August 25, 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
Wednesday, 8:15 AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM
Adoration: Monday 7:00 AM to 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.

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.

Parish Library - Open during office hours.

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 jrn926722@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 25 - 30, to pray the Rosary at the home of Butch and Mary Lou Milling, 202 - 2nd Ave, Atkins, 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.

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**Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, September 1, 2019**

**8:00 - 12:00 PM and 1:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Monday, August 26**

7:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM Rosary
7:00 PM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room

**Tuesday, August 27**

7:30 AM MASS † Jerry & Shirley Ottaway
7:00 PM Men of Action, St. Joseph Room

**Wednesday, August 28**

8:15 AM MASS † Irene Kula
9:30 AM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room
2:00 PM Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Room

**Thursday, August 29**

6:00 AM Men of Action, Church Hall
7:30 AM MASS † Deacon Leo and June Schmail

**Friday, August 30**

7:30 AM MASS † Alice & Larry Augustin
6:30 PM Silent Prayer, Church

**Saturday, August 31**

3:30 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM MASS † Michael & Collette Cox

**Sunday, September 1**

8:00 AM MASS † For the People
10:30 AM MASS † Jim Hebert

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**St. Joseph Parish Office Hours**

8:00 - 12:00 PM and 1:00 - 5:00 PM

**Monday - Friday**

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**Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes**

**$1,080.65**

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**Sunday Envelope Giving**

**Week of August 18, 2019 - Week 8**

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**Mass Intentions**

**Please see Deacon Jeff in the parish office**

Mass Intentions for 2020 will open December 2, 2019
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. The St. Joseph’s group meets in the church hall from 1:00 - 3:00 PM to make the cards that are given to others.

Pietra Fitness Classes

Join us in the St. Joseph Room for gentle stretching and strengthening of the body combined with prayer and Christian meditation. Suggested offering of $5 per class.

Beauty Alive: On Fire!

We want to hear from women throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque who are living their faith fearlessly and compassionately. We want to be inspired by women, young and old, who are on fire for Jesus in their homes, churches, and communities. Check out the locations/dates for a site you can attend. All locations: 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

- September 16 - Clear Lake, St. Patrick
- September 17 - Iowa Falls, St. Mark
- September 23 - Marshalltown, St. Mary
- September 24 - Cedar Rapids, St. Pius X
- September 26 - Decorah, St. Benedict
- September 30 - Jesup, St. Athanasius
- October 3 - Peosta, St. John the Baptist

Registration is appreciated, but not required: https://www.dbqarch.org/?s=Beauty+Alive

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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. If you miss one or two, you can still come to other sessions.

Young Adult Adoration - St. Joseph is collaborating with other parishes in the area to provide Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for young adults on the first Friday every month from 9:00 PM to midnight. The current schedule is:
- All Saints - September 6
- St. Elizabeth - October 4
- St. Matthew - November 1
- (To be determined) - December 6
- St. Joseph - January 3
- St. Pius X - February 7
- (More dates will follow)

YouTube Channel - Would you like to share something with the rest of us on our parish YouTube channel? Contact Sean McVeigh if you are interested. Even if you don’t want to share, please subscribe to our YouTube channel “St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion”.

Scripture Study Groups - We have two scripture and religious study groups that meet in the parish center. One meets Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM and the other Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM. Both groups meet in the St. Joseph Room. Our current study is the on the Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom. You are free to join us at any time. If you would like the supporting materials, they can be ordered through Ascension Press.

RCIA Class will be starting before you know it. Can you think of at least one local adult you know who still needs Confirmation, or perhaps all three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion? Will you ask him or her if he or she would like to receive those sacraments this year? Have them contact Sean McVeigh at our parish office to sign up for our RCIA process.
Covenant of Love Marriage Mentors Now Available!

