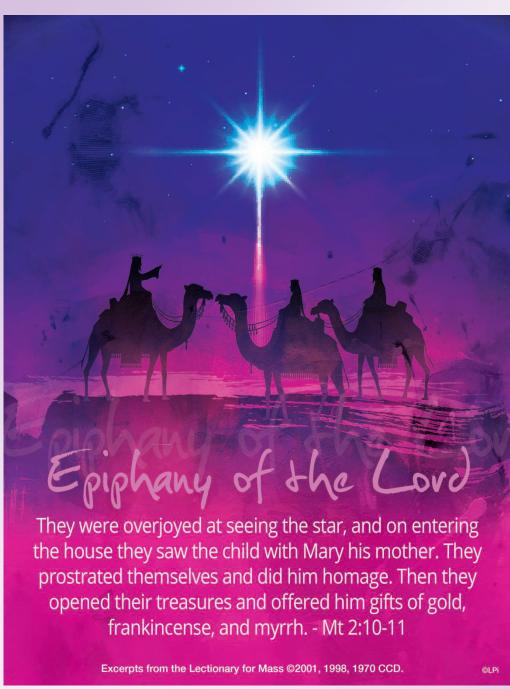


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Adoration: Monday: 7 am to 9 pm Confession: Saturday: 3:30 to 4 pm

Sunday, January 8, 2017

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.)

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 <u>deaconternes@stjoesmarion.org</u> 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 <u>dawn.feltman@stjoesmarion.org</u>.

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.

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.

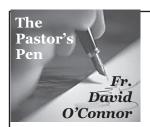
Date	Mass	Intention	
Mon. 1/9	Adoration 7 a.m.—9 p.m.		
Tue. 1/10	7:30 am	Paul and Shirley Knapp	
Wed. 1/11	8:15 am	The Kurt Bommert Family	
Thu. 1/12	7:30 am	Mary Little	
Fri. 1/13	7:30 am	John Crilley	
Sat. 1/14	4:30 pm	Thomas Horan	
Sun. 1/15	8:00 am	Wayne Stein	
	10:30 am	For the People	

Week at a Glance					
Sun. 1/8	9:00 am	Coffee and Donuts, Church Hall			
Mon. 1/9	7 am-9 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration, Church Cub Scouts, Church Hall Boy Scouts, Church Hall Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm			
Tue. 1/10	6:00 am 1:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group, Church Quilt Ministry, Church Hall Parish Life, Community Room Bells, Church			
Wed. 1/11	5:50 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Minor Miracles, Church JAM, St. Joseph Room MAC, St. Joseph Room			
Thu. 1/12	6:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Men of Action RCIA, St. Joseph Room Jubilation Choir, Church			
Fri. 1/13	6:30 pm	Silent Prayer, Church			

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Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Honor Mary the week of January 8th—13th at All Saints Catholic Church in the Adoration Chapel; 720 29th St SE, Cedar Rapids. Rosary every evening Sunday through Friday, 7:30 pm.

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, Jan. 14, 4:30 pm	Sunday, Jan. 15, 8:00 am	Sunday, Jan. 15, 10:30 am
Sacristan	Linda Alexander	Theresa Alt	Linda Maher
Altar Servers	Adrien Perreault Cooper Buol Liam Perreault	Jack Oehler Maya Havener William Oehler	Alicia Mutasingwa Kloey McCurran Arnold Mutasingwa
Lectors	Doug Brock Elinor Remington	Jeff Alt Mark Oehler	Greg Webster-Moore Nicole Trapani
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dan Montague Doug Hoeger Erin Seymour James Ford Janice Kelly Kris Hoeger Michele Brock	Dave Adams George Cleppe Judy Scott Marian Palmersheim Marilyn Platner Mary Johnson Sandy Alt	Barb Wright Carla Reilly Joe Trapani Pauline Soukup Rita Greif Steve Wright Wendell Gan
Ministers of Hospitality	Arlene Wiley Lola McAreavy Tim O'Brien	Allen Platner Howard Schiffer Marge Spoden Mark Barnd Mike Alt	Charlotte Osterhaus Don Klostermann Terry Dolphin Verna Klostermann Terry Reilly
Children's Liturgy	n/a	n/a	Megan Gan Becky Carroll



The Epiphany—is a multi-layered celebration. This Sunday's gospel recounts the familiar story of the Wise Men seeking the new born king through the guidance of a star. The pagan kings travel to Jerusalem, the heart of ancient Israel, to inquire of King Herod where this child might be found. The king and all his advisors were caught asleep and unaware that the prophecies regarding the Messianic King were being fulfilled. Pagans spoke to those who should have been watching and who knew of the prophecies. Once the Magi encountered the infant Jesus, they were so affected by it that they travelled home by another route,

meaning that their lives were changed because they saw him and did him homage.

