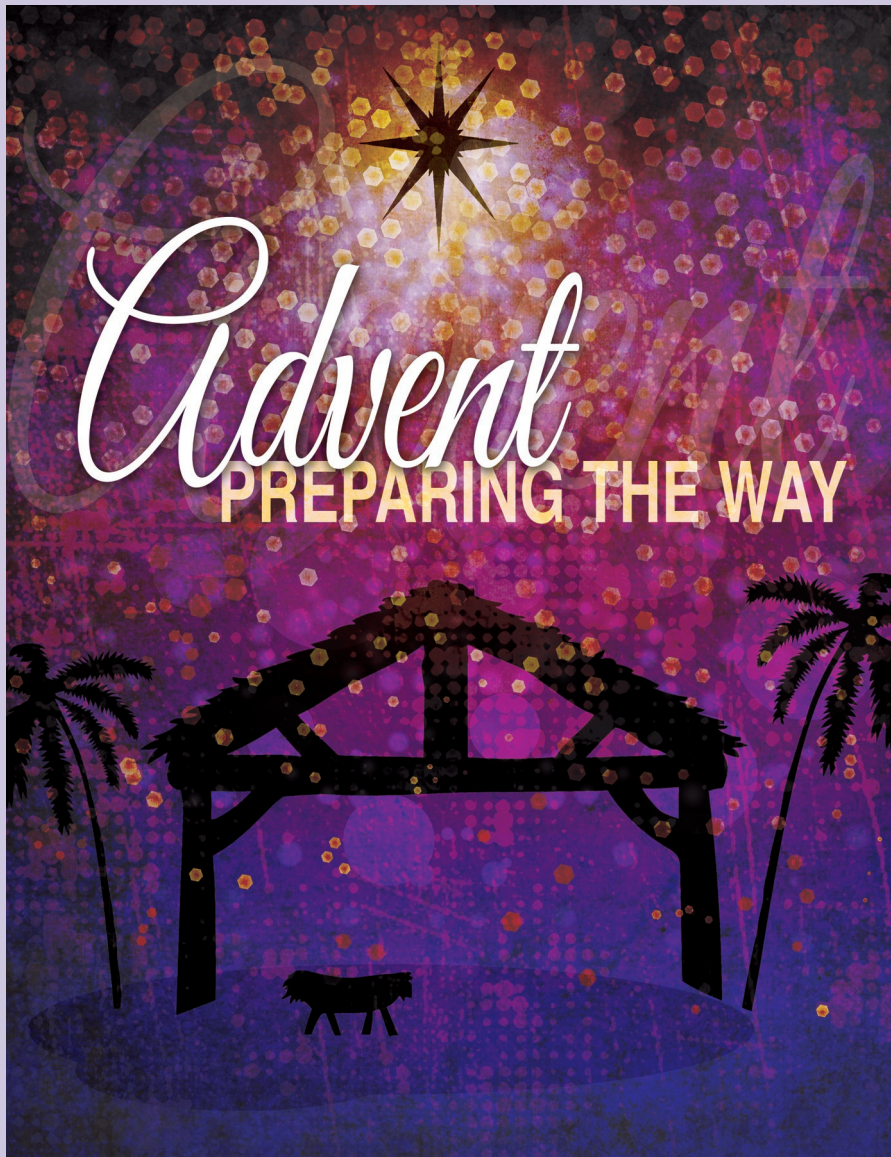


ST. JOSEPH

Catholic Church

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November 27, 2016
First Sunday of Advent



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Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:30 pm Sunday: 8 am and 10:30 am
Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:30 am
(Please note: Wednesday Mass is at 8:15 am during the school year.)
Adoration: Monday: 7 am to 9 pm
Confession: Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4 pm

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 -4 p.m. or by appointment with Fr. O'Connor.

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

RCIA: If you interested in finding out more about the process of becoming Catholic, please contact Matt Selby at 377-4869 or matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on **Saturday, January 14th, 2017**, in the St. Joseph Room of the parish offices from 9 to 11 am. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at deaconternes@stjoesmarion.org or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

Notifications for Worship Aid: Contact Cathy or Dawn at 377-4869.

Mass Intentions: Please stop in the office to schedule.

Prayer Chain: Contact Vicki at 241-9402 or contact Dawn by email at dawn.feltman@stjoesmarion.org.

