

# ST. JOSEPH

Catholic Church

*Fed by  
Word  
and Sacrament  
to Love  
and Serve*

**December 18, 2016**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



**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

St. Joseph Parish Office:  
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Hours: Monday -Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
(Closed 12:00 to 1:00 pm each day.)

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jennifer.jill.decker@gmail.com) or 558-9072.

**Pilgrim Virgin Statue:** Honor Mary the week of Dec. 18th-23rd with Bernie and Carol Schnauffer; 3420 Crown 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.

Week of December 11, 2016—Week 24	
Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$23,558.59
Year-to-Date Budget	\$564,406.16
Collected Last Weekend	\$25,774.50
Actual Year-to-Date Envelope Income	\$550,555.25
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$14,850.91)
Social Concerns (5% of Donations)	\$1,228.73)
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$1,022.00

**Please contact Laurie Schill in the parish office for questions about scheduling of liturgical ministers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses, Saturday and Sunday, December 24th and 25th. Laurie can be reached at 377-4869 or [laurie.schill@stjoesmarion.org](mailto:laurie.schill@stjoesmarion.org).**

### Office Hours Over the Holiday Season

Please call 377-4869 and press 6 to hear a recorded message with updated office hours for the holiday season.

### Bulletin Deadlines for the Holiday Season

*Bulletin* December 31 & January 1      *Submission Deadline* Wednesday, Dec. 21, 5 pm

Date	Mass	Intention
<b>Mon. 12/19</b>	Adoration: 7 am to 9 pm	
<b>Tue. 12/20</b>	7:30 am	John Bulman
<b>Wed. 12/21</b>	8:15 am	Patricia Berry
<b>Thu. 12/22</b>	7:30 am	Bernard Merges
<b>Fri. 12/23</b>	7:30 am	Robert Bradley
<b>Christmas Eve Sat. 12/24</b>	4:00 pm-Gym	For the People
	4:00 pm-School	Bob Brown
	6:00 pm	Irene and Lester Kula
	10:00 pm	Gladys Hilsenbeck and Don Berns
<b>Christmas Sun. 12/25</b>	9:00 am	Jim Burns

Week at a Glance		
<b>Sun. 12/18</b>	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl, St. Joseph Room
<b>Mon. 12/19</b>	7 am-9 pm	Adoration, Church
	5:30 pm	Cub Scouts, Church Hall
	6:00 pm	Confessions, Church
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts, Church Hall
	7:00 pm	Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room
<b>Tue. 12/20</b>	7:00 pm	Bells, Church
<b>Wed. 12/21</b>	5:50 pm	Minor Miracles, Church
	6:00 pm	American Heritage Board, Community Room
	6:30 pm	JAM, Church
<b>Thu. 12/22</b>	7:30 pm	MAC, St. Joseph Room
	6:00 am	Men of Action, Church Hall
<b>Fri. 12/23</b>	6-8 pm	Confessions, Church
	6:30 pm	Silent Prayer, Church

### Important Deadline for Parish Giving:

Please note in your planning that all donations to St. Joseph Parish must be received by noon on Friday, December 30th to be included in your St. Joseph 2016 statement. Thank you.



## The Pastor's Pen

Fr.  
David  
O'Connor

### Christmas Mass Attendance—

Folks seem to appreciate the historical data we have regarding the number of worshippers attending the Christmas Masses each year in order to plan when to attend this year. Based on records from last year, here's what we found:

#### December 24

- 4:00 PM in the church: Full
- 4:00 PM in the school gym: A little extra room
- 6:00 PM in the church: About two-thirds full
- 10:00 PM in the church: Plenty of room

#### December 25:

- 9:00 AM in the church: About two-thirds full

I look forward to seeing you at Christmas Mass!

**Christmas Hospitality**—By now, every family should have received a mailing detailing Advent confession times and the Christmas Mass schedule. We also included our neighbors in the mailing and have asked you to share your card with someone else to invite to Christmas Mass. This simple outreach may be an invitation to faith for someone or an opportunity to welcome an individual home who has been away from the Church for awhile or longer. We will also welcome folks who may only attend Mass on Christmas or Easter and those from other denominations or faith traditions. We all have an opportunity to offer hospitality to the stranger, the fallen-away Catholic, the seeker, or someone who has been hurt or disillusioned by the Church. Please do welcome people attending Christmas Mass, perhaps by a smile, a handshake, a greeting, by making room for them in your pew or helping them to pray the Mass. You may not receive an acknowledgment or response for various reasons. It could be as simple as someone may not know what to say or do. Remember that you are an ambassador for Christ. Our inspiration comes from the very act of invitation God gave to see the Christ-child. The angels spoke to the shepherds, a motley crew who lived with the sheep and weren't likely to be dressed for the occasion. Yet, they left their sheep behind, a gutsy thing to do, in order to behold the Christ. The pagan kings followed a star and were welcomed not by the worldly King Herod, but by the King of the Universe at the manger, his throne room. When they saw the Christ, their lives were affected and changed. Now you act as did the angels or the star. The simple acts of love, as St. Teresa of Calcutta called them, that you extend to one another may testify to, win or keep a soul for Christ. May we, through our words and actions, help others to see and rejoice in the gift of the Christ-child.