The Epiphany reveals that Jesus came for the Chosen People of Israel and for the Gentiles, all people from every place and nation. Jesus' Incarnation (his coming as man) calls us to encounter him just as the Wise Men did, to see and be affected by him. An encounter with him in a personal way changes our lives and we begin a journey, to live, by a different route enlightened by faith in Christ Jesus. So, the story of the Epiphany, ancient and new, continues through every age and generation.

Kairos Retreat—is a Catholic retreat designed for high school juniors and has been offered by Xavier High School for several years. It has had an impact on scores of students who have participated in it. I will be serving as the spiritual director for the one being conducted this weekend. Fr. Wayne Droessler will cover Masses and confessions while I am away.

Thanks for Christmas Ministries and Decoration—Over the past couple of weeks, the bulletin deadlines have changed because of the holidays. Hence, now is the opportune time to thank all of those who were part of the planning, decoration for and the ministries we enjoyed during the celebration of the Christmas liturgies. It always takes a substantial effort by many in service of God, some unseen and unheard, who contributed their time and talents to help make our celebration of Christmas a meaningful and hospitable occasion. Thanks to all who offered their gifts to God in service of our parish.

Out of the Office—I will be on pilgrimage to the Holy Land from January 16-26, 2016.

New Hours for Parish Office

Beginning January 3rd, the parish office will be open:

Monday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m
Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 6 pm
Wednesday: 8 am to 6 pm
Thursday: 8 am to 5 pm

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The office is now open through the noon hour on weekdays. The parish office is closed on weekends.

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.

Pilgrimage: Classic Italy

Join Fr. James Starbuck on a pilgrimage to classic Italy. Destinations include Rome, Monte Cassino, Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii, Amalfi Coast, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua and Venice. April 17-30, 2017. \$5,594 from Cedar Rapids, per passenger, based on double occupancy. For more information, please go to www.pilgrimages.com/frstarbuck.

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Support for Divorced or Divorcing Catholics

If you are a Catholic adult who is experiencing divorce, *Divorce and Beyond* is an opportunity that you might like to consider. Divorce and Beyond is a facilitated, small-group Catholic conversation; a ten week process of self-healing and support. There will be an informational meeting and registration on Saturday, February 4th from 9-10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Hiawatha. The 10-week session will begin the following Saturday, February 11th, 9-10:30 AM also at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Hiawatha. For information about the program you may contact parish representative Cathy Wobbe at *cathy.wobbe@stjoesmarion.org* or 377-3869.

*Divorce and Beyond is offered with approval and support of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner

Knights of Columbus Council 5390 hosts the Marion Columbus Club Fish Dinner Friday, January 20th, 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.



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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@sicsmarion.org.

A Catholic Education is Affordable

St. Joseph Catholic School is affordable! For roughly \$15 a day, your child could be educated in a faith-filled environment. What do you spend \$15 on? A lunch at a restaurant, coffee, maybe Cheetos? Financial assistance, including STO dollars, are available for those who qualify. Please call the school office if you have questions on how an education at St. Joseph can be an affordable choice for your child.

Birthright Celebration Event

Mark your calendars for our Birthright Celebration event (formerly called Dance for Life) to be held Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 6 to 10pm at the new St. Jude Parish Hall, sponsored by the St. Jude Knights of Columbus Council. This family-friendly fun evening will include a light meal, variety of dance music by DJ Bill Kauffman, karaoke, silent auction, door prizes and children's activities. Tickets are only \$7 for age 5 and older (4 and under are free). For tickets or more information, call the Birthright office at 393-3251 or Cathy at 573-4910. All proceeds benefit Birthright!

Ready to Be a Saint?

Families of 8th graders can now complete the required online application for the 2017-18 Xavier High School year, found at www.XavierSaints.org/Admissions. Questions? Contact Cara Joens at 319-739-7313. Application deadline is Friday, January 20th.

Women's Connection

Women's Connection, a support group for parish widows, will meet Thursday January 12th, from 1 to 3 pm in the Leadership and Learning Lounge at St. Joseph Catholic School. Larissa from Catholic Workers house is scheduled as our speaker. For more information contact Carol G. at 319-200-6905 or Sally W. at 373-5484.

Senior Luncheon and Special Presentation

Our next senior luncheon is Wednesday, January 18th. Following the luncheon, Bickford Assisted Living/Memory Care facility and Right at Home In-Home Health Care Services will be giving a Virtual Dementia Tour which will include a presentation as well as hands-on activities. Through these activities participants will be able to better understand what those individuals that have been diagnosed with dementia may experience. Please RSVP for the Senior Luncheon by Monday, January 16th by calling the parish office at 377-4869.

