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: Saturday, December 1, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Adoration:  Mondays 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

November 25, 2018

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Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

So Pilate said to him, “Then you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say I am a king.” - Jn 18:37a

Excerpts from the Liturgy of the Easter Vigil (1998)
Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes

Over/(Under) Budget

Bricks and Mortar budget

Over / (Under) budget

Actual Year-to-date envelope income $433,671.71

Over/(Under) Budget ($41,799.99)

Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory $49,880.81

Bricks and Mortar budget $17,830.19

$1,188.69

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Giving Week of November 18, 2018 - Week 21

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs $22,641.51

Year-to-date budget $475,471.70

Collected last weekend $23,773.75

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Over / (Under) Budget $1,476.81

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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 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 needs Breakfast cereals. 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 November 25 - 30, to pray the Rosary at the home of Kevin and Mary Jo Evers, 336 Windsor Dr. NE, at 7:00 PM each evening. All are welcome.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, January 12, 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

Monday, November 26
7:30 AM MASS † Jim & Joyce Recker
8:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM Rosary
6:00 PM Lectio Divina, St. Joseph Room
6:45 PM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room
7:45 PM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, November 27
7:30 AM MASS † June Schmall
7:00 PM Men of Action, St. Joseph Room
1:00 PM Gems of Hope, Church Hall
7:00 PM Bells, Church

Wednesday, November 28
8:15 AM MASS † Rita Muszynski
9:30 AM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room
12:00 PM Senior Lunch, Church Hall
2:00 PM Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Room
5:30 PM Minor Miracles, Church
6:30 PM JAM, Church
7:30 PM MAC, Church

Thursday, November 29
6:00 AM Men of Action, Church Hall
7:30 AM MASS † Joe & Ina Jean Kordick
9:30 AM Crestview † Joe Shepardson
12:30 PM Tie Blankets, Church Hall
6:30 PM Jubilation, Church
6:30 PM RCIA, St. Joseph Room

Friday, November 30
7:30 AM MASS † Georgia Vavra
9:30 AM Bickford † Mary Sindelar
6:30 PM Silent Prayer, Church

Saturday, December 1
1:00 PM Advent Reflection, Church
3:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM MASS † For the People

Sunday, December 2
8:00 AM MASS † Rita Muszynski
10:30 AM MASS † Viola Rettig

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Week of November 18, 2018 - Week 21

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Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory $49,880.81

Budgeted Gifts and Offertory $52,223.29

Over / (Under) budget ($2,342.48)

Bricks and Mortar Giving

- Bricks and Mortar Envelopes $19,307.00
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Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes $1,188.69

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Ministry Schedule

Sunday, December 2, 10:30 AM

Sacristan
Rhonda Sourwine

Altar Servers
Olive Brownsberger Jack Downey Molly Genskow

Lectors
Jeffrey Alt Jeffrey Puffer

Ministers of Holy Communion
Sean McVeigh Jim Wilson Karen Wilson Lea Gentzler Pauline Soukup Sharon Neilly Jean Kacik

Ministers of Hospitality
Robert Neilly Jerry Fetzer Robert Sowadski Margaret Platner Gary Raymond

Children’s Liturgy
n/a

Children’s Liturgy
n/a

1 Open Emily Meyer

Door Greeters
Gaylord Hauschildt Mary Hauschildt Brian Reynolds Jeremy Vinluan

Master of Ceremonies
Darwin Schuttloffel

Music Ministry
Carla Lansing / Barbara Sullivan

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Sunday, December 2, 8:00 AM

Sacristan
Robyn Ginther

Altar Servers
Wesley Logan William Montgomery Wyatt Montgomery

Lectors
Emily Logan Rory Bostwick

Ministers of Holy Communion
Robert Gruenloh Becky Bostwick Linda Randklev Marilyn Platner Renee Wiebel Terry Wiebel Margaret Bodensteiner