St. Joseph Quilting Ministry: Day sessions meet every 2nd Tuesday, 1 to 3 pm, in the Church Hall. To learn more, call Lynn at 377-6166. Evening sessions meet every 2nd Thursday, 6 to 8 pm. For location, call Sue at 377-1394.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort. If you are interested, please call Sharon at 373-2810.

That Man is You: Men's prayer and study groups meet on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Church Hall and Thursdays at 6 am in the Church Hall. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at 377-4869 or deaconternes@stjoesmarion.org to learn more.

Women's Connection: Widows from the parish have the opportunity to share experiences, solve problems, support each other emotionally and spiritually and have fun, all while developing true and lasting friendships. Gatherings are the 2nd Thursday of the month, 1 to 3 pm in the Learning and Leadership Lounge at our school. Contact Carol G. at 319-200-6905 or Sally W. at 373-5484.

Silent Prayer: 6:30-7 pm, Friday, in the church.

SCRIP: Contact Jennifer Decker at jennifer.jill.decker@gmail.com or 558-9072.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Honor Mary Nov. 27-Dec. 2, with Aaron and Jean Randolph; 3805 Monarch Ave; Marion. Rosary every evening Sunday-Friday, 7:30 pm.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry needs cake, bar and cookie mixes for December. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

Bulletin Deadlines for the Holiday Season

Bulletin

December 17 & 18

December 24 & 25

December 31 & January 1

Submission Deadline

Friday, Dec. 9th, 5 pm

Thursday, Dec. 15, 5 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 5 pm

Date	Mass	Intention
Mon. 11/28	Adoration: 7 am to 9 pm	
Tue. 11/29	7:30 am	George Machacek
Wed. 11/30	8:15 am	In Memory of Georgia Vavra
Thu. 12/1	7:30 am	Bernard Merges
Fri. 12/2	7:30 am	Gerry Murray
Sat. 12/3	4:30 pm	Albert & Emma Kula
Sun. 12/4	8:00 am	Richard Carroll
	10:30 am	For the People

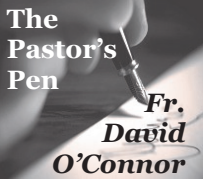
Week at a Glance

Mon. 11/28	7 am-9 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration, Church Cub Scouts, Church Hall Boy Scouts, Church Hall Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm.
Tue. 11/29	6:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group, Church Finance Council, St. Matthew Rm. Bells, Church That Man is You! Church Hall
Wed. 11/30	5:50 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Minor Miracles, Church American Heritage Girls Board, Community Room JAM, Church MAC, St. Joseph Room
Thu. 12/1	6:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	That Man is You! Church Hall SJCS Advent Concert RCIA, St. Joseph Room
Fri. 12/2	6:30 pm	Silent Prayer, Church

Week of November 20, 2016—Week 21

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$23,558.59
Year-to-Date Budget	\$494,730.39
Collected Last Weekend	\$16,341.50
Actual Year-to-Date Envelope Income	\$464,232.75
Over/(Under) Budget	(30,497.64)
Social Concerns (5% of Donations)	\$817.08
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$685.00

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, Dec, 4:30 pm	Sunday, Nov. 27, 8:00 am	Sunday, Nov. 27, 10:30 am
Sacristan	Linda Lundahl	Laurie Schill	Kathy Geers
Altar Servers	Cody Lorenz Kristin Gosch Nathan Westhoff	Blaise Pacha Caleb Pacha John Duggan	Andrew Golimowski Emily Geiser Laura Bostwick
Lectors	Mike Wobbe Marcia Schmidt	Cynthia Line Steve Freemon	Rory Bostwick Ted Lockhart
Ministers of Holy Communion	Cathy Wobbe Diane Morris Gail Hawthorne Jeff Schussler Jennifer Hlubek Pauline Soukup Kelly Zimmerman	George Cleppe Judy Scott Marge Carson Mary Johnson Mary Mikkola Mike Cira Pattie Zessin	Becky Bostwick Cathy Walz Darlene Schmidt Dory Dilger Jerry Dilger Liz Lockhart Pat Soyer
Ministers of Hospitality	Arlene Wiley Dan Hawthorne Peg Platner Terry Lynch Tim O'Brien	Bill Kuennen Dick Nurre Ken Enneking Mark Barnd Mary Nurre	Charlotte Osterhaus Dave Adams Michelle Soyer Norbe Boettcher Teresa Girard
Children's Liturgy	n/a	n/a	John Bostwick Lindsey Weber



Advent—The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical season and liturgical year. During most Sundays of the liturgical year, we will be reading from St. Matthew's gospel. Since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we shall enjoy the full four weeks of the Advent season. What follows is hopefully some helpful information about the observance of Advent.

