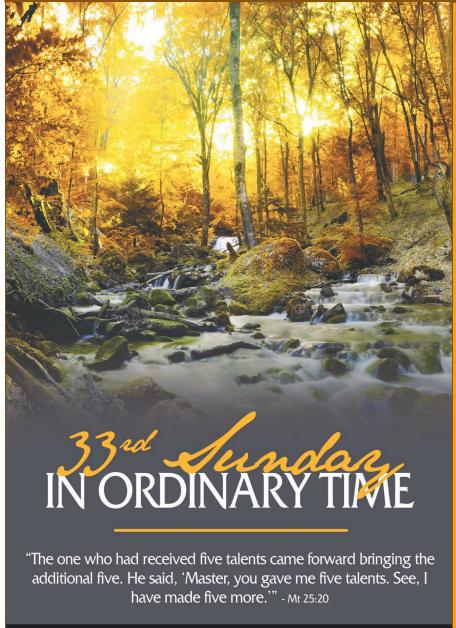


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Liturgies

Weekend: Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

Wednesday 8:15 AM

Adoration: Monday following 7:30 AM mass until 9:00 PM

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

November 19, 2017

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

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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.

Notifications for Worship Aid: Contact Dawn at: 377-4869 or d.feltman@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Chain: Contact Dawn at 377-4869 or d.feltman@dbqarch.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 imr926722@mchsi.com, and Deacon Dennis Ternes, d.ternes@dbqarch.org.

Parish Library—Open during office hours.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue— Gather to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by gathering from Nov. 19—24, to pray the rosary at the home of Ernesto and Laima Jaritz, 1306 Acacia Dr NE, 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@dbqarch.org or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

Bulletin items: Please submit to Tammy Martin, Parish Secretary, by email at: t.martin@dbqarch.org.

| Sunday Envelope Giving Week of November 13, 2017—Week 20 | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs | \$23,558.59 | | | | |
| Year-to-date budget | \$471,171.80 | | | | |
| Collected last weekend | \$19,783.00 | | | | |
| Actual Year-to-date envelope income | \$435,971.24 | | | | |
| Over/(Under) Budget | (\$35,200.56) | | | | |
| Social Concerns (5% of Donations) | \$989.15 | | | | |
| Bricks and Mortar Envelopes | \$699.00 | | | | |

November 20—November 26 WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

| Mond | lay, Nov | ember 20 | |
|------|----------|---------------|----------------------|
| 7:30 | AM | MASS | † Bornong Family |
| 8:00 | AM | Adoration | |
| 1:30 | PM | Alpha Prayer | Group, St JP II Room |
| 5:45 | PM | Cub Scouts, C | |
| 7:00 | PM | Scripture Stu | dy, St. Joseph Room |
| 7:00 | PM | Boy Scouts, C | hurch Hall |
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| 7:30 | AM | MASS | † Robert Bradley |
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| 7:00 | PM | Men of Action | ı, St. Joseph Room |
| 7:00 | PM | Rells Church | <u>-</u> |

Wednesday, November 22

| 8:15 | \mathbf{AM} | MASS | † Cecelia Kepros |
|------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 9:30 | AM | Scripture Stu | dy, St. Joseph Room |
| 2:00 | PM | Pietra Fitness | s, Church Hall |
| 5:50 | PM | Minor Miracl | es, Church |
| 6:30 | PM | JAM, Church | |
| 7:30 | $_{\mathrm{PM}}$ | MAC, Church | 1 |

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day - Parish office closed
9:00 AM MASS † Maxine & Wayne Stein

Friday, November 24

Day After Thanksgiving—Parish office closed

| 7:30 | AM | MASS | † Cameron Breitbach |
|------|----|-------------------|---------------------|
| 9:30 | AM | Bickford Center | † Bob Sorensen |
| 6.00 | DM | Cilont Drovon Chy | unah |