On April 27 and 28, Greg and Julie Alexander, founders of the Alexander House apostolate, trained twenty-three couples from the Archdiocese of Dubuque and nine couples from the Diocese of Davenport to serve as Covenant of Love Marriage Mentors. These trained couples are now ready to serve couples throughout eastern Iowa as marriage mentors. Covenant of Love Marriage Mentoring helps married couples achieve relationship goals with effective support, information, and guidance. This process is effective for restoring and strengthening marriages in which both spouses are open to following God’s plan for marriage and putting into place the practical tools provided. Whether newlyweds or married for fifty years, and whether on the brink of divorce or just wanting to grow deeper in a relatively good marriage, this mentoring process can provide couples with guidance for strengthening and sustaining their marriage. More information and registration for couples interested in being paired with a mentor couple is available at: www.DBQArch.org/marriage-mentors.

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 19, 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 Deacon Jeff Volker, Pastoral Minister at 377-4869.

American Heritage Girls Troop IA2015, chartered by St. Joseph Parish, will be holding an informational meeting for parents on Monday, August 26 at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph Catholic School. AHG guides girls ages 5 to 18 towards becoming women of integrity through exploring life skills, faith, service, and FUN in a Christ-centered and nurturing environment. For more information, please contact Cathy Walz, Troop Coordinator at: ahgstjoesmarion@gmail.com.

Walking with Others as Spiritual Mentors

This day is for spiritual mentors, RCIA team members, small group leaders, etc.

Saturday, September 28, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM St. Edward Church Hall, Waterloo.
Presenter: Rev. Robert Gross, Certified Spiritual Director
For more information, please contact Mary Pedersen at (319) 290-5488 or By email at: dbqcaf@arch.org
$25.00 per person, includes lunch

St. Joseph School is looking for a childcare employee. The hours would be from 12:30 - 6:00 PM each day. Please contact Casey Kettmann, principal, at: ckettmann@sjcsmarion.org or 377-6348 to apply for the position.

Learn something new about your spouse and how to live your Marriage Sacrament as God intended by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming Dates: November 1-3 @ Coralville. For information or to register go to: www.iowa-wwme.org or call (563) 608-3305.
Peter Binder—son of Tom and Mary Beth Binder, has been accepted by Archbishop Jackels as a college seminarian for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. He has enrolled at Loras College, Dubuque, IA, as a sophomore and has begun his formal discernment and studies for the priesthood. He is affiliated with St. Pius X, the minor seminary of the archdiocese. Peter and his family are members of St. Joseph, and I was pleased to offer him a blessing before his departure for Loras during the 8:00 AM Mass this past Sunday. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for vocations, especially to the priesthood. Your prayers are truly efficacious. Please add Peter’s name to your prayers as they are greatly appreciated.

Daily Mass Schedule Change—Since classes resumed at St. Joseph on Friday, August 23rd, the Wednesday Mass time shall, as in previous years, be at 8:15 AM, starting this Wednesday, August 28th. The students will attend Mass every Wednesday while school is in session. This Mass time shall be set until the end of the academic year in 2020 and school is dismissed for summer vacation.

The Rectory—home owners know that there are lots of unplanned things that occur regarding the physical structure and maintenance of their homes. The same is true for the rectory. In July, there was a major flood in the basement which was caused by a sewer blockage. It seems that the roots of the beautiful oak tree in front of the rectory like to find their way to the sewage pipe. This was addressed by a professional cleaning and drying of the basement. Most recently, a leak was discovered in the flat roof that is part of the building. A new roof will be applied as soon as possible as well as a determination will be made regarding the extent of the damage and whether there is mold and/or mildew growing in the inner walls.

Baptism Notice—An adult baptism will occur during the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The newly baptized will also receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. The celebration of the Mass that day will be longer than usual.

2020 Archdiocesan Men’s Conference

The 2020 Men’s Conference will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker will be Patrick Madrid, with Archbishop Jackels presiding at Mass. More details may be found at www.CatholicMenOnline.com.