Advent has a twofold character. It is a time of preparation for Christmas to better appreciate and celebrate the First Coming of the Son of Man (Jesus). The preparation we do doesn't celebrate Christmas, but is a readying for it. Celebrating Christmas during Advent is like "putting the cart before the horse."

Secondly, Advent helps us to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Thus, Advent is a season of "devout and expectant delight" (Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, 39).

How the liturgical celebration unfolds. You'll note that during the First Sunday of Advent and at weekday Mass through a good part of the season, the themes of the coming of the Messiah and Christ at the end of time are commingled. We will read the rich prophecies about the Messiah which orient us to Jesus' First Coming and then transcends to our longing for his imminent return. It isn't until December 17th when the Late Advent Weekdays commence, that our attention is drawn to the immediate events that led to Jesus' birth. The Fourth Sunday of Advent includes this character, either focusing on the Blessed Virgin Mary, or like this year, St. Joseph.

Liturgical days of note during Advent.

- ♦ December 8—The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 6 PM on December 7th and 9:15 AM on December 8th.
- ♦ December 12—The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Patroness of Unborn Children.

Spiritual practices during Advent. People commonly remark to me that by Christmas, they are tired in general and of Christmas in particular. Here are some suggestions about what to do differently this year.

- ♦ Stay with the Season of Advent and don't start your celebration of Christmas until the actual eve and day.
- ♦ Renew some spiritual practices that have waned lately, including
 - ◊ Reading from The Bible, and during this time, the daily readings for Advent, and then meditate upon them.
 - ◊ Daily prayer, perhaps fifteen to twenty minutes
 - ◊ Eucharistic adoration
 - ◊ Going to confession
 - ◊ Read the Sunday readings in advance before going to weekend Mass
- ♦ Enter into the longing and expectation of the season rather than the commercial aspects that compete with it.
- ♦ Focus on the Blessed Mother at the time of her pregnancy up to the birth of Jesus.
- ♦ Have an Advent wreath and pray around it with your family.
- ♦ Simplify your Christmas plans and expectations by preparing to celebrate the birth of the Christ-child.
- ♦ Simplify your calendar and stay home more often and, depending on your state in life, spend time with your family or rest or enjoy some quiet time.
- ♦ Engage in Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as a means of preparing for Christmas. Make these your Advent practice and Christmas gifts to others.
- ♦ Archdiocesan resources
- ♦ Ten Ways to Grow Closer to Christ praying the Faith During Advent 2016 (<https://www.dbqarch.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/10-WAYS-ADVENT-2016.pdf?x79904>).
- ♦ Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque: "Respect Life and Social Justice: Formation for All" (<https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/respect-life/respect-life-and-social-justice-formation-for-all/>).

The Advent confession schedule at St. Joseph:

- ◊ Saturday December 3, 10 and 17: 3:00-4:00 PM
- ◊ Thursday, December 15 at 7 PM: Communal Penance with Individual Confessions (lots of priests will be here).
- ◊ Extra Confessions: Monday, December 19 and Friday, December 23: 6-8 PM

Advent confession elsewhere: Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 AM: Communal Penance at All Saints, Cedar Rapids.

Inclement Weather

It is likely that winter weather will soon return to our area. Occasionally, snow and ice storms or serious fog occur which will impact parish functions. Since your pastor lives close to the church, he'll be able to reach it to celebrate Mass. Most of you drive to church and some walk, both of which calls for a prudential judgment regarding weekend or weekday Mass attendance during or after storms or if thick and dangerous fog occur. When such inclement weather happens, consider first your safety and that of others. Would it be unsafe and dangerous for you to come to church because of weather, road or sidewalk conditions? Is the wind chill posing a danger if you were stranded in a car or walked? If so, a good decision would be to stay home until conditions improve and it is safe to travel. Another consideration is our parking lot and sidewalks. We will make every effort to clear the snow and ice on our property to make it safe for you, but we can't do anything about the fog. Sometimes we can't catch up to or have an immediate effect on the weather conditions because they have occurred immediately before the scheduled Mass times or are occurring during Masses. Your pastor will be at church to celebrate Mass for whoever is able to come. However, when inclement, dangerous weather occurs, please make a prayerfully prudent decision regarding your attendance that day or weekend.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

For more information about the events, programs or materials listed below, please contact Matt Selby, Director of Adult Faith Formation at 377-4869 or matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org, or visit our website at www.stjoesmarion.org.

