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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Sunday, March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.)

St. Joseph Parish Office

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Adoration: Monday: 7 am to 9 pm

Confession: Saturday: 3:30 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, May 13th, 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 knitting/crocheting combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort. Contact Sharon: 373-2810.

That Man is You: Men's prayer and study groups Tuesdays 7 pm or Thursdays at 6 am, Church Hall. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at 377-4869.

Women's Connection: Support and friendship group for widows of the parish. Contact Sally W. at 373-5484.

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

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: March 26th-31st with Jim and Marge Grawe, 3770 24th Ave., Marion. Rosary every evening Sunday through Friday, 7:30 pm.

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

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/jmr926722@mchsi.com, and Deacon Dennis Ternes, deaconternes@stjoesmarion.org.

Date	Mass	Intention
Mon. 3/27	Adoration 7 a.m.—9 p.m.	
Tue. 3/28	7:30 am	Cassie Rieken
Wed. 3/29	8:15 a.m.	Delbert Roth
Thu. 3/30	7:30 am	Sandy Wilson
Fri. 3/31	7:30 a.m.	Bernard Merges
Sat. 4/1	4:30 pm	Lester Kula
Sun. 4/2	8:00 am	For the People
	10:30 am	Cameron Breitbach

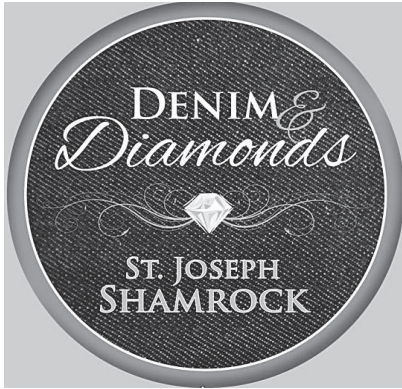
Week at a Glance

Sun. 3/26	9:00 am	Forgiven Series, St. JP II Room
	1:00 pm	Private Event, Church Hall
	3:00 pm	NFP Session, St. Joseph Room
Mon. 3/27	7 am-9 pm	Adoration, Church
	1:30 pm	Alpha Prayer Grp., St. JP II Rm.
	5:30 pm	Cub Scouts, Church Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts, Church Hall
	7:00 pm	Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm.
Tue. 3/28	7:00 pm	CRG, St. JP II Room
	6:00 pm	Small Group, Community Rm.
	7:00 pm	Bells, Church
Wed. 3/29	7:00 pm	TMIY!, Church Hall
	9:30 am	Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room
	2:00 pm	Pietra Fitness, Church Hall
	3:00 pm	YFF, Church Hall ('til 9:30 pm)
	5:50 pm	Minor Miracles, Church
	6:30 pm	JAM, St. Joseph Room
	6:30 pm	Women's Book Study, St. JP II Rm.
	7:30 pm	MAC, St. Joseph Room.
Thu. 3/30	8:00 pm	HSYG, Church
	6:00 am	TMIY!, Church Hall
	6:30 pm	RCIA, St. Joseph Room
Fri. 3/31	8:00 pm	RCIA, Church
	5:30 pm	Stations of the Cross, Church
	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper, Church Hall
Sat. 4/1	6:30 pm	Silent Prayer, Church
	3:00 pm	Confessions, Church

Week of March 19, 2017—Week 38

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$23,558.59
Year-to-date budget	\$895,226.42
Collected last weekend	\$30,836.00
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	\$919,003.35
Over/(Under) Budget	\$23,776.93
Social Concerns (5% of Donations)	\$1,541.80
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$905.00

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, April 1, 4:30 pm	Sunday, April 2, 8:00 am	Sunday, April 2, 10:30 am
Sacristan	Jamie Lundahl	Rhonda Sourwine	Linda Alexander
Altar Servers	John Duggan Kale Leymaster Kristin Gosch	Aubrey Olsen Rita Sourwine Seth Olsen	Addie Sleezer Alicia Mutasingwa Arnold Mutasingwa
Lectors	Elinor Remington Brian Reynolds	Richard Dorff Jeff Alt	David Weaver Ted Lockhart
Ministers of Holy Communion	Bonnie Thomas Dan Montague Donna Reynolds Jamie McAllister Jean Kacick Jim Wilson Karen Wilson	Jim McDonald Ken Bodensteiner Margie Bodensteiner Renee Wiebel Sandy Alt Sharon Sowadski Terry Wiebel	Jane Schlegel Joan O'Connor JoAnn Starr Liz Lockhart Patti Zessin Phyllis Koschmeder Wendell Gan
Ministers of Hospitality	Arlene Wiley James Ickes Lola McAreavy Peg Platner	Dave Van Gorp Howard Schiffler Ken Enneking Margie Spoden Mike Alt	Amanda Weaver Bob Blocklinger Gary Kalis Nicholas Weaver Pat O'Connor
Children's Liturgy	n/a	n/a	Megan Gan Lindsey Weber



