September 8, 2019

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27

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
New to the Parish: Welcome! Please call the office to make an appointment to register at 377-4869.

Social Concerns: 5% of Envelopes

Over/(Under) Budget

Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory

Actual Year Collected last weekend

Year Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs

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.

Get to know your Parish: Call the office to schedule a tour of the Parish Center or a meeting 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 canned fruit and juice. Please place your offering in the bucket 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 8 - 13, to pray the Rosary at Methwick Manor, 1224 - 13th Street NW, at 7:00 PM each evening. All are welcome.

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

Parish Library - Open during office hours.

Music Ministry

Master of Ceremonies

Doors Greeters

Children’s Liturgy

Ministers of Hospitality

Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors

Altar Servers

Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes

Over/(Under) Budget

Bricks and Mortar Budget

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Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory

Budgeted Gifts and Offertory

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for 2020 will open December 2, 2019.
September 11, 18, & 25 - Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Rm
2:00 - 3:00 PM

September 10 - Quilting Ministry, Church Hall
1:00 - 3:00 PM

September 18 - Senior Luncheon, Church Hall
12:00 PM

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

(Please note: 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.

**St. Joseph Quilting Ministry**
The Quilting Ministry meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Church Hall from 1:00 - 3:00 PM where they make quilts for various charities throughout the greater Cedar Rapids area. For more information, please contact Lynn Mitchell by phone at 377-6166.

**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. See you there!

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**In Remembrance**
Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially Darlene Brighi, wife of Bob Brighi; Don Cole, husband of Mary Cole; and Pam Payne, daughter of Carl & Theresa Moore.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**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. Contact Sean McVeigh our Director of Adult Faith Formation.**

The RCIA class topic on the 22nd 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*, and pages 1-19, 65-75 from the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* pages (USCCA). Supplemental and optional readings from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) paragraphs 26-73, 290-301, 325-327, 385-412.

We encourage you to get a copy of each of the books noted above. Readings and the class topic will be listed in the bulletin a week in advance. If you see a class topic you would like to learn more about, we would love to have you come and join the session. You can even come to ALL of the sessions if you would like! This is a great opportunity to grow in your knowledge of the Catholic Faith. If you have been baptized in a different denomination but married Catholic, and you are interested in learning a little more about the Catholic Faith with no obligations to join our church, we would love to have you come to our meetings!

**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 - https://ascensionpress.com/collections/matthew-the-king-and-his-kingdom.

**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 of every month from 9:00 PM to midnight.

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More dates to follow.
Xavier Foundation’s Parish Appeal Quickly Approaching

Jamie & Tammy McAllister and John & Becky Bostwick will serve as our parish leaders for the Xavier Foundation’s 2019 Parish Appeal. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time during the Annual Parish Appeal kick-off weekends of September 21-22 and September 28-29. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jamie & Tammy McAllister (JMcAllister@vanmelterinc.com) or John & Becky Bostwick (bjbostwick@gmail.com). Your support is appreciated and needed now more than ever to reach the overall campaign goal of $525,000. Visit www.xavierfoundation.org for more information.

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 Avenue 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.

Next CEO
Thursday, September 12
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Parishioners Matt and Teresa Baumann will be the speakers. There will be a light meal following the talk and childcare will be provided.

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
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 outlay of our property to continue to make it successful. Dream, but yet be realistic.

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

A Learning Opportunity about the Mass--Fr. Greg Bahl, Director of Liturgy and Worship for the Archdiocese, will give a talk about the use of antiphons at the Mass. This will occur at St. Patrick, Anamosa, on Tuesday, October 1, at 7:00 PM. Musicians, liturgists, and all others are welcome. There is no registration or fee.

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.