



# ST. JOSEPH

## Catholic Church

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Word  
and Sacrament  
to Love  
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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you  
who is Christ and Lord.” —Lk 2:11

### Sunday, December 25, 2016

**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:

319-377-4869

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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. 26th-30th with Dan and Diana Richardson; 1200 19th St NW, Cedar Rapids.

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

## Office Hours Over the Holiday Season

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd.

Date	Mass	Intention
<b>Mon. 12/26</b>	<b>No Adoration This Week</b>	
<b>Tue. 12/27</b>	7:30 am	Gerry Murray
<b>Wed. 12/28</b>	8:15 am	The Joe Berry Family
<b>Thu. 12/29</b>	7:30 am	Jim and Joyce Recker
<b>Fri. 12/30</b>	7:30 am	Irene Kula
<b>Sat. 12/31</b>	4:30 pm	Cecelia Kepros
<b>Sun. 1/1</b>	8:00 am	Mary Weekly
	10:30 am	For the People

## Week at a Glance

<b>Sun. 12/25</b>	Church is Closed After Mass	
<b>Mon. 2/26</b>	The Parish Office is Closed	
<b>Tue. 12/27</b>	7:00 pm	Bells, Church
<b>Thu. 12/29</b>	6:00 am	Men of Action, Church Hall
<b>Fri. 12/30</b>	6:30 pm	Silent Prayer, Church

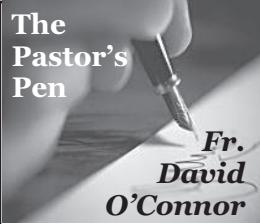
## Week of December 18, 2016—Week 25

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	<b>\$23,558.59</b>
Year-to-Date Budget	\$588,964.75
Collected Last Weekend	\$23,397.50
Actual Year-to-Date Envelope Income	<b>\$573,952.75</b>
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$15,012.00)
Social Concerns (5% of Donations)	\$1,169.88
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$1,837.00

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, Dec. 31, 4:30 pm	Sunday, Jan. 1, 8:00 am	Sunday, Jan. 1, 10:30 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Linda Lundahl	Dan Carter	Moe Ryan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ciara O'Brien David Weaver Olivia Brownsberger	Claire Vasey John Duggan Jordan Runde	Blaise Pacha Caleb Pacha Isaac Pfab
<b>Lectors</b>	Brian Reynolds Ed Kovarik	Mike Wobbe Cathy Wobbe	Cynthia Line Michelle Soyer
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Dan Montague Diane Morris Donna Reynolds Doug Hoeger James Ford Jen O'Brien Kris Hoeger	George Cleppe Judy Scott Marilyn Platner Marge Carson Mary Mikkola Pauline Soukup Kelly Zimmerman	Darlene Schmidt Jamie McAllister Jerry Dilger Karri Kruser Mike Cira Pat Soyer Patti Zessin
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Amanda Weaver Darrell Holub James Ickes Ken Baragary Nicholas Weaver	Bill Kuennen Dick Nurre Mark Barnd Mary Johnson Mary Nurre	Dory Dilger Gary Kalis Norbe Boettcher Peg Platner Teresa Girard
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	n/a	n/a	Rhonda Shaffer Madison Shaffer



### The Pastor's Pen



**Christmas Greetings**—On behalf of our deacons, parish and school staff, I offer tidings of great joy in celebration of the birth of our Savior. We welcome all who have joined us to worship God, hear his holy word

proclaimed from the Bible, and to celebrate the Eucharistic sacrifice of Jesus who bought us back from sin and raises us to new life in him. Merry Christmas to you all! May this be a day of joy, thanksgiving to God and celebration with your family and friends. Without Jesus we are lost. With and in him, we are saved from sin and death and he shows The Way to our home with God in eternity. Let the joyful proclamation of his birth ring out throughout the earth!

**Christmas Reflection**--Christ the Light entered the world as an infant depending on the protection and care of Mary and Joseph. Many wonder why Son of God would be so vulnerable and dependent upon his human creation. That is a part of the Mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas. Another part of the Incarnation is that Jesus knows the human condition, our fears, pains, joys and sorrows. The time he entered the world contained conflict, division, oppression and the lust for people, power and money, behaviors of which span the millennia. We could spiral into a cycle of cynicism, pessimism and hopelessness if we lived by our potential to do harm or to be harmed. But, there's more to humanity in terms of the capacity for good and the good that has been done through the centuries by many. Sometimes it is not easy to effect the good, but there have been plenty who have struggled and done so. Christ entered all of this when he became incarnate. He wasn't a great humanitarian or teacher. He is our savior. The way to life is through him, the Light who shines in the best of times and during our darkest hours. He is a person, fully God and fully man, and as such, we can relate to him in a profound and personal way. He saves us from ourselves and from the drama of evil that is playing out in the world today. He is our hope and that for the world beset by complex problems flowing from our brokenness. Jesus is hope for the hopeless, light for the blind and the way for those who falter and stumble. This is a day of hope that spills into eternity. Let our trust be in him who saves us.

**New Year's Eve and Day**—occurs on a weekend during which time we will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation for two reasons. One is that every Sunday is a Holy Day of Obligation, and two; this great feast falls on a Sunday. The regular Mass weekend Mass schedule will be observed.