Ministers of Hospitality
Gregory Van Gorp Marjorie Spoden Kenneth Bodensteiner

Children’s Liturgy
n/a

Children’s Liturgy
n/a

1 Open Emily Meyer

Door Greeters
Dale Dugenske Cindy Dugenske Gunnar Black Marcia Black

Master of Ceremonies
Brian Logan

Music Ministry
Patty Kelly / Theresa Crumley

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Sunday, December 2, 4:30 PM

Sacristan
Julie Schmitt

Altar Servers
Carly Drey Emily Geiser Sydney Esch

Lectors
Roger Konzen Patrick Soyer

Ministers of Holy Communion
Daniel Drey Phyllis Koschmeder Michele Brock Barbara Wright Stephen Wright Jerry Dilger Joseph Trapini

Ministers of Hospitality
Dolores Dilger Bob Blockinger David Adams Douglas Smith

Children’s Liturgy
n/a

Children’s Liturgy
n/a

1 Open Emily Meyer

Door Greeters
Meghan Mather Mary Jo Adams Michelle Soyer Sandra Osbon

Master of Ceremonies
Timothy DeWees

Music Ministry
Patty Kelly / Jubilation
Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially James Bauer, father of Deacon Ken (Rosemary) Bauer; Alma Luvian, niece of Carmen (Dan) Bannister; and Melvin Schirm, brother of Russell (Pat) Schirm.

Women’s Connection

Please note date change: Women’s Connection will meet Friday, November 30, 11:30 AM, at Scott’s Family Restaurant, 1906 Blairs Ferry Road NE, for the monthly luncheon. For more information please contact Carol Gonzalez at 654-6296.

Women’s Connection is a support group for all parish widows regardless of membership. We will gather on Tuesday, December 11, at 11:30 AM at the Indian Creek Country Club, 2401 Indian Creek Road, Marion. As we gather this Advent season, we recognize the blessings of friendship while we wait together to celebrate the joy of Christmas. For more information call Sally Wilkinson at 373-5484.

Coffee and Conversation

Join our informal, friendly gathering of women of the parish every fourth Friday of the month for “Coffee and Conversation.” Next date: November 30. Mr. Beans meeting room, 1080 East Post Road, Marion, 9:30 - 11:00 AM. No need to RSVP!

Senior Lunch

Please join us for the next Senior Luncheon on Wednesday, November 28. Phil DeWees will provide entertainment. Please call the parish to RSVP.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Everyone is invited to come make tie blankets on Thursday, November 29, from 12:30 - 3:00 PM. “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” includes children from ages 3 - 17. Please bring 2.5 yards of fleece material. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Dawn at the parish office by Monday, November 26, at 377-4869.

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.

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 in the church hall from 1:00 - 3:00 PM to make the cards that are given to others. Next meeting, November 27. No Meeting in December. For more information, contact Dawn, 377-4869.

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, December 5.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation contact info - Sean McVeigh - s.mcveigh@dbqarch.org or call 377-4869.

Advent preparations – An afternoon of reflection from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Saturday, December 1, consisting of two talks given by Sean McVeigh with time for reflection after each. The talks will be focused on how to spiritually get the most out of the Advent and Christmas season. The afternoon will conclude with an opportunity for Confession at 3:00 PM.

Evangelization training workshops – This is an 8 week course led by Sean McVeigh who has over 20 years of Catholic evangelization experience. This course will be offered at two times: either Mondays 7:45 - 8:45 PM or Wednesdays 10:35 - 11:30 AM. Meetings will be held in the St. Joseph Room. For a detailed outline of topics please visit our website:

Who Am I to Judge? – An 8 week study on how to address moral relativism. Offered Monday 6:30 – 7:30 PM or Wednesday 9:30 – 10:25 AM in the St. Joseph Room.

RCIA – If you have an interest in becoming Catholic, but have not yet signed up, be sure to contact Sean McVeigh. We would love to have you as part of our program!

