August 26, 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 at 8:15 AM

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

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

Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.” - Jn 6:68

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.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry needs boxed pudding and Jello. 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 August 26 – 31, to pray the rosary at the home of Carmen Bannister, 2235 24th Street, Marion, at 7:00 PM each evening. All are welcome.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018, 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 and register and learn more.

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**Budgeted Sunday Envelope Giving**

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**Sunday, September 2 Calendar & Mass Intentions**

**Monday, August 27**

7:30 AM MASS † Margaret Easton
8:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM Rosary
7:00 PM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm

**Tuesday, August 28**

7:30 AM MASS † Lester & Irene Kula
7:00 PM Men of Action, St. Joseph Room

**Wednesday, August 29**

7:30 AM MASS † Vince & Virgine Irbeek
9:30 AM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm
2:00 PM Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Rm

**Thursday, August 30**

6:00 AM Men of Action, Church Hall
7:30 AM MASS † Deacon Leo & June Schmall
9:30 AM Crestview † Richard Roth Family

**Friday, August 31**

7:30 AM MASS † Jim Seigel
6:30 PM Silent Prayer, Church

**Saturday, September 1**

4:30 PM MASS † Darrell Wiley

**Sunday, September 2**

8:00 AM MASS † Florence Gerard
10:30 AM MASS † For the People

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**Mass Intentions**

Please see Dawn Feltman in the Office

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**St. Joseph Parish Office Hours**

8:00 - 12:00 PM and 1:00 - 5:00 PM Monday - Friday
Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially Geraldine Blazek, wife of Robert; Lois Burkle, mother of Ruth Utter (Daniel Kennedy); Cecelia Koob, sister-in-law of Beverly McAllister; and Timothy Watters, husband of Nancy.

**Women’s Connection**

Women’s Connection will meet September 27, at Applebee’s, Lindale, for the monthly luncheon. For more information please contact Carol Gonzalez at 654-6296.

**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 will meet next on September 5, 2018, in the St. Matthew Room.

**Gems of Hope**

Please plan to join us in creating cards for Gems of Hope on Tuesday, August 28, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM in the church hall. All are welcome.

**Womens Book Club**

“Wrapped Up - God’s Ten Gifts for Women” by Teresa Tomeo & Cheryl Dickow. Faith and the feminine genius are a natural combination. Drawing on both the deep wisdom of Scripture and a savvy grasp of modern culture this book will help you recognize the ten gifts God gives every woman. Please join us beginning Wednesday, September 12 - November 14 (10 weeks), St. John Paul II Room, cost of the book is $10. Please let Dawn know at 377-4869 or d.feltman@dbqarch.org if you would like to join us and she will order you a book by Tuesday, September 4.

**Quilting Ministry - Christmas Quilts for Birthright**

We will be focusing on making quilts in time for the holidays. Please pick up kits downstairs in church hall and complete/return as soon as possible. Thank you to those who made donations, our batting has been replenished.

♫ Please Note ♫

Come and join us for an evening to sing down memory lane on Thursday, September 6, @ 6:30 PM in the church. We will be singing some of the folk hymns of the 1960s to praise God in fun song. Bring your guitar, tambourine or maracas to join in the jubilation. All are welcome!

**Minor Miracles** will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 19, from 5:50 - 6:25 PM. All students from grades 3rd to 6th grade are welcome to join. Come and share your singing talents to praise God in song!

**Major Miracles**, our new group for middle schoolers in 7th and 8th grade, will meet on Wednesday nights from 7:45 - 8:30 PM in the school music room beginning on September 19. Bring your musical talents in voice or on an instrument to share with our parish. Contact Patty Kelly @ p.kelly@dbqarch.org with any questions.

**JAM**, our high school music group will be meeting on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the church under the leadership of Gus Brown and Anna Kelly. Rehearsals will begin on August 29. Bring your talents before the Lord!

