August 11, 2019

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Liturgies

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30 AM
(No morning Mass on Wednesday, August 14)
Vigil Mass Wednesday, August 14, 5:30 PM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM
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.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Call the office and make an appointment with the priest or deacon.

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 jmjr926722@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 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 11 - 16, to pray the Rosary at the home of Leon and Mary Hartough, 1990 Country Club Dr. Marion, at 7:00 PM each evening. All are welcome.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, September 14, 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.

**Please note:**
There will NOT be 7:30 AM Mass on Wednesday, August 14. Please join us for the Holy Day Vigil Mass at 5:30.

**MASS INTENTIONS**
Please call Deacon Jeff Volker at the Parish Office.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Problem of Evil
Monday, August 19, 6:45 PM
in the St. Joseph Room, a
video presentation by Jimmy
Akin from Catholic Answers
presents “The Problem of
Evil.” This video addresses the question, If God is a
loving God, why is there so much evil and suffering in
the world?

Wine and Wisdom – 7:00 PM, August 14,
Lowe Park in the Hickory Room. The
Topic will be Annulments and
Convalidating a Marriage, presented by
Deacon Ken and Deacon Dennis.

The Ten Commandments – Sean
McVeigh is running a
series on the Ten
Commandments that
takes place every Sunday
from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM
in the church hall.

Scripture Study – Please register for the next
scripture study by Tuesday, August 13. Our study
will be The Gospel of Matthew: The King and
His Kingdom as
presented by Jeff Cavins and Ascension press.
This will be a 24-week
study meeting in the St. Joseph room. All are
welcome to attend and you can register online
at https://stjoesmarion.org/scripture-study. Cost of the
Study Guide is $30 payable through Tithe.ly or cash/
check at class.

### Ministry Schedule

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**Women’s Book Club** meets
Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM in the
John Paul II Room. We will be
resuming on September 4, starting
with reading Teresa Tomeo’s book
**Beyond Sunday: Becoming a 24/7 Catholic**. Tomeo offers practical
tips for seekers in any stage of faith
longing for a purposeful, joy-filled life. Cost of the
book is $10. To reserve your copy, email Kim Ternes
at kternes60@gmail.com by noon on August 23.

**St. Joseph Quilting Ministry**
The Quilting Ministry makes quilts for various chari-
ties throughout the greater Cedar Rapids area. For
more information, please contact Lynn Mitchell at
377-6166.

**Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially Wanda Bartilson, aunt of Terry (Linda) Barger and Gary Bolden, brother of Linda (Bill) Kuennen.**
Support for Divorced or Divorcing Catholics

If you are a Catholic who is experiencing divorce, *Surviving Divorce* is an opportunity that you might like to consider. *Surviving Divorce* is a facilitated, small-group Catholic conversation; a 12 week process of healing, hope, and support. The sessions will take place on Mondays, September 9 - November 25 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at St. Matthew, Cedar Rapids. Childcare will be offered upon request: please contact Jackie Mihm for more information. For information about the program you may contact your parish representative: Deacon Dennis Ternes, d.ternes@dbqarch.org. *Surviving Divorce* is offered with approval and support of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Non-Catholics are welcome to attend.

Leaving a Legacy of Faith Conference

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**Saturday, August 24, 2019**

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

St. Mary Catholic Church
2700 Horton Road, Waverly, IA 50677

Cost: $30 per person by August 12 or $40 per person after August 12

All grandparents are invited to a day to celebrate the important role of grandparenting in family life. Connect with other grandparents and hear from dynamic speakers on how to leave a legacy of faith for your children and grandchildren. The day includes keynotes, breakout sessions, Mass with Archbishop Jackels, lunch and more.

"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society!" - Pope Francis

Learn more and register at: www.DBQArch.org/Events. For questions, contact Matt Selby, Director of Marriage and Family Life, at (800) 876-3546, ext. 233 or by email m.selby@dbqarch.org.

Xavier Booster Club Bash & Saints Field Ribbon Cutting

The Xavier High School Booster Club invites all current/former/future Xavier parents and Xavier supporters to stop by the "Booster Bash" on Thursday, August 15, at 6:00 PM just outside the newly-resurfaced Saints Field at Xavier High School. A short ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held to commemorate the new Saints Field at 6:30 PM. Event is free and open to all Xavier supporters. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages will be served -- DJ entertainment will be provided. Event is 21 and over only. We hope to see you at the Bash! Learn more about the Xavier Booster Club (and how you can get involved) at: www.XavierSaints.org/XBC
The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15--celebrates the infallible dogma of the Assumption promulgated by Pope Pius XII which states that the Blessed Virgin Mary, by a singular participation in her Son’s Resurrection, was taken body and soul into heavenly glory when the course of her earthly life was completed. Mary, immaculately conceived and preserved from all stain of original sin, is exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians, who body and soul, will one day live forever in the eternity of heaven.

I have to admit not understanding this infallible definition for a long time. But, when I studied it and saw its beautiful connection with God’s plan for Mary’s life, the work of salvation by her Son and through exploring the scripture and Tradition of the Church which addresses this Truth, I came to understand and appreciate its beauty, and indeed, this is now one of my favorite Marian feasts. Mary, full of grace, blessed among women and all humanity, who carried Jesus as the fruit of her womb, participated fully in the graces of her Son’s life. It is a complete participation which goes beyond the grave to the glory of heaven. As she led us to her Son on earth, so she leads us to his resurrection, pointing the way to him and eternal life. “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen!”

Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation--

- Wednesday, August 14th, the Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM
- Thursday, August 15th, the Mass of the Day at 7:30 AM

Violence in El Paso and Dayton—the horrific shootings with mass casualties in El Paso, TX, and Dayton, OH, are tragedies that seem to be occurring all too frequently. The wounded or deceased were innocent victims of the perpetrators, who for malevolent purposes, tragically affected the lives of the victims and all who loved them. The causes of such massacres can be many and it is important to understand why they occur. These are examples of times that we stare evil in the face and feel its dark, cold enmity to life and to God. The availability of certain types of weapons, the mental state of the perpetrators and the dark ideologies they embrace have all been offered as a plethora of reasons why such tragedies occur. They are part of the conversation, but this is a complex problem which needs to be traced to its core. Why is it that people kill? Why is the taking of innocent life is so appealing? Why is it that people are used as pawns to promulgate a manifesto of ideas that ring with injustice and hate? Violence against others, whether it be through the instrumentation of guns, physical assault, calumny or revenge, to name a few examples, are terrible symptoms of the core issue we have regarding how our society and the West understands the human person in a highly subjective and narcissistic way. The human person is a “me,” rather than being understood as created in the image and likeness of God. We are losing or have lost the sense of community and the responsibility we have towards one another. Above all, society has and is attempting to take God out of life and our civilization. Is it possible for us to address these deeper realities to help curb the violence?

Let us pray for the victims of the shootings, their families and friends. Because we follow Jesus, our prayers include the perpetrators as well. May our prayers be fervent as we ask God for the graces to address violence in our society and the world. Let us be led by God to talk with one another, leaving the partisan bickering behind, and work with God to restore what has been lost by humanity.