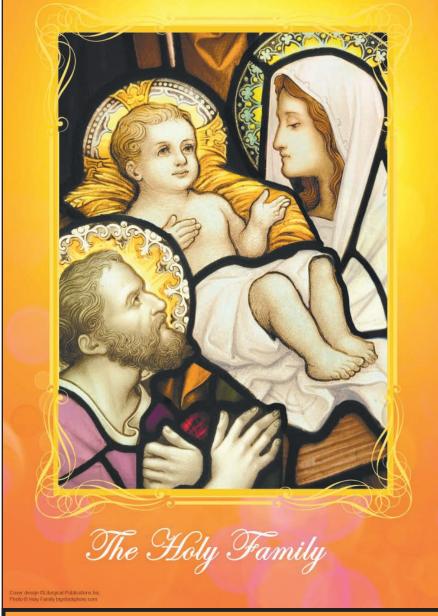


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# **December 31, 2017**

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# Liturgies

Weekend: Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30 AM Weekday:

Wednesday 8:15 AM

Adoration: Following 7:30 AM mass until 9:00 PM

(Adoration will not be held on January 1)

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM

Parish Office 319-377-4869

Mon. Thurs. & Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Tues. & Wed. 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Youth Faith Formation 319-377-8402

1430 14th Street, Marion

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.

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

Prayer Chain: Contact Dawn at 377-4869 or d.feltman@dbgarch.org

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@dbgarch.org and Deacon Ken Bauer, 319-377-4869 or k.bauer@dbgarch.org.

Parish Library—Open during office hours.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue— Gather to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by gathering from **December 31 - January 5**, to pray the rosary at the home of Bob and Linda Brandt, 306 West Williams Dr, Marion, at 7:30 pm each evening. All are welcome.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry needs canned beef stew and chicken. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

**Infant Baptism:** The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018, in the St. Joseph Room of the parish offices from 9 to 11 am. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at d.ternes@dbgarch.org or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

# **Important Deadline for Parish Giving:**

 Please note in your planning that all • donations to St. Joseph Parish must be received by December 31 to be included in your St. Joseph 2017 statement. Thank you.

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# Scriptural Rosary

Please join us at noon on Mondays during Adoration for the Joyful Mysteries Scriptural Rosary.



# January 1—January 7 WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1 - Office Closed

9:00 AMMASS † For the People Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 2

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† Marian Peters 7:30 AM MASS PMBuilding & Grounds, Comm. Rm 5:45 PM

Men of Action 7:00

Wednesday, January 3

**MASS** † Marlene Ramsey 8:15 AM AM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room 9:00 Prayer Shawl, St. Joseph Room 1:00 PM Pietra Fitness, Church Hall PM 2:00 Minor Miracles, Church 5:50 PM PM JAM, Church 6:30

7:30 PM MAC, Church

Thursday, January 4

† James R. Frasher AMMASS 7:30 AM Willow Gardens † Bernard Merges 9:30 PM Book Club, St. Matthew Room 1:00 6:30 PMRCIA, St. Joseph Room

Friday, January 5

MASS † Donna Jean Yilek AM 7:30 **Heaston** 

6:30 PMSilent Prayer, Church

Saturday, January 6

Reconciliation 3:30 PM

**MASS** † Steve Eckman 4:30 PM

Sunday, January 7

8:00 MASS † For the People AMAM† Norman Duggan 10:30 MASS

#### **Mass Intentions**

Please see Dawn Feltman in Parish Office

## St. Joseph Bulletin

Submission deadline Tuesday Noon for following Sunday Please send by email to: t.martin@dbgarch.org

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, Jan. 6 , 4:30 pm	Sunday, Jan. 7, 8:00 am	Sunday, Jan. 7, 10:30 am
Sacristan	Jamie Lundahl	Theresa Alt	Laurie Schill
Altar Servers	Ella Fortmann Madalyn Fortmann Carly Drey	Chase Decker Maya Havener Claire Vasey	Virginia Bostwick Laura Bostwick Isacc Pfab
Lectors	Richard Dorff Marcia Schmidt	Mike Wobbe Eric Ratliff	Nicole Trapani Greg Webster-Moore
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dan Drey Bonnie Thomas Joyce Wright Laura Scharosch Jean Kacick Diane Morris Rita Greif	Ofelia Kepros Cathy Wobbe Patti Zessin Jeff Schussler Judy Block Linda Randklev Jim McDonald	Joe Trapini Carla Reilly Phyllis Koschmeder Aaron Randolph Kent Sodawasser Rachel Sodawasser Jean McNamara
Ministers of Hospitality	Arlene Wiley Ken Baragary James Ickes Peg Planter Lola McAreavy	Mel Holubar Margie Spoden Marilyn Platner Allen Platner Roger Bonlander	Terry Reilly Gary Kalis Charlotte Osterhaus Verna Klostermann Don Klostermann
Children's Liturgy	n/a	n/a	Megan Andresen Lindsey Weber
Door Greeters	Sandy Osbon Moe Jeremy Vinluan	Ed Walter Katie Walter	Megan Mather Becky Bostwick Michelle Soyer Pat Soyer



Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially **Kathleen Hageman**, mother of Sandy (Donald) Sternhagen and Ron (Carol) Hageman.

