St. Joseph Catholic Church
Fed by Word and Sacrament to Love and Serve

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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

September 15, 2019

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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 jnn926722@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 canned fruit and juice. 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 September 15 - 20, to pray the Rosary at the home of Don and Linda Leonhart, 4001 Glen Elm Drive NE, at 7:00 PM each evening. All are welcome.
Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, November 9, 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, September 16
- 7:00 AM Adoration
- 12:00 PM Rosary
- 7:00 PM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room

#### Tuesday, September 17
- 7:30 AM MASS † Mary Sindelar
- 7:00 PM Men of Action, St. Joseph Room

#### Wednesday, September 18
- 8:15 AM MASS † Vincent Bullerman
- 9:30 AM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room
- 12:00 PM Senior Luncheon, Church Hall
- 2:00 PM Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Room
- 5:50 PM Minor Miracles, Church
- 6:30 PM JAM, Church

#### Thursday, September 19
- 6:00 AM Men of Action, Church Hall
- 7:30 AM Remembrance MASS † Deceased Spouses of Women’s Connection
- 6:30 PM Jubilation

#### Friday, September 20
- 7:30 AM MASS † Mary Ellen McMillan
- 6:30 PM Silent Prayer, Church

#### Saturday, September 21
- 3:30 PM Reconciliation
- 4:30 PM MASS † Bill Altenhofen

#### Sunday, September 22
- 8:00 AM MASS † Elmer & Clara Rolwes
- 10:30 AM MASS † For the People

#### Coffee and Doughnuts
Enjoy coffee and doughnuts, the 4th Thursday of the month, following 7:30 AM Mass, in the church hall. Next coffee and doughnut date: September 26, 2019.
September 18, & 25 - Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Rm
2:00 - 3:00 PM
September 18 - Senior Luncheon, Church Hall
12:00 PM
September 19 - Women’s Connection Remembrance Mass
7:30 AM
September 23 - Gems of Hope, Church Hall
1:00 - 3:00 PM
September 26 - Women’s Connection Luncheon
11:30 AM @ Napoli’s
September 27 - Coffee and Conversation
9:30 - 11:00 AM @ Mr. Beans
(Correction: In the last bulletin a Women’s Connection Meeting was listed for September 12. There will NOT be a September meeting. Monthly meetings will resume in October.)

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.

Senior Luncheon
All Senior men and women of St. Joseph parish are invited to attend the monthly Senior Luncheon. Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month September through May for a delicious homemade lunch and some entertainment. Please call the parish office to make your reservation. $3.00 a person.

RCIA class will start Sunday, September 22 from 9:15 to 10:15 AM. Meetings will be held in the church hall (lower level of the church). Register NOW, if you haven’t already. Who needs to register? Anyone age 7 or above that has not yet been baptized and would like to be. Anyone baptized in a different denomination and would like to become fully initiated into the Catholic faith. Lastly, baptized Catholic adults who still need 1st Communion or Confirmation or both.

If are in any of the categories listed above but are not sure if you want to join the church, you can attend the RCIA sessions simply seeking answers and insight into your questions with no obligation.

The RCIA class topic on the September 22 will be the Creation and Fall of man into sin. Readings will come from the book of Genesis in the Old Testament, chapters 1 through 4, inserts A-2, A-3, A-4 from The New Catholic Answers Bible. Also, please read pages 1-19, 65-75 from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults pages (USCCA). Supplemental/optional readings from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) paragraphs 26-73, 290-301, 325-327, and 385-412.

To our parishioners, we encourage all of you to get a copy of The New Catholic Answers Bible, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Readings and the class topic will be listed in the church bulletin a week in advance and we would love it if you followed along with them. If you see a class topic you would like to learn more about, please come and join the RCIA session that weekend. You can even come to ALL of the sessions if you want! This is a great opportunity to grow in your knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

Scripture Study Groups – We have two Scripture and Religious Study groups that meet in the St. Joseph Room weekly. One meets Mondays 7:00 - 9:00 PM and the other on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Our current study is on the Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom. We invite you to join us at any time, and if you would like the workbook for the study, it can be ordered through Ascension Press at: https://ascensionpress.com/collections/matthew-the-king-and-his-kingdom.

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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.
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 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.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of the Xavier Foundation Parish Appeal! The Foundation is a vital source of income for Xavier High School. Your generosity helps make Catholic secondary education available for St. Joseph families. Commitment cards will be available before and after all Masses next weekend and September 28 - 29. Online giving is available at: www.xavierfoundation.org. Your support is greatly appreciated and will help us reach our parish goal.

Xavier Foundation Parish Appeal
Launches Next Weekend!

The St. Joseph Men of Action groups along with the Knights of Columbus Council 5390, invite the men of the parish to a screening of the movie Unprotected - A Pope, the Pill and the Perils of Sexual Chaos.