St. Joseph SHAMROCK

As St. Joseph parents, staff, parishioners or friends, we hope you will join us for the school's largest fundraiser on Friday evening, April 28 at the Cedar Rapids Marriott. This annual gala includes dinner, silent and live auctions, games, socializing and

more. If you wish to support the event by donating an item or service to the Shamrock 2017 auction, please contact shamrock@sjcsmarion.org or call the school office at 377-6348. Donors will be recognized in the event program and donations are tax deductible to the greatest extent allowed by the law. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

St. Francis Xavier Scholarship

Thanks to a generous financial donation, the Xavier Foundation is able to offer the St. Francis Xavier Scholarship. This scholarship awards full tuition to Xavier High School for up to four years to qualifying students. Students in grades 8-11 may apply. Applications are available online at www.xaviersaints.org/stfrancisxavier or in the Xavier Foundation office at Xavier High School. Application deadline for the 2017-2018 school year is March 30th, 2017. For more information, contact Jody Pellerin, Xavier Foundation Executive Director, at 378-4571 or pellerin@xavierfoundation.org.



A Magical Masquerade Father/Daughter Dance

Join us for "A Magical Masquerade," a Father/Daughter Dance, Saturday, May 6th, 5:30-8pm in the St. Joseph Catholic School Gym. All fathers and daughters are welcome (or grandpas, stepfathers, uncles, etc.). Cost of the event is \$15 per person with a \$45 family maximum. Includes a buffet style dinner, dessert, music, pictures, and more! Register online and then send checks made out to *American Heritage Girls* to the St. Joseph Parish office, Attn: Father/Daughter Dance. Deadline for payment and registration is Friday, April 7th. Register online at www.stjoesmarion.org/ahg. Questions? Email Jen O'Brien at ahgstjoesmarion@gmail.com.



Save the Date for VBS 2017!

Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph Church

EARTHKEEPERS: Caring for Our Common Home at Camp Creation! June 19-23 from 9am-12pm. This year's theme is centered around Pope Francis'

encyclical, *Laudato Si*. Please plan to join us, either as a participant (grades K-6) or as a volunteer! For more information visit <https://stjoesmarion.org/ubs>.

Parish Directory Delivery

The new St. Joseph Parish Directory is scheduled to come out in late spring. Keep watching the bulletin for the publication date and information about how to obtain your directory.

Roots and Wings

A Presentation for Catholic Parents

Holy Family Catholic School System proudly presents *Roots & Wings*, a faith-enriching educational presentation for parents on Tuesday, March 28, 7 pm to 8 pm at the St. Patrick Parish Center, 510 1st Avenue NW, Cedar Rapids. This event is free with FREE babysitting services available. Whether your kids are in kindergarten or middle school, this presentation will give you the tools and incentive to give your kids roots and help them fly! Please join us for this special event! For more information go to www.holyfamilycr.org or contact Robert Gardner at 319-396-7792.

It's a Great Day for a Cabaret!

You are invited to the *Mercy Auxiliary Luncheon: "It's a Great Day for a Cabaret!"* Enjoy a delectable buffet-style luncheon and the wonderful entertainment of Giving Tree Theater at Mercy Medical Center on Thursday, April 20th, at 11:30 a.m., in the Hallagan Education Center. Tickets are available for purchase from Wednesday, March 22nd through Wednesday, April 12th and are \$30 per person or \$240 for a reserved table of eight. For more information, please call 319-398-6286 or email jwoods@mercy.care.org. (Proceeds from this event support special projects at Mercy Medical Center.)

Spring Retreat Weekend for Adults with Varied Abilities

April 22-23, 2017 at Camp Albrecht Acres, Sherrill, Iowa. For information and registration contact Jim Betzner at dbqcffpc@dbqarch.org.

A Call to Compassion in the Heartland

Margaret Regan, an award winning journalist, will share the tragic stories of people caught in the current chaos of the US immigration system in a talk at Loras College on Thursday, March 30th. Her presentation, *Immigrant Families under Fire, a Call to Compassion in the Heartland* will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Campus Center's Marie Graber Ballroom. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Admission is free.