FORMED

You're invited to check out the new look, features, and content on FORMED! Every parishioner has 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device with internet access. With FORMED you'll find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, have access to downloadable Lighthouse audio talks, be able to stream full-length Catholic movies, and download free Catholic ebooks, all in one place. To get FORMED, visit www.formed.org, click on "Register" on the home page, and enter our parish access code, **ae0136**. You will then be directed to a setup a user account with a username and password. Once you've done that, you're all set and can get free access to all the content on FORMED anytime, anywhere.

RESISTING HAPPINESS



It's not every day that you are a saint. Sometimes, you are a saint. Sometimes, you are a sinner. A book to help you navigate the journey between the two.

MATTHEW KELLY
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

2 for \$5 Books and CDs Return this Advent!

During the Advent season, beginning this weekend, many new titles of Catholic books and CD talks are available in the vestibule. All resources are available for a reduced price of 2 for \$5. You're invited to buy one and give one away for Christmas. Books include *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly, *Understanding the Mass* by Mike Aquilina, *Walk Humbly with Your God* by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, *Does the Bible Really Say That?* by Patrick Madrid, and *Making Choices: Practical Wisdom for Everyday Moral Decisions* by Peter Kreeft! Plus, make sure to check out the new CDs on the Lighthouse kiosk, including reflections on the Advent Sunday readings by Bishop Robert Barron, along with two daily Advent reflection booklets by Bishop Barron and Chris Stefanick.

Eucharistic Adoration

Since the beginning of August, Eucharistic Adoration has been available in the church every Monday from 7:00 AM until 9:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to come pray each Monday. We are looking for additional committed adorers who will devote themselves to one hour of adoration every Monday sometime between 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM. By signing up you will help us ensure that someone is present before the Blessed Sacrament at all times. The upcoming season of Advent is the perfect time to begin this prayer routine in your life! After you sign up, you will be contacted with more information and will receive an adorer packet that will overview the responsibilities and guidelines. This includes how to find a substitute for weeks when you will be unavailable to be present during your hour. If you would like to be a committed adorer, please sign up at www.stjoesmarion.org/adoration. Questions may be directed to Becky Bostwick at 319-826-1076 or bjbostwick@gmail.com or Matt Selby at 319-377-4869 or matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org.



Stay Connected and Be Inspired through Flocknote!



Did you know that St. Joseph uses an email and texting service called Flocknote? It is a means by which the parish can send "notes" to the "flock." There are multiple opportunities to stay connected and be inspired through St. Joseph Flocknote messages. For example, you could sign-up for our inspirational messages called SHINE. These include simple video, text, or image content to inspire you in your faith. SHINE messages are sent daily during Advent and Lent and weekly the rest of the year. Text-to-join by texting the word SHINE to 84576. Or, you could join one of our many other lists, including Marriage

Enrichment emails sent every other week to inspire couples and inform about upcoming parish marriage enrichment opportunities (text MARRIAGE to 84576 to join); a Young Adult Ministry monthly newsletter with upcoming opportunities for 21-39 year olds (text YAMGRAM to 84576 to join); Women's Ministry emails help women of all ages stay connected with parish opportunities for women (text WOMEN to 84576 to join). Join any of our parish Flocknote lists at www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion.

Like "St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion" on Facebook!

Stay connected and be inspired by following our parish Facebook page. We post inspirational faith-related messages, along with St. Joseph parish and school news. Find us by going to www.facebook.com/stjoesmarion. And help us get to 1,000 "Likes" by the end of 2016!



Parish Photo Directory: Updated!

If you were not able to make it to a portrait session and would still like to be included in the new parish directory, you may submit your own portrait for \$10 (checks made out to St. Joseph). Please email a digital copy to trish.peyton@stjoesmarion.org or drop off a hard copy with payment at the parish offices by November 30th. As with previous directories, our parish roster will be printed in the new directory, including names, phone numbers, and addresses for all registered parishioners. If you would like your information excluded from the directory or need to update your information, please contact the parish office.

Angel of Hope Prayer Service

At Xavier High School, for those who experienced the loss of a child, Dec. 6th, 7-7:30 pm, outdoors by the Angel of Hope statue on the east side of the high school, near the Activities entrance. For more information, contact Judy Ramsey, Adolescent Faith Formation Coordinator at 377-8402. Xavier High School is located at 6300 42nd St. NE, Cedar Rapids.





