August 4, 2019

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Liturgies

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Weekday Mass: Tuesday through Friday 7:30 AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM
Adoration: Monday 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

St. Joseph Parish Office  319-377-4869  
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Youth Faith Formation  319-377-8402  
1430 14th Street, Marion, IA  52302
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.

**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 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 4 - August 9, to pray the Rosary at the home of Jim and Janann Anderson, 1409 Curtis Bridge Rd, Swisher, 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.

**Music Ministry**

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**Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions**

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St. Joseph Parish Office Hours

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

**Monday - Friday**
August 7 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, St. Matthew Rm 1:00 - 3:00 PM
August 8 - Women`s Connection, School LLL 1:15 - 3:15 PM
August 13 - Quilting Ministry, Church Hall 1:00 - 3:00 PM
August 22 - Women`s Connection Luncheon Scotts Family Restaurant 11:30 AM
August 23 - Coffee & Conversation, Mr. Beans 9:30 - 11:00 AM
August 27 - Gems of Hope, Church Hall 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Women`s Connection
Come join us as we begin our 16th year of ministry. Women`s Connection offers widows from the parish the opportunity to share experiences, solve problems, support each other emotionally and spiritually and have fun, all while developing true and lasting friendships. For more information, please contact Sally Wilkinson at 373-5484.

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.

Pietra Fitness Classes
Join for gentle stretching and strengthening of the body combined with prayer and Christian meditation. Suggested offering of $5 per class.

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.

Lectio Divina – Mondays 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the St. Joseph room from now through August 12. Lectio Divina is a prayerful reading of the Word of God. We will focus on the upcoming Sunday Gospel.

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, you can still come to others.

Scripture Study – Registration for our next Scripture Study is now open. 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.

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.
St. Joseph Troop 68
Annual Sweet Corn Sales
$7.00 per Dozen or $3.50 for 1/2 Dozen.
Fresh Iowa grown sweet corn to help
the boys fund their Boy Scout activities. Please
order online at: https://forms.gle/qzKrDP63ZC9XQ4dy8.
The first picking is estimated to be July 26th! In the
comments section you may make an optional note if you
would like a standing weekly or bi-weekly order.
If you have questions or to place a phone order please call
Michelle Simoneau, Asst. Scoutmaster, at 319-573-5830.

Catholic Evangelization Outreach (CEO) presents the 1st
CATHOLIC TENT REVIVAL
Join us for Uplifting Music, Inspiring Talks, Eucharistic
Adoration, Food and Fellowship!
Where: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Parking Lot
When: Friday, August 16, 2019
6:30 - 9:30 PM
Free admission! All are welcome!

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.

Surviving Divorce
HOPE AND HEALING
FOR THE CATHOLIC FAMILY

Xavier High School Saints Shop
Back-to-School Xtravaganza!
The Saints Shop will be open on Tuesday, August 6, from 2:00 -
7:00 PM and Friday, August 9 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM for
its annual “Back-to-School Xtravaganza” in the Xavier High
School Commons. Browse through a variety of gear to show
your Xavier pride as we get closer to another school year. Also
available will be $5 used dress code/uniform items for Xavier
HS students. Doors will open at 1:00 PM on Tuesday and 11:00
AM on Friday. No early bird shopping. All proceeds from the
Saints Shop directly support the students, teachers
and staff of Xavier High School. Thank you for your
support and GO SAINTS!
Parish Financial News—Thus far over the summer, we have offered you a report about the cost of the church roofing project (the office was reshingled as well) and Fun Days II. Regarding the roofing project, the Finance Council determined that the cash we had in savings could cover the cost along with the gracious donations we received from parishioners. Because of the excellent stewardship of parish funds over the past decade and more, our savings accrued to the point of having a very good cash position. Hence, we could pay for the roof.

Now, and this is new, given the recommendation I received and accepted from the Finance Council, and in anticipation of a capital campaign and the accrual of new debt, two Archdiocesan loans we had totaling $55,000 from July 2003 were paid off last month. One funded a boiler and the other loan was for general operations. The parish remains in a positive cash position after paying off the loans and is now debt-free. We cannot, however, depend any further on savings like the actions I just described.

Thanks to all for your stewardship of time, talent and treasure to the parish! Prudent planning and spending as well as conservative budgets have complemented your stewardship.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, 2019—is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Masses for the solemnity are:

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

The Feast Day of St. John Marie Vianney—is on August 4, but is superseded this year by our celebration of Sunday Mass. St. John was declared the universal patron saint of all priests by Pope Benedict XVI. He has a direct connection with the Archdiocese of Dubuque through our first bishop, Matthias Loras. Both Frenchmen and seminarians at the same time, St. John found studies to be difficult. Matthias was his Latin tutor and one time became so frustrated with him that he slapped his face. Give the connection between the two, St. John is the secondary patron of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

St. John Marie Vianney wasn’t supposed to amount to anything and was assigned to Ars, a small hamlet near Lyon. He blossomed and became renowned for his spiritual gifts and insight, being a curate (pastor) of souls. He heard confessions endlessly and people sought him for his spiritual care and guidance. Eventually, a train line was built to Ars because of the demand. Other priests were jealous of his success as they measured it in worldly terms. St. John surrendered his life to Christ and simply served God and pastored his people. While dying, it is said that his deathbed caught fire as an extraordinary action of the Devil, all in resentment of how St. John won souls for Christ and in the diabolical hope that St. John would lose faith. It didn’t work, souls were saved and God triumphed in and through St. John.

St. John is an inspiration to me even as it is challenging to aspire to his great priestly example of being a pastor. Thank you for your prayers for me and all priests. Please help us to help you. Free us from all unnecessary administrative burdens. Do what you can do as Christ’s lay faithful in the Church so that your priests can better care for your souls. St. John Marie Vianney, pray for us!