### Formation for All

Formation for All is an online program designed to help Catholics of all ages to learn and pray about Respect Life and Social Justice issues. The next session will address the topics of abortion and adoption. In addition to discussing the church's teaching on the dignity of the human person from conception, it will also discuss the need to support women facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies and promoting a culture of life through adoption. This session coincides with the Feast of Holy Innocents on December 28th as well as the anniversary of the SCOTUS ruling of Roe v. Wade in January. Sessions are designed for all ages and various settings. To access these sessions go to: [dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation](http://dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation).

### From the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese Regarding Full and Fair Parental Educational Choice

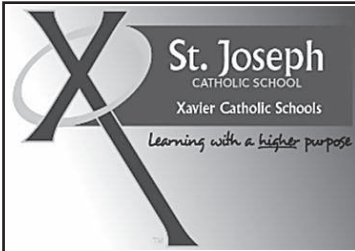
*Full and Fair Parental Educational Choice: A Path to Justice* is an article published by the National Catholic Education Association about the important social justice implications of allowing parents to choose the best educational setting for their children. As we prepare for the Iowa legislative session, this article describes the various types of school choice programs. In Iowa we currently have the STO tax credit scholarship program and continue to work with Iowa Alliance for Choice in Education and the Iowa Catholic Conference for a possible Educational Savings Account (ESA) program. More information about school choice efforts can be found at <http://www.iowaace.org>.

### From the Finance Office of the Archdiocese Regarding Recording and Acknowledging Year End Contributions

It is that time of year again when we need to think about the implications of year end gifts. Obviously we must comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations. As nonprofit organizations we are to acknowledge the gifts in the year made. This year end presents a challenge in that December 31 falls on a Saturday, and January 1 on a Sunday. Thus contributions received at Saturday masses should be acknowledged as 2016 contributions and contributions received at Sunday masses as 2017 contributions. Also, contributions received in the mail postmarked 12/31/16 are to be included in 2016 contributions.

### 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 call the parish office at 319-377-4869.



### 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.

### STO Tax Credits

Tax credits are still available through the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO), but they are filling up VERY fast for 2016. Once they're gone, they're gone. Give the gift of a Catholic School education AND receive a 65% Iowa income tax credit in return. Give to the STO. Visit [www.OurFaithSto.org](http://www.OurFaithSto.org) or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219 or 307 to learn more.

### SAVE THE DATE

*St. Joseph Catholic School*  
**2017 SHAMROCK GALA**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 28  
CEDAR RAPIDS MARRIOTT

For more information, visit our website at [www.stjosephshamrock.com](http://www.stjosephshamrock.com).

### Coffee and Donut Sunday

You are invited to come and enjoy donuts, coffee, juice and the company of your fellow parishioners Sunday, January 8th at 9 a.m. in the Church Hall. The Faith Formation Commission will host this gathering.

### Beauty in Christ Conference

The Archdiocesan Women's Conference "*Beauty in Christ*" is February 4th in Cedar Rapids. Nationally known speakers 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.

### 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).



### Plan Ahead for Your Baby's Baptism

The next infant baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, January 14th, in the parish office, 9-11 am. Infant baptism preparation sessions are held once every two months. If you are expecting, or have an infant, please contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at [deaconternes@stjoesmarion.org](mailto:deaconternes@stjoesmarion.org) or 377-4869 to register or learn more.

### 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 [jljwwme08@gmail.com](mailto:jljwwme08@gmail.com).

### We Come Bearing Gifts Epiphany Concert

Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 3:00 pm, at St. Pius X Church, 4949 Council St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Free admission and refreshments after the concert. Everyone is welcome to "come bearing gifts" of a monetary offering or non-perishable food item for Metro Catholic Outreach (MCO).

### A Message from Catholic Worker House

The Catholic Worker House has provided over 7,000 nights of shelter in a home-like atmosphere to over 250 homeless individuals including 85 children during 2016. We have helped find employment, a place to live, and in many cases, clothing and furniture. We were also able to provide emergency overflow accommodations on extremely cold nights, and our volunteers also delivered over 500 food baskets to the homebound in cooperation with Metro Catholic Outreach. Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters: those who bring in family dinners each night, deliver food baskets to our homebound, maintain the house, clean the yard, and provide financial assistance. We cannot do our work without you!



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

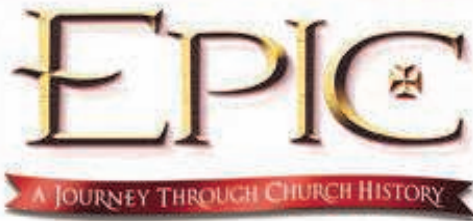
For more information about the events, programs or materials listed below, please contact Matt Selby, Director of Adult Faith Formation at 377-4869 or [matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org](mailto:matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org), or visit our website at [www.stjoesmarion.org](http://www.stjoesmarion.org).

### 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 reach 1,000 “Likes” by the end of 2016!



Church History Taught from a Solidly Catholic Perspective!



### 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 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost for materials is

\$30. Please register by January 2<sup>nd</sup> at [www.stjoesmarion.org/scripture-study](http://www.stjoesmarion.org/scripture-study).

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and May 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup>.



### Pietra Fitness Class is 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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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### 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](http://www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/women) or text 84576 “women.”

### Gems of Hope, Bead and Card Making Workshop

Coming in January! Date and time to be announced. If interested contact the Pastoral Associates’ Office at 377-4869.








### Lenten Book Club

Wednesdays beginning March 8<sup>th</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup> 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>.

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