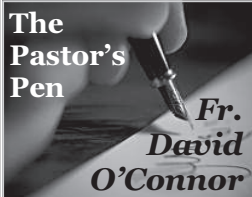
Lenten Fish Dinners

Marion Columbus Club, hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 5390, located at 5650 Kacena Ave., will host a fish dinner Friday, March 31st, 5-7 p.m. All-you-can-eat baked or fried fish, baked or fried potatoes, coleslaw, desserts and more. Adults: \$9, children: \$4, ages 5 and under: free.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Volunteers needed to pick up donated items once a month or more frequently if able. Requires lifting and carrying donated items and/or driving truck. Contact Joe Zachar at 364-4740 or jzachar42@gmail.com or Mark Kramer at 981-0221 or mark.crsudp@gmail.com.

The Pastor's Pen



Laetare Sunday—is what the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called. The name is taken from the Entrance Antiphon of Mass, which begins, “Rejoice, Jerusalem . . .” The somberness of the Lenten celebration is lightened today, which includes the

rose colored vestments, in anticipation of the joyful celebration of Easter. Lent bears the character of a rigorous retreat and this Sunday represents half-way, a rest stop, a pause from the rigor.

Pay attention to the light and darkness imagery, used especially in the second reading and the gospel. The man born blind in the gospel moved from literal and spiritual darkness to seeing fully in the light as he professed his faith in Jesus and worshipped him. The religious leaders of the day, who supposedly lived in the light of faith, were actually in darkness because they refused to see, that is, believe in Jesus.

For those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, this gospel speaks powerfully of their journey to faith in Christ and their commitment to him. For the baptized, the gospel encourages ongoing faith in Jesus, to always walk in his light, but also warns that darkness may come if you embrace the worldly and walk by its allurements. Sin is also darkness and all are called back to The Light, Jesus, through repentance and forgiveness. Don't let the gift of faith at baptism dim or fade. Always walk in and by the light of Christ.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule—Holy Week and Easter are fast approaching. I am pleased to offer the following schedule from Palm Sunday to Easter.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday (Regular weekend Mass schedule)

- ◇ Saturday, April 8th—
 - ◇ Communal Penance, St. Pius, 10:30 AM
 - ◇ Confessions at St. Joseph, 3:00-3:30 PM
 - ◇ 4:30 PM. The Palm Procession will be in the church.
- ◇ Sunday, April 9th—
 - ◇ 8:00 AM. The Palm Procession will be in the church.
 - ◇ 10:30 AM. The Palm Procession will begin in the school gym. Inclement weather site is the church basement.
- ◇ Monday, April 10th—No Mass. Eucharistic Exposition as usual, 7 AM to 9 PM.
- ◇ Tuesday, April 11th—
 - ◇ 7:30 AM Mass.
 - ◇ Chrism Mass, St. Patrick's, Cedar Falls, 2 pm.
 - ◇ Confessions at St. Joseph, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM
- ◇ Wednesday, April 12th—8:15 AM Mass

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 13th—

- ◇ Mass of the Lord's Supper—7 PM
- ◇ Chapel of Repose open until 9:30 PM

The Pastor's Pen, continued

- ◇ **Good Friday**, April 14th—A Day of Fast and Abstinence
 - ◇ Friday of the Passion of the Lord, 3 PM
 - ◇ Stations of the Cross, 5:30 PM
- ◇ **Holy Saturday**, April 15th—The Easter Vigil, 8:15 PM
- ◇ **Easter Sunday**, April 16th—(Regular Mass schedule)
 - ◇ 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM: in the church and school gym.

Confession Schedule

Lent is a season of repentance and renewal which includes going to confession. Repent of your sins, and ask for and receive God's merciful forgiveness. Below is the confession schedule for St. Joseph and the communal penances being celebrated in the metro area which offer the opportunity for individual confessions.

St. Joseph Church

Saturday, April 1st, 3:00-4:00 PM

Saturday, April 8th, 3:00-3:30 PM

Tuesday, April 11th, 5:30-7:30 PM

Communal Penance

St. Jude, Cedar Rapids, Tuesday, March 28th, 7 PM

St. Elizabeth, Hiawatha, April 6th, 7 PM

St. Pius, Cedar Rapids, April 8th, 10:30 AM

Early Bulletin Deadlines for the Lenten Season

- ◇ April 9th Bulletin (Palm Sunday): Friday, March 31st deadline
- ◇ April 16th Bulletin (Easter Sunday): Friday, April 7th

Pietra Fitness Class

Join us for gentle stretching and strengthening of the body combined with prayer and Christian meditation.

Wednesdays, St. Joseph church hall, 2-3 pm, on a drop-in basis Suggested offering of \$5 per class.