Our YouTube Channel. Just type “St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion” into YouTube and you should find our channel. Sean will be producing and uploading new content in the near future, so make sure you subscribe and click the BELL icon so that you will be notified when a new video goes live. Among other things, we will be producing testimony videos from parishioners. If you have an experience of something God has done in your life, and would like to share that with others in a short 5 to 10 minute video, please contact Sean to discuss.
Coffee and Doughnuts
Enjoy coffee and doughnuts, the 5th Thursday, November 29, following 7:30 AM Mass in the church hall. Sponsored by Men of Action
(Normally scheduled on the 4th Thursday of the month which would be Thanksgiving this year)

Coffee and Doughnuts
Enjoy coffee and doughnuts, the 2nd Sunday of the month, December 9, following 8:00 AM Mass in the church hall.
Sponsored by St. Joseph School Board

See you at the Soup Supper
December 8 After 4:30 Mass
Church Hall
Come Join Your Friends for a Delicious Selection of Homemade Soups
Crackers - Cookies - Drinks
Free Will Donation

Guest Speaker:
Sean McVeigh - Director of Adult Faith Formation
Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

Advent Soup Supper
If you have enjoyed the soup suppers during Lent at St. Joe’s, there is a new opportunity for you. At 5:00 PM on each Friday before the Sundays of Advent we will pray the Rosary in the church followed by a soup supper in the church hall beginning at 5:30. The first supper will be held on November 30 and parishioners of all ages are welcome. There will be activities for the children as we learn about our covenantal relationship with God. More information to follow.

Thank You!
Thank you to the many hands that helped complete 46 Christmas quilts that were delivered to Birthright and Bridgehaven in time for the holidays.
- St. Joseph Quilting Ministry

Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia Memorials
If you would like to have a wreath or poinsettia placed in the church during the Christmas season as a memorial of a loved one, please clip this form and return it to the parish office by Monday, December 17. Your loved one’s name will be placed on the wreath or poinsettia that you have sponsored. You may take the wreath or poinsettia home after the season of Christmas ends in mid-January.

Check one: ______ Wreath $12 ______ Poinsettia $17

In Memory of: (Please print)

____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________
With love from: _______________________________________

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.
(Please note wreaths are artificial due to fire regulations.)

St. Joseph School is selling the old bleacher boards from the gym. They are in great shape. Boards available while supplies last.

To purchase a board, please go to:
https://goo.gl/forms/m0uwzZM3cSU631Dg1

Angel of Hope Prayer Service, December 6, at 7:00 PM at the Xavier High School parking lot located outside Xavier High School, the statue provides a place to remember, grieve, and pray with parents that have endured the death of a child and are seeking the Hope of Christ.

Angel of Hope Prayer Services take place all over the country on December 6 and we are part of this national endeavor. The prayer service is brief but the comfort and hope that is offered is long lasting. We look forward to praying with you.

Our next CEO (Catholic Evangelization Outreach) will be held at Mt. Mercy University, Busse Chapel on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00pm. College student Noelle Resse will share her story how she learned to give herself grace and is learning to love herself with the help from God. No childcare is available. There is no charge and all are welcome! Bring a friend!!
**Pastor’s Pen**
Fr. David O’Connor

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe**—Can we connect with a kingship? We have a tripartite government. Power is not hereditary. Here it is balanced and shared when it works. Kings have claimed to be gods before, but that is nothing new. Humankind has had a proclivity to find power in itself ever since the Fall. It never works as that kind of claim to power collapses, implodes upon itself and falls, usually with a terrible price to the realm.

So, what do we make of Christ’s Kingship? It is hereditary in a way. Jesus was born of the line of King David through Joseph of the House of David, who of course, wasn’t his biological father. Jesus didn’t have a biological father. Nonetheless, he’s rooted in the House of David and way different than the kings and hereditary lines to which humanity is accustomed. That’s why Pilate in today’s gospel was confounded. Pilate was wondering if he claimed divinity, “My kingdom is not of this world,” Jesus said, “If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.” It is clear that Jesus was different. If he had other worldly forces, why wasn’t he using them?