**Retired Religious Collection--** Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

### Advent Confession Times

Monday, December 19th—6:00-8:00 PM

Friday, December 23rd—6:00-8:00 PM

### Christmas Mass Schedule

*Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th:*

4:00 PM in the church and school gym

6:00 PM in the church

10:00 PM in the church

*Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th:*

9:00 AM in the church

### 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](http://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.

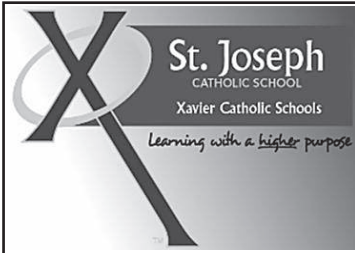
### Beauty in Christ Conference

Mark your calendars for the Archdiocesan Women's Conference "Beauty in Christ" on February 4th in Cedar Rapids. Nationally known speaker Leah Darrow and Kelly Nieto will inspire your faith. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Jackels. Invite your daughters, sisters, mothers and friends. St. Pius X church, Cedar Rapids. Go to [www.ArchWomensConference.org](http://www.ArchWomensConference.org) for more information.

### Discover What God Wants for Your Marriage and the Five Tools Every Couple Should Know!

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Enrichment. For information, dates and to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305. Upcoming dates are Feb 17-19 at the Ramada Inn, Ankeny, March 3-5 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, April 7-9 in Dubuque. Questions? Contact [jljwwmeo8@gmail.com](mailto:jljwwmeo8@gmail.com).

**Please note that there is NO senior luncheon in December. Senior luncheons will resume in January.**



### Clip and Earn Money for St. Joseph School!

St. Joseph Catholic School collects: Box Tops, Hy-Vee receipts, Tyson Foods, Prairie Milk caps 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](mailto:ckettmann@sjcsmarion.org).

### SJCS offers a Safe Learning Environment

St. Joseph Catholic School offers a safe learning environment to all of our students. This includes the reinforcement of safety rules for adults and children. The school has cameras inside and outside the building, a lock-down procedure in place, safety rules for anyone dropping-off and picking-up students, and a process for visitors to sign-in and out when entering or leaving the building. This safe learning environment also includes classrooms that are clean, orderly and inviting which encourages students to do their best. Organized classrooms allow for easy movement and collaboration in small groups, and helps students feel comfortable and safe in the area in which they spend most of their time.

### This Holiday Season Give the Gift of a Catholic Education

The Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) exists solely to make a Catholic education more affordable for every child. As an Iowa tax payer, you can help families with demonstrated financial need through a contribution to the STO. In return, you will receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your donation. The amount you contribute also qualifies as a charitable donation on a Federal tax return. The available Iowa tax credits are filling up fast so visit [www.OurFaithSto.org](http://www.OurFaithSto.org) or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546.

### Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia Memorials

If you would like to have a wreath or poinsettia placed in the church during the Christmas season as a memorial of a loved one, please clip this form and return it to the parish office by Monday, December 19th. Your loved one's name will be placed on the wreath or poinsettia that you have sponsored. You may take the wreath or poinsettia home after the season of Christmas ends in mid-January.

**Check one:** \_\_\_\_\_ Wreath \$12 \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia \$17

**In Memory of:** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**With love from** \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made out to St. Joseph Church. (Please note wreaths are artificial due to fire regulations.)

### Grieving the Death of Loved One

The six-week 1 1/2 hour sessions entitled "Grieving the Death of a Loved One" will be held on Friday afternoons (1:30-3:00 pm) January 13-February 17, 2017 at St. Patrick Parish. It is recommended that those considering these sessions allow six months since the death or change in family lifestyle before attending one of these faith sharing groups. Registration forms are available at the church entrances. Please contact the St Joseph Pastoral Associate office for further details at 377-4869.

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner!

After hosting all of your family for the holidays, hosting for "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" will be a piece of cake! And there is still time to say yes! We could use a few more host homes for January 29, 2017. If you might be interested, or need some more information, please contact Sharron Konzen at 319-350-9861 or [rkonzon@yahoo.com](mailto:rkonzon@yahoo.com).



### Important Parish Directory Information for ALL Parishioners

- 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 Laurie Schill at [laurie.schill@stjoesmarion.org](mailto:laurie.schill@stjoesmarion.org) or 319-377-4869.
- Most of the complementary 8x10 photos included with each family's portrait session have arrived and may be picked up in the church hall. They are located just inside the church hall doorway in a white plastic file box with a black lid. (More photos arrived this past week, so if you checked before and yours wasn't there, it may be there now.)