6:30 PM Silent Prayer, Church

Saturday, November 25

4:30 PM MASS † Patricia Petesich

Sunday, November 26

8:00 AM MASS † Jim & Joyce Recker 10:30 AM MASS † For the People

Mass Intentions

Please contact Dawn Feltman in the Parish Office

| Ministry Schedule | Saturday, Nov. 25 4:30 pm | Sunday, Nov. 26, 8:00 am | Sunday, Nov. 26 10:30 am |
|--------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Sacristan | Dan Carter | Theresa Alt | Moe |
| Altar Servers | Adrien Perreault Carly Drey Liam Perreault | Alex Conrad Cooper Buol Wesley Logan | Blaise Pacha Caleb Pacha Isabella Tuck |
| Lectors | Ed Kovarik Elinor Remington | Emily Logan Cynthia Lane | Aidan Bostwick Pat Soyer |
| Ministers of Holy Communion | Dan Drey Dan Montague Julie Raymond Kim McAleer Lea Gentzler Marg Bowen Steve McAleer | Ann Weber-Holdgrafer Becky Miller Brian Logan Janice McCusker Jim McDonald Judy Block Mary Johnson | Aaron Randolph Barb Wright Becky Bostwick Carla Reilly Jane Schlegel Jean McNamara Steve Wright |
| Ministers of Hospitality | Arlene Wiley Dave Bowen Lola McAreavy Tim O'Brien | Bob Blockl inger Darwin Schuttloffel Dave Adams Dennis Holdgrafer | Don Klostermann Norbe Boettcher Teresa Giard Terry Reilly Verna Klostermann |
| Children's Liturgy | n/a | n/a | Rhonda Schaffer Madison Schaffer |
| Door Greeters | Gary Raymond Jeremy Vinluan | Mary Jo Adams Mary Klingler | Bob Buckley Chad Gloede Lindsay Gloede |

Women's Connection

Support and friendship group for widows of the parish. For more information, contact Sally at 373-5484. Join us for lunch on **November 30** @ 11:30 - Scott's Family Restaurant. For more information contact Carol Gonzalez at 654-6296.

Senior Lunch

There will not be a Senior Luncheon in December. Please join us for the next Senior Luncheon on January 17, 2018.



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 reaches out to those in need of comfort. Contact Sharon at 373-2810.

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.

Book Club

Wednesday, from 6:30—8:00 pm in the STJPII Room. For more information, contact Dawn at the parish office.

<u>Thanksgiving Day Mass</u> - will be celebrated at 9 AM, Thursday, November 23. Please plan to make Mass that day the ultimate prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of salvation and his graces and blessings in your life and that of your family and friends.

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 www.stjoesmarion.org/adoration or contact Becky Bostwick at 319-826-1076 or bjbostwick@gmail.com. Due to scheduling needs in the church, Monday adoration will end at 6:00 PM with Benediction on **December 4, 11, and 18**. If you are scheduled for the evening adoration time slots on these dates we encourage you to spend your hour with our Lord at a different time during the day. Normal adoration hours will resume on **January 8, 2018**.

New Scripture Study: The Monday evening and Wednesday morning Scripture Study groups will begin a study on "The Book of Ruth" starting **November 27.** This 4 week study will cover Ruth's divine love story and how her trust in God became a source of blessing for her even through her many hardships. Contact Deacon Dennis for more information at **d.ternes@dbgarch.org** or 377-4869.

Men's Ministry: The Tuesday and Thursday Men of Action groups have started a new book study on the book "Abandonment to Divine Providence" by Fr. Jean Pierre de Causssade. This spiritual classic is a must read for anyone who desires to live a more meaningful Christian life by seeing God's will in all things. For more information contact Deacon Dennis at **d.ternes@dbqarch.org.**

Families of St. Joseph
Faith * Family * Friendship * Service

Families of St. Joseph is a ministry offered to all families of our parish who are looking to:

- Build friendships within our Faith community
- Reach out in service to the broader community

Families of St. Joseph will gather together one Sunday a month.

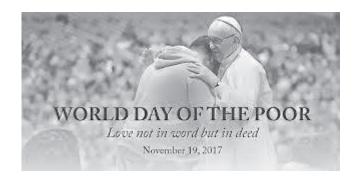
- Even months, all are invited to Service Sunday— a volunteer opportunity to serve as a family within Marion/Cedar Rapids.
- Odd months, all are invited to Sundae Sunday—a relaxed get-together with other families of our parish for some fun, food, & Fro Yo sundaes.

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Please join us for Sundae Sunday!

What: A relaxed get-together with other families of our parish. Enjoy some fun, food, & FroYo sundaes! There is a game room