**Jubilation** is open to anyone high school age through adult and meets on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 PM beginning September 13. This group sings once a month with a great group of talented and dedicated people. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Patty Kelly at p.kelly@dbqarch.org.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**RCIA** – RCIA is about to start – September 6! If you are an adult who would like to become Catholic or someone who still hasn’t received your Confirmation, now is the time to move forward in the process. Contact our AFF director, Sean McVeigh, to sign up or for more information. Simply email or call s.mcveigh@dbqarch.org or 377-4869 (Ext. 109).

**Financial Peace University** – Do you know anyone who could use some coaching when it comes to handling finances? Now is the time to sign up for a potentially life-changing series by the Financial Peace University. The materials per household are $100, but we don’t want that to deter anyone if they cannot afford it. The series will begin on Sunday, September 16 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Contact our AFF director, Sean McVeigh, at s.mcveigh@dbqarch.org for more details or to sign up. Spots are limited.

**Parish-wide event**

A free CD will be handed out after Mass on September 15 and 16. The title is, “Who am I to Judge,” and it is also available on FORMED at https://formed.org/listen/593189745fe4b5c40c870251. Our parish access code is ae0136. We’d love for you to listen to it and then attend our parish-wide discussion scheduled on October 9 at 6:30 PM in the Church basement. For more information, contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at D.Ternes@dbqarch.org or by calling the Church office.

**Adult Faith Enrichment Opportunity** – “Explore the Saving Power of the Cross,” led by Karen Swindler. Meetings will be held on designated Fridays at 1:00 PM starting September 14.

**Scripture Study** – New series starting the week of September 10. Please visit our website for signups, new times, and topics.
CPID Tootsie Roll Drive
Knights of Columbus

Please give what you can to support the Knights of Columbus in their Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. Many Knights will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting money throughout the metro area this month. We will be collecting donations at St. Joseph’s after the masses on August 25-26. One hundred percent of the money goes to charities, and with the combined effort of eleven councils in our metro area, it accumulates to over $40,000 each year in pennies, nickels, quarters, and dollars. For more information about Knights of Columbus, Council 5390, please visit the following website: www.kofc5390.org.

Women’s Connection Remembrance Mass

Women’s Connection is a support group for all parish widows regardless of membership. We will gather on Thursday, September 13, at 7:30 AM daily mass for our annual Women's Connection Remembrance Mass, offered for our spouses. After Mass, breakfast and a candle lighting prayer service will follow in the church hall for those widows in the parish. Please RSVP to Sally Wilkinson at 373-5484 or Dawn Feltman, Pastoral Minister at 377-4869.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning Mass on Wednesdays—will be at 8:15 AM now that the school year has begun. This time will be maintained until school is dismissed for the summer.

St. Joseph School—has commenced the 2018-19 academic year on Thursday. Please note that:

CAUTION WILL NEED TO BE EXERCISED IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT. AS IN PAST YEARS, NEW TRAFFIC FLOW PATTERNS WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP OF STUDENTS. ALARMINGLY AND FREQUENTLY, I OBSERVE CARS ENTERING, DRIVING THROUGH AND EXITING THE PARKING LOT AT UNACCEPTABLY HIGH SPEEDS. PLEASE MAINTAIN CAUTION, SLOW DOWN AND WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS.

Special Collection for Recovery from the Marshalltown Tornado - is this weekend. All monies collected will be sent to the Archdiocese, which in turn will distribute it to the appropriate parish agency in Marshalltown. Thank you for your generosity.

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It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion.

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it”, said Saint Paul. . . . Mary chose to stand at the foot of her Son’s cross. She did so unhesitatingly, standing firmly by Jesus’ side. In this way, she reveals the way she lived her entire life. When we experience the desolation caused by these ecclesi- sial wounds, we will do well, with Mary, “to insist more upon prayer”, seeking to grow all the more in love and fidelity to the Church (SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, Spiritual Exercises, 319) . . . .

May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express before these crimes of abuse our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them.