Helping Hands

A record 111 quilts were completed by the St. Joseph Quilt Ministry. Thank you to the many helping hands who donated fabric, batting, money, time and effort to reach this goal! Many local groups and



shelters are appreciative of our efforts. There are many kits of cut out squares available for piecing. These can be found in the tote with the orange lid in the church hall.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Here We Go!

Several parishioners have agreed to host dinner in their homes on Sunday, January 29th. Sign-up is now open for all adults, with a deadline of January 15th. Your host will provide the main dish and drink, with the guests being asked to

bring a salad or vegetable to complete the meal. The "guessing" part is that no one (including the hosts) will know who is in their dinner party until arriving at the address they will be provided! Child care and a meal are even provided at the school for those in need. The fun all starts at 5:30, with dinner at 6:00. Then everyone moves on to the Church Hall by 7:00 for dessert, to reunite with your children, and to meet everyone else who has participated. What a great way to get to know some of your fellow parishioners! Sign up early for this popular event! **Contact Sharron Konzen** at 319-350-9861 or by email at *rkonzen@yahoo.com* by January 15. Be sure to advise if you need child care, and any food allergy information for yourself ves and/or your children. Then pray for good weather!

Plan Ahead for Your Baby's Baptism

Have you recently had a child? Are you expecting a child? Congratulations! We welcome children into our Christian community through the waters of Baptism. To prepare for this celebration, we ask all parents who would like to have their children baptized to attend baptism class. The next class is, Saturday, January 14th, 9 to 11 a.m., in the parish office. Please call Deacon Dennis Ternes at the parish office (377-4869) for more information or to register.

Mass for Life

Please join us for a day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. Fr. Steve Garner will be the celebrant at a Mass for Life on January 22, 2017 at 1:00 at St. Matthew's Church (3425 First Ave SE) in Cedar Rapids. The Mass will be followed at 2:00 by a March for Life to Planned Parenthood where we will witness, pray, and visit. Signs will be available for your use. At 3:00 we will return to St, Matthew's Church Kearn Hall (lower level) for free chili and fellowship. Those who want to join in but will not be able to march can drive the route and participate in the events. All are welcome to attend all or part of this activity. For more information contact coalitionforlife@gmail.com or call 319-721-9730.

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 <u>matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org</u>, or visit our website at www.stjoesmarion.org.



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). 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 <u>matt.selby@stjoesmarion.org</u> or visit <u>www.stjoesmarion.org/yam</u>. Please register by January 9th.

Valentine's Day Couples Banquet

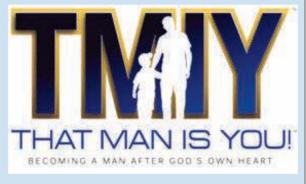
All married couples are invited to mark your calendars for this year's Valentine's Day Banquet on Sunday, February 12th at 5:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall (5650 Kacena Ave, Marion). Come enjoy an evening away with your spouse for a romantic meal to celebrate Valentine's Day! The cost is \$30 per couple. A cash bar will be available. Childcare will be provided free of charge at the hall. Please RSVP by February 6th at www.stjoesmarion.org/marriage-enrichment. Contact Matt Selby with questions.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Blog

A group of thirty-one pilgrims will be traveling with Fr. O'Connor and Matt Selby to the Holy Land from January 16th to January 26th. Please keep them in your prayers. Follow their journey through occasional blog posts during the trip at www.stjoesmarion.org/blog.

That Man is You! Spring Semester

That Man is You! is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership. The program content harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. That Man is You! will begin again at the end of January. The Spring Semester is a great time to join. Every man of the parish is invited to participate either on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 PM, starting on January 31st, or Thursday mornings from 6:00-7:15 AM, starting on February 2nd, in the Church Hall. Learn more and register at www.stjoesmarion.org/men. Contact Matt Selby for questions.





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. Pietra Fitness "Gentle" class will be offered weekly on Wednesdays from 2-3 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. For questions, please contact the instructor, Chris Mautino at chris.nautino@pietrafitness.com, or pastoral associate Dawn Feltman at 377-4869. A suggested donation of \$5 is requested for each class.

Gems of Hope Workshop

Join us for a workshop, sponsored by St. Joseph Women's Ministry, where you will lend a hand to craft gifts of hope to be given to cancer patients and their families in area hospitals and oncology clinics. We will be crafting bookmarks to accompany previously made cards with inspirational sayings. Over 375 gifts are given each month and that number is growing, so your help is needed! This workshop will not only produce a meaningful outcome but



will be fun and social, too! The workshop will be held Friday, January 20th, 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the Leadership and Learning Lounge at the St. Joseph Catholic School. Please RSVP to the Pastoral Associate office at 319-377-4869.

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