### Morning Coffee at St. Joseph Church

Men of Action cordially invite you to coffee and rolls served in the church hall Thursday, December 22nd after 7:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us!

### St. Vincent de Paul - Christmas Boxes - 2016

Last year St. Vincent de Paul delivered 215 Christmas food boxes to area residents in need. Once again St. Vincent de Paul is hoping you will share your loving care this year. Here is how you can help: a cash or check donation payable to St. Vincent de Paul Food Account, mailed to Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 928 7th St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. Your generosity is imperative for St. Vincent de Paul to serve others.

### Looking for a Place to Volunteer?

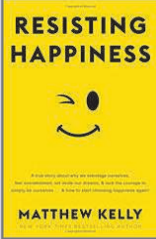
The Catholic Worker House is looking for weekend volunteers for 4-8 hour shifts. How often? That is up to you - perhaps once a month, more, less? Call Larissa at (319) 362-9041 for more information. <http://www.catholicworkerhouse.org/>.



## 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](mailto:matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org), or visit our website at [www.stjoesmarion.org](http://www.stjoesmarion.org).

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

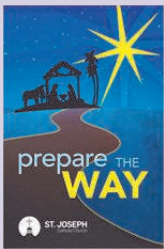


During the Advent season, many new titles of Catholic books and CD talks are available in the vestibule. All resources may be picked up for a reduced price of 2 for \$5. You're invited to buy one and give one away for Christmas. Books include *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly, *Understanding the 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.

### 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](http://www.facebook.com/stjoesmarion). And help us get to 1,000 "Likes" by the end of 2016!



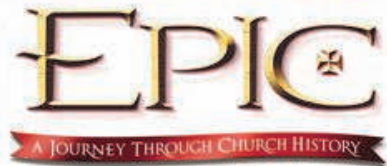
### Christmas Postcard Invitation

All registered parishioners were mailed a postcard invitation to our Christmas Masses. We invite you to "Prepare the Way" for Christmas by making plans to attend Mass and welcome others at St. Joseph. You're encouraged to take down the information on the postcard and pass it along to invite someone else to celebrate Christmas at St. Joseph. Extra copies of the postcard are available in the vestibule to use to invite others.

### New Scripture Study Series on Church History

Do you know your family history? The history of the Church is the story of our family. It is the epic story of our ancestors in the Faith—the heroic men and women who shaped civilization and spread the Gospel throughout the world. Knowing this story is crucial to our identity as Catholics. Join an exciting 20-week Scripture Study series called Epic to explore the history of the Church! The series will be offered on both Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM in the St. Joseph Room, beginning the week of January 9th. The cost for materials is \$30. Please register by January 2nd at [www.stjoesmarion.org/scripture-study](http://www.stjoesmarion.org/scripture-study).

Church History Taught from a Solidly Catholic Perspective!



### No Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, December 26th

Due to Christmas being on a Sunday this year, the federal holiday will take place on Monday, December 26th. For that reason and that many people travel over the Christmas holiday, there will NOT be Eucharistic Adoration in the church on Monday, December 26th. There will be adoration, as usual, on Monday, January 2nd.

### Young Parents "Families of Character" Series



All young parents are invited to join the upcoming Young Adult Ministry's parenting series! We will be meeting monthly to experience a program from Families of Character that guides parents in helping their children develop good character through virtuous living (learn more at [www.familiesofcharacter.com](http://www.familiesofcharacter.com)). The gatherings will take place on the following Sundays from 4:30-6:30 PM in the St. Joseph school: January 15th, February 19th, March






19th, April 23rd, and May 21st. Every participating family will receive free access to the online Families of Character content. Childcare will be provided during the discussion and dinner with the kids will be part of the gatherings. If you are interested in joining this series, please contact Matt Selby at [matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org](mailto:matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org) or visit [www.stjoesmarion.org/yam](http://www.stjoesmarion.org/yam). Please register by January 9th.

### Pietra Fitness Class Coming to St. Joseph!

Pietra Fitness is a wellness program for those who seek full integration of mind, body, and soul. Classes focus on stretching and strengthening the body in combination with Christian prayer and meditation based on authentic Catholic spirituality. At St. Joseph, a Pietra Fitness "Gentle" class will be offered weekly on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 PM in the Church Hall, beginning on January 18th. This class is primarily for those 65 and up, but those of all ages are welcome. To learn more about Pietra Fitness, visit [www.pietrafitness.com](http://www.pietrafitness.com). For questions, please contact the instructor, Chris Mautino at [chris.nautino@pietrafitness.com](mailto:chris.nautino@pietrafitness.com), or pastoral associate Dawn Feltman at 377-4869. A suggested donation of \$5 is requested for each class attended.



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