**Women's Connection** 

Renee Riffey from AGE-u-cate will be speaking to us about how to gain understanding of what dementia is, how the individual with dementia feels, as well as new ways to understand and respond to their needs and their care partners. **Thursday, January 11**, in the LLL at the school.

Join us for lunch on **January 25** @ 11:30 - Pizza Ranch - Marion. For more information contact Carol Gonzalez at 654-6296.



#### **Senior Lunch**

Please join us for the next Senior Luncheon on January 17, 2018. Wayne Jackson will be singing.

#### **Pietra Fitness Classes**

Join for gentle stretching and strengthening of the body combined with prayer and Christian meditation. Wednesdays, in the church hall, from 2-3 pm. Suggested offering of \$5 per class.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Compassion and knitting/crocheting combined into a prayerful ministry which is starting their 11th year in January. In this time period the members of this ministry have made 734 prayer shawls. They have been able to give 629 individuals a spiritual sign through the prayer shawl that they are embraced by Gods loving grace during their time of illness/struggles and reminder they are never alone. If you have a desire to help others and belief in prayer as well as a knowledge of knitting/crocheting please contact Sharon Reilly at 373-2810. If you know of someone young or old who is sick or having a difficult time that would benefit from extra prayers please call the parish office.

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 at 377-6166.

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Eucharistic Adoration:** We have all-day Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays at St. Joseph. Anyone is welcome to come pray each Monday. If you would like to be a committed adorer, please sign up at <a href="www.stjoesmarion.org/adoration">www.stjoesmarion.org/adoration</a> or contact Becky Bostwick at 319-826-1076 or <a href="mailto:bjbostwick@gmail.com">bjbostwick@gmail.com</a>. Normal adoration hours will resume on **January 8**, **2018**.

**Save The Date:** Please join us **February 24-27, 2018**, when we will welcome Fr. Leo Patalinghug of "Grace before Meals" as our Parish Lenten Mission speaker. Fr. Leo will make three presentations as a part of the mission so begin spreading the word since it promises to be a wonderful event.

**Men of Action Book Study:** The two Men of Action groups will begin a new book study titled "He Leadeth Me" which centers around the story of Fr. Walter Ciszek who spent 23 years in Soviet prisons and Siberian labor camps and how he put his trust in God to get him through those times. All men are welcome to join this study which will begin on Monday, **January 15** from 7 - 8:15 PM Thursday and **January 18** and from 6 - 7:15 AM. For more information, please contact Deacon Dennis at d.ternes@dbqarch.org or George Cleppe.

# St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion IA, seeks a part-time secretary for Youth Faith Formation.

The preferred candidate is a practicing Catholic who has strong people skills and a positive attitude, all while maintaining confidentiality.



Proficiency in computer skills across multiple applications as well as an ability to multi-task and collaborate in a team setting is necessary. Physical demands of lifting and moving up to 50 pounds are included in the qualifications of this job.

Please visit <a href="www.stjoesmarion.org/employment">www.stjoesmarion.org/employment</a> to find the employment application. Send resume, cover letter and completed job application to: Attention YFF Office, 1430 14th St. Marion, IA 52302, or by email to: <a href="j.ramsey@dbqarch.org">j.ramsey@dbqarch.org</a> by <a href="mailto:january10">January 10</a>, 2018.

# Director of Liturgy and Music

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion, IA, a parish of two thousand families, seeks a full-time Director of Liturgy and Music. The preferred candidate is a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, has a bachelor's degree or higher in either Liturgy, Liturgical Music, Music Education, Music Performance or a related field. Skills for voice and piano are preferred as well as parish experience. The application for employment can be found at: <a href="https://www.stjoesmarion.org/employment">www.stjoesmarion.org/employment</a>. Please send a cover letter, resume and completed employment application to <a href="https://jobs@stjoesmarion.org">jobs@stjoesmarion.org</a>.



# 2018 Cedar Rapids March for Life

Events beginning Sunday, **January 21**, at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2310 First Ave. NE, with a 12:00 pm Rosary, followed by a 12:30 pm Catholic Mass.

At 2:00 pm, we will March for Life along First Ave. to Planned Parenthood 3425 First Ave NE. Once there, we will hold up pro-life signs while peacefully praying, visiting, and witnessing to others. At 3:00 we return to St. Matthew Church lower level for fellowship and some hot chili. Those unable to march are welcome to drive the route and participate in the events. Those marching should dress warm. All are welcome to attend all or part of this activity. Contact: <a href="mailto:coalitionforlife@gmail.com">coalitionforlife@gmail.com</a> or call <a href="mailto:319-270-0054">319-270-0054</a> with questions or comments.