21st Annual Catholic Men's Conference

All men are invited to this year's Catholic Men's Conference, on Saturday, April 1st, at Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids. Since 1996, hundreds of men have been encouraged and challenged by dynamic keynote talks and thought-provoking breakout sessions. This year's main keynote speaker will be Doug Barry, frequent co-host on EWTN's "Life on the Rock" and founder and director of the Catholic ministry RADIX, whose mission, Battle Ready, strengthens and encourages the soldier of Christ to be aware of, prepared for and engaged in the spiritual fight we are in. The day begins with check-in, bagels, coffee and juice at 8 a.m. followed by presentations by the keynote speaker, breakout sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends with mass with celebrant Archbishop Michael Jackels, to which your family members are invited. Young men in high school and college are encouraged to attend.

Registration fee for adults: \$45, students: \$15, and family price (one adult and three or more students): \$60. Register online at www.catholicmenonline.org.

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.



Lent Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers

You're invited to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 5:30 PM in the church. Following the Stations, there will be a Soup Supper in the Church Hall each Friday of Lent (except Good Friday) provided free of charge. Please bring a can of soup to the dinner to donate to a local charity. Come pray with us and then enjoy some good fellowship and food!

Wine & Wisdom – Rescheduled!

The Wine & Wisdom scheduled for Sunday, March 12th was canceled due to snow. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM. Wine & Wisdom offers the opportunity for adults 21 and older to learn about their faith through a speaker, while enjoying delicious wines, light snacks, and enriching conversation. At this session, Matt Selby will speak on "How to Know and Live God's Will for Your Life."

How do we know what God wants us to do in various circumstances? How do we discern His voice from other voices speaking to our situation? Matt will talk about practical ways to discern God's will throughout the walk of life. The session will be held at the Hickory Room at Lowe Park (4500 N. 10th Street). There is a \$10 cost that may be paid at the door (scholarships are available). No registration is required.



Fertility Care and Natural Family Planning Session

Any engaged or married couple who would like to learn about Natural Family Planning (NFP) and fertility care is invited to attend a free introductory session taught by Matt & Katie Hein and

Megan Gan, who have been professionally trained to teach NFP. Come learn about this organic, effective, and Church approved method of family planning on Sunday, April 2nd from 3:00-4:30 PM in the parish offices. Childcare will be provided. Please register at www.stjoesmarion.org/marriage-enrichment by March 31st.



Easter Postcard Invitation

All registered parishioners will be receiving a "Moving Toward the Cross" postcard invitation this week in the mail, inviting you to our Holy Week and

Easter liturgies. You're encouraged to take down the information and pass it along to invite someone else. There are also extra copies available in the entryways of the church for you to use to invite others.

Parish Lenten Giving: The Sister Water Project

For hundreds of millions of people...dirty, diseased water leads to a cycle of sickness, lack of education, poverty and lost hope. It is needless suffering. Our parish Lenten giving project this year supports the *Sister Water Project*. The Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, with support from their associates, launched the *Sister Water Project* in 2006 to bring safe water to villages in Tanzania and Honduras through the construction of wells and water systems. You are invited to offer your Lenten almsgiving to the parish giving effort, on behalf of the lives saved and the communities served by this project. Our parish goal is to collect enough to cover the cost of a well. Donations may be dropped off at the school or parish office throughout Lent. *(Please make out checks to St. Joseph Church, with "Sister Water Project" included on the memo line. Please indicate "Sister Water Project" on envelopes containing cash donations.)*

Learn more at www.osfdbq.org/sister-water-project!

Mt. Mercy College Aquinas Lecture

Mount Mercy University invites you to join us for our annual Aquinas Lecture, the longest running lecture series on our campus. This year, Dr. Matthew Ashley, the chair of the department of theology at Notre Dame University, will join us to speak about Pope Francis and how his life as a Jesuit and his background in Argentina have formed his papacy. Thursday, March 30, 7:00 in the Chapel of Mercy. Co-sponsored with the Cedar Rapids Notre Dame Club. All are welcome.

Catholic Evangelization Outreach































Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids hosts CEO Tuesday, April 4, from 6:30-8 pm. Michael Schmidt will be sharing his journey into the Catholic church. Snacks and refreshments will be served and free childcare will be provided. There is no charge and all are welcome!



For more information about events, programs or materials listed below, contact Cathy Wobbe or Dawn Feltman, pastoral associates at 377-4869.

Coffee and Conversation: Join our informal, friendly gathering of women of the parish every fourth Friday of the month for "Coffee and Conversation." Mr. Beans meeting room, 1080 East Post Road, Marion, 9:30 - 11:00 am. No need to RSVP!

Women's Ministry Newsletter: Please register for our St. Joseph Women's Ministry newsletter at www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/women or text: 84576 "women".

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