Jesus the King came as God-made-flesh, a servant of humanity who would save humanity not through power, but love. He didn’t claim a throne, but the cross. He didn’t establish a legacy or hereditary line of his own, but adopted children by the Father. Jesus, our King, wasn’t about might, but weakness. He didn’t impose his will, but obeyed the Father’s will, and consequently, the cup of suffering did not pass him by. Jesus didn’t come to dominate by forging alliances and spinning the political “on message.” He spoke the truth in love because he is the Truth. He is love. He is no earthly king.

We are disciples of the King of Kings. He has no peer or equal. He is God enfleshed, fully God and fully man. His Way is that of unexpected reversals, from sin and death to new life, starting with the heart of humanity and radiating out into our life experiences. Our King works not through power or dominance, but overpowers it. What this will look like fully has not yet come to light, but it shall in the fullness of time. Even if things become bad, maybe really, really bad in our lives; even if we suffer or lose everything, we shall never lose our King who gathers us unto himself for eternity. His kingdom shall never pass away.

**Advent Begins**—next weekend. It is a short season this year, with the Fourth Sunday of Advent just two days before Christmas. Advent is a beautiful liturgical season which can be easily compromised by parties and preparations for Christmas that have more of a secular tone and flavor. This time of year does present challenges to entering into the spirituality of the season.

Here are some things to keep in mind. Advent has a twofold character: One, reminding us of the necessity to always be prepared for the second coming of Jesus at the end of time by the way we live our lives now, and; Two, an immediate spiritual preparation for Christmas.

There is a Marian focus as well since we are invited to reflect upon and enter into the consent of Mary to be the Mother of God as she donated her flesh to the incarnate Christ. Two Marian celebrations are integral to the season, that of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrating God’s preparation of Mary to be the Mother of God, and Our Lady of Guadalupe, especially significant for our Hispanic brothers and sisters, but for us all as she is the Patroness of Life.

Advent also carries with it a penitential character as this is essential in all preparations we make either for the seconding coming of Christ or for Christmas. Sorrow and contrition for sin and knowing God’s mercy and receiving his forgiveness for our sins is part of our vigilant discipleship with Jesus that clears the way for his coming now, at the hour of our death or at the end of time.

A blessed Advent to you all!

**Advent Confessions**—There will be extended and additional opportunities to go to confession during this great season.

- Saturday, December 1, 8, and 15: 3:00 - 4:00 PM
- Saturday, December 22: 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- Sunday, December 23: 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Communal Penances in the metro area with an opportunity for individual confession include:

- Thursday, December 13th: St. Ludmila, Cedar Rapids, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, December 15th: All Saints, Cedar Rapids, 10:30 AM

**Inclement Weather**—Since it seems that winter wants to arrive early, it is time for the annual weather announcement. Occasionally, snow and ice storms or serious fog occur which will impact parish functions. Since the priests live close to the church, we’ll be able to reach it to celebrate Mass. Most of you drive to church and some walk, either of which calls for a prudential judgment regarding weekend or weekday Mass attendance during and after storms or if thick and dangerous fog occurs. When such inclement weather happens, consider first your safety and that of others. Would it be unsafe and dangerous for you to come to church because of weather, road or sidewalk conditions? Is the wind chill posing a danger if you were stranded in a car or walked? If so, a good decision would be to stay home until conditions improve and it is safe to travel. Another consideration is our parking lot and sidewalks. We will make every effort to clear the snow and ice on our property to make it safe for you. Sometimes, however, we can’t catch up to or have an immediate effect on the weather conditions because they have occurred immediately before scheduled Mass times and are occurring during Masses. Either priest will be at church to celebrate Mass for whoever is able to come. However, when inclement, dangerous weather occurs, please make a prayerfully prudent decision regarding your attendance that day or weekend.