously claimed that it was a fool’s tale. No one has ever risen from the dead, the premise of the argument goes. In ancient days, resuscitation wasn’t possible as we know it. Returning from being irreversibly dead isn’t even something modern technology can do.

Detractors to the resurrection have said that Jesus’ disciples stole his body and lied claiming that he rose from the dead. Others have asserted that the five hundred plus people who saw Jesus after he rose were suffering from a mass hysteria that placed them all in a suggestive trance leading them to think they saw him due to their own wish therapy. Contemporaneous arguments include that you believe in something that cannot happen because you are gullible due to being weak, uneducated and needy. Others in that genre take a cosmological approach saying that Jesus was some kind of ancient alien from another planet who had the technology to cause a resurrection which wasn’t a resurrection at all. God is replaced with a gnostic polytheism that asserts the existence of gods and demigods, which could lead right back to the aliens argument if you follow the mythological thread. You’re being fooled and are a fool to assert, and even more so to believe, that Jesus is God and that he actually rose from the dead.

--Goodness, and so it goes! Arguments contrary to the resurrection accommodate the ridiculous which leads me to wonder who is being fooled and who are the foolish. The fact is, no one has been able to definitively disprove the resurrection nor can the plentiful witnesses who saw him be summarily dismissed. There wasn’t anything wrong with their minds, emotions or their psychological state. They saw, believed and testified to the truth of what they experienced, some with their lives because they were martyred for it. Of course, if it makes me a fool to believe in Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, count me among them! Are you one of those “April Fools,” too?