# **Inclement Winter Weather**

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Occasionally, snow and ice storms or serious fog occur which will impact parish functions. Since your priests live close to the church, they will 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 priests 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.

**Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner** 

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Knights of Columbus Council 5390 hosts the Marion Columbus Club Fish Dinner Friday, January 19, 2018, 5 to 7 PM. All-you-can-eat baked or fried fish and more! Adults: \$9, children: \$4, ages 5 and under: free. 5650 Kacena Ave, Marion.

## **Bereavement Grief and Loss**

A six session faith sharing group for those who have experienced death of a loved one or other traumatic incidents resulting in a lifestyle change. It is recommended that those considering these sessions allow six month since the death or change in family lifestyle before attending. The next group will meet **Mondays**, **January 22**-**February 26**, **6:00** - **7:30 pm** at St. Matthew Parish-Faith Formation Room, Cedar Rapids. Contact either St. Matthew Parish (319-363-8269) or St. Joseph Parish (319-377-4869). Registration deadline is: **Friday**, **January 15**.

# "We Come Bearing Gifts" Epiphany Concert

Sunday, January 7 3:00 p.m. at St. Pius X Church Free admission

Enjoy Christmas music performed by choirs, instrumentalist groups, and soloists. Following the concert, refreshments will be served in Pius Hall. Everyone is invited to – like the three wise men – "come bearing gifts" of money and non-perishable food items for Metro Catholic Outreach. This annual concert is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the Christmas season!



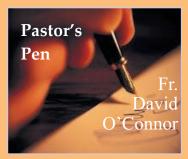
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has something in it for every married couple. The weekend has value for couples married one year on up to 50 years or more. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on February 9 - 11 in Ankeny, March 9 - 11 in La Crosse, and April 20 - 22 in Dubuque. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information and to register go to: <a href="https://www.iowa-wwme.org">www.iowa-wwme.org</a> or call 563-608-3305 or email: <a href="mailto:iliwwme08@gmail.com">iliwwme08@gmail.com</a>.

#### New Year's Eve

Fr. Tony and the CR Young Adult Leaders will be hosting a New Year's Night of Praise and Blessing at Mt. Mercy University on December 31 from 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM for all Cedar Rapids Metro Area college students and young adults. The night provides the following:

- Free admission
- Appetizers and mocktails at 9:00 PM
- Praise and Worship
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Rosary Procession
- Solemnity Mass at 11:01 PM for Mary, Mother of God Open to All!

Please contact Fr. Tony (Mount Mercy Chaplain) at: tadawu@mtmercy.edu with any questions.



<u>Christmas Thanks</u> - Fr. Mark, the deacons, staff and I wish to offer you our gratitude and thanks for your cards, greetings, gifts and goodies this Christmas. We appreciate your prayers, thoughtfulness and care. May God bless you for your goodness and throughout the New Year.

Holy Family Sunday - celebrates the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Because Jesus took on our humanity, being fully God and fully human, it is logical to assume that he would belong to a nuclear family and an extended one as well, in his case called the House of (King) David because of St. Joseph. The Original Sin of Adam and Eve was so thorough that it fractured the marital relationship between husband and wife, parents with their children and siblings with one another. When Jesus came into the world as Savior, his mission was to heal all that was ruptured and broken by sin including family life.

Today's feast is not one that highlights the woes of contemporary family life, but gathers families together in the Christian life of virtue, healing, worship, forgiveness and thanksgiving. The scriptures give us a window into that for which to strive in family life. The Holy Family can easily be made statuesque models that provide too high of a bar for anyone to hope to imitate. But, think again. Jesus, Mary and Joseph were a part of the joys, hopes, sorrows and suffering of their own time. They were woven into the real life, real time fabric of their day. The Romans kept the peace in Palestine, but also were a menace. The Roman way came at a price for the Chosen People. Read the scriptures today with that lens as you ponder the example of the Holy Family to be imitated in your own families. Jesus, Mary and Joseph practiced what the scriptures proclaim. The Holy Family didn't live in an antiseptic bubble, but lived in real life as we do. Hence, they aren't far removed from us, but are examples to encourage, guide and inspire families as heavenly intercessors to assist families on their pilgrim way to eternity.

January 1, 2018, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God - In various dioceses in the United States including our own, when January 1<sup>st</sup> and various other holy days occur on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, remains a solemnity celebrating that Our Lady is the Mother of Jesus. It also marks the conclusion of the octave, that is, the eight day celebration of Christmas. Even though the solemnity is not a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass will be at 9:00 AM that day.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not occur on January 1st.

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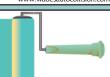
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