FRANCIS

Vatican City, 20 August 2018

Archbishop Jackels also has an article regarding this matter. Access is found here: https://www.thewitnessonline.org/archbishopjackelsmessages/archbishop-comments-on-recent-sexual-abuse-scandals/

Scheduling Mass Intentions and Stipend Policy - There is a new, written policy for scheduling Mass intentions for St. Joseph that can be accessed on our parish website or copies can be found on the table below the bulletin board at the main entryway of the church or on the counters at the side entryways.
Pope Francis’ Letter to the People of God—On August 20th, Pope Francis issued a letter to the Church and the world regarding clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up of abuse. I include excerpts of it here. If you would like to read the full text, please go to: http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/08/20/180820a.html

Letter of the Holy Father Francis to the People of God

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it” (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.

1. If one member suffers...

In recent days, a report was made public which detailed the experiences of at least a thousand survivors, victims of sexual abuse, the abuse of power and of conscience at the hands of priests over a period of approximately seventy years. Even though it can be said that most of these cases belong to the past, nonetheless as time goes on we have come to know the pain of many of the victims. We have realized that these wounds never disappear and that they require us forcefully to condemn these atrocities and join forces in uprooting this culture of death; these wounds never go away. The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity. The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side He stands. . . We feel shame when we realize that our style of life has denied, and continues to deny, the words we recite.

With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives. We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them. I make my own the words of the then Cardinal Ratzinger when . . . he . . . exclaimed: “How much filth there is in the Church, and even among those who, in the priesthood, ought to belong entirely to [Christ]! How much pride, how much self-complacency! Christ’s betrayal by His disciples, their unworthy reception of His body and blood, is certainly the greatest suffering endured by the Redeemer; it pierces His heart. We can only call to Him from the depths of our hearts: Kyrie eleison — Lord, save us! (cf. Mt 8:25)” . . .

2. . . all suffer together with it

. . . Today we are challenged as the People of God to take on the pain of our brothers and sisters wounded in their flesh and in their spirit. If, in the past, the response was one of omission, today we want solidarity, in the deepest and most challenging sense, to become our way of forging present and future history. . . Such solidarity demands that we in turn condemn whatever endangers the integrity of any person . . . to fight all forms of corruption, especially spiritual corruption. The latter is “a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centeredness, for “even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light” . . .

I am conscious of the effort and work being carried out in various parts of the world to come up with the necessary means to ensure the safety and protection of the integrity of children and of vulnerable adults, as well as implementing zero tolerance and ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable. We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future.

. . . [E]very one of the baptized should feel involved in the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need. This change calls for a personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does . . . to be where the Lord wants us to be, to experience a conversion of heart in his presence. To do so, prayer and penance will help. I invite the entire holy faithful People of God to a penitential exercise of prayer and fasting . . . This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says “never again” to every form of abuse.

. . . [W]henever we have tried to replace, or silence, or ignore, or reduce the People of God to small elites, we end up creating communities . . . and structures without roots, without memory, without faces, without bodies and ultimately, without lives. This is clearly seen in a peculiar way of understanding the Church’s authority, one common in many communities where sexual abuse and the abuse of power and conscience have occurred. Such is the case with clericalism, an approach that “not only nullifies the character of Christians, but also tends to diminish and undervalue the baptismal grace that the Holy Spirit has placed in the heart of our people”. Clericalism, whether fostered by priests themselves or by lay persons, leads to an excision in the ecclesial body that supports and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we are condemning today. To say “no” to abuse is to say an emphatic “no” to all forms of clericalism.

. . . [T]he only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God . . . Without the active participation of all the Church’s members, everything being done to uproot the culture of abuse in our communities will not be successful in generating the necessary dynamics for sound and realistic change. The penitential dimension of fasting and prayer will help us as God’s People to come before the Lord and our wounded brothers and sisters as sinners imploring forgiveness and the grace of shame and conversion . . .

Pastors Pen continued on page 4 of this bulletin . . .