Flocknote

To keep up-to-date on the latest St. Joseph Women's Ministry programs and events, please register for the Women's Ministry newsletter at www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/women OR text 84576 "women."

Coffee and Conversation

Gather with other women of the parish for coffee and relaxing conversation on Friday, December 2nd, 10:00 a.m. at the Aurora Coffee Company, 10th Street and 29th Ave., Marion.

Beauty in Christ

Treat yourself and plan to attend the Archdiocese of Dubuque Women's Conference, Beauty In Christ, Saturday, February 4th, 2017, St. Pius X in Cedar Rapids. Invite your mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends to this exciting day with Leah Darrow and Kelly Nieto! Our speakers will touch the hearts of all ages, from teens to more mature women. For more information, to view videos of our presenters, and to register visit <http://www.archwomensconference.org/>.

Gems of Hope, Bead and Card Making Workshop

Coming in January! Date and time TBA. If interested contact the Pastoral Office at 377-4869.

Lenten Book Club

Wednesdays beginning March 8th through April 12th in the Saint John Paul II Room, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

We will be reading *My Sisters the Saints* by Colleen Campbell.

To see a trailer for the book, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjMmM7cCWxA&feature=youtu.be>.

Support the Mission of St. Joseph Parish

The parish relies on the generosity of parishioners to maintain and develop high quality staff, ministries, and facilities. St. Joseph parish is committed to being a good steward of its resources. There are two ways to give: 1.) Member envelopes may be used to place cash or check donations in the offering at weekend Masses or may be dropped off or mailed in to the parish offices. 2.) Online giving is now available at www.stjoesmarion.org/give. There you may setup recurring donations or give a one-time donation via credit card, debit card, or bank draft. It's fast, easy, and effective! Please consider making a year-end, tax-deductible gift to the parish. For questions about financial donations to the parish, please contact our Business Manager by calling the parish office at 319-377-4869.



Advent Giving

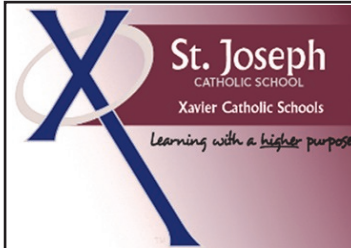
Advent Giving Project

Gift tags are available for our annual Parish Advent Giving Project on the trees in the entryways. Final return date for all gifts is December 4 and **unwrapped**, donated gifts

should be placed on the steps of the altar at any Mass. Please be sure to include your tag with the gift. If you prefer, a monetary donation may be made by placing a check made out to "St. Joseph Church" with "Advent Giving Project" in the memo line, in the offertory basket during Mass. St. Joseph Parish will offer hope to parish and local families and seniors this Advent season. Please join us in sharing our blessings from Christ this Advent! Questions? Contact Liz Lockhart at 377-8402.

Women's Connection

The St. Joseph Parish widows support group will gather Tuesday, December 13th at 11:30 a.m. at the Indian Creek Country Club, 2401 Indian Creek Rd., Marion. As we gather this Advent season, we recognize the blessings of friendship while we wait together to celebrate the joy of Christmas. For more information call Carol 200-6905 or Sally at 373-5484.



Clip and Earn Money for St. Joseph School!

St. Joseph Catholic School collects: *Box Tops, Hy-Vee receipts, Campbell Soup labels, Tyson Foods and A+ labels.*

St. Joseph Catholic School

If you are interested in a tour or in learning more about how St. Joseph Catholic School and Preschool can serve as a partner in growing your child's heart, mind and faith, please contact principal Casey Kettmann at 377-6348, or email ckettmann@sjcsmarion.org.

St. Joseph Soup Supper

Don't miss out on delicious soups, stews and chili, cookies and beverages after the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, December 10th. Guest speaker will be Linda Howes from Birthright. A free will donation will be collected, with proceeds going to support the work and mission of Birthright. (Sponsored by the St. Joseph Social Justice Committee.)



Giving Tuesday

The Catholic Worker House served over 250 guests in 2015 which equates to over 5,800 nights of shelter. A donation of \$23.25, provides a night of shelter and includes breakfast and dinner. November 29th is Giving Tuesday; please consider a donation of one night of shelter to The Catholic Worker House: <http://www.catholicworkerhouse.org/>.