#MeToo. Sexting pressure. The Hook-up culture. Teenage depression. How did the culture become so toxic for women? And how did one man, Pope Paul VI foresee this all 50 years ago? Unprotected reveals the devastating effects of 50 years of the sexual revolution and the counter-cultural movement which resulted.

The event will be Saturday, September 28, 8:00 - 10:30 AM at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 5650 Kacena Ave in Marion. A pancake breakfast will be served at 8:15 AM. A group discussion will follow the movie. Please RSVP to Deacon Dennis Ternes; 377-4869 or d.ternes@dbqarch.org or to George Cleppe; 333-8134 or g.cleppe@icloud.com.

Knights of Columbus #5390 will be hosting a fish dinner on Friday, September 20, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the Marion Knights of Columbus Club, 5650 Kacena Ave, Marion. All you can eat baked or fried fish, baked or fried potatoes, coleslaw, Texas toast or cheese sandwich, homemade dessert, and lemonade or coffee. Adults: $12, children ages 6 to 10: $6, ages 5 and under free. Public welcome. Carry outs available.

Come hear Luana Stoltenberg at the 40 Days for Life Kick-off Rally on Sunday, September 22, at St. Patrick’s Parish Hall, 120 5th St. NW Cedar Rapids 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

Luana Stoltenberg is an international speaker and writer who has shared her story of abuse, abortions and a search for love in all the wrong places. She now tells of her healing through prayer and scripture.

The Coalition for Life of Iowa invites you to pray in front of Planned Parenthood during our 40 Days for Life Campaign, September 25 - November 3. This draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. For additional info:

Web: www.40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids
Phone: Call Pat at (319) 721-9730
Email: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

St. Joseph Catholic School, Marion, IA, is searching for a caregiver to serve in our childcare program. The position will be at least 27.5 hours per week (12:30 - 6:00 pm), with a possibility of 40 hours per week (10:00 am-6:00 pm). Please send a letter of application, resume, and list of three references to Peggy Brady at pbrady@sjcsmarion.org or call 319.377.6348.
The Chapter of Mercy—Luke 15 is called The Chapter of Mercy because it teaches about how mercifully God relates to the sinner. The Truth it reveals is profound and confounding as it opens to us the very heart of God. There are three parables that comprise the chapter.

- The first is the Parable of the Lost Sheep. The shepherd goes to great lengths to find that one lost sheep while the ninety-nine are left behind in the enclosure. It seems crazy, however, not to cut your losses and let one go.
- The Parable of the Lost Coin is more understandable because money was in short supply for most in Jesus’ day who lived a hand-to-mouth existence. Notice how much time and energy the woman devoted to finding the coin.
- Lastly, the Parable of the Prodigal Son is deeply insulting to the father in the story when his first son wished him dead by asking for his inheritance, and the other son resented his father and publically insulted him by not participating in the party for his youngest brother. Both brothers should have been severely reprimanded and disciplined. But, the father did neither and forgave his youngest and pleaded with his eldest.

These parables teach us how God relates to the sinner. This thing is, you have to recognize and admit that you are a sinner before these parables have a gripping effect on your life. You can understand them intellectually, but they are intended to speak to the core of your being saying that “I am a sinner and God goes to great lengths to reconcile with me. He won’t stop loving me even when I’ve sinned against him.” If you know and experience this in your heart, your worldview will never be the same. Your mind and heart will be joined together in communion with what God reveals. Experiencing that will enable you to be loyal to him and to go to great lengths to love and serve him.

Faith in Our Future—is the name of the group that is working on the upcoming capital campaign being planned for St. Joseph. This group has an invitation for you.

Over the years, our parish has worked to implement an ongoing evangelization plan, there are dynamic faith formation programs serving the youth and adults of our parish, and our staff has grown. We want a spiritually alive and inviting parish.

Why a capital campaign? The parish needs to evaluate and invest in its facilities to continue to serve parishioners in the best way possible to fulfill our mission. There are many infrastructure needs in our facilities, such as HVAC systems, that need to be addressed due to their age and loss of functionality. Our buildings are showing their age and we need to make sure they continue to serve our parish in the best way possible. We not only want to improve the appearance of our buildings, but also make them more functional to better address both our current and future needs.

Part of the process to prepare for a capital campaign is to invite parishioners to share their thoughts regarding improvements to our facilities. We ask you to participate in one or more focus group meetings to consider how our facilities can and should be improved. Think globally about our property and all the buildings on it—the church, school, office and rectory. Consider the traffic flow and the parking lot. Think about Fun Days and what is needed in terms of the facilities and physical layout of our property to continue to make it successful. Dream, but yet be realistic.

The Focus Groups will meet in one hour sessions that will be conducted in October. Watch the bulletin and listen for announcements at Mass for further details.

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. There will be a short reception following Mass in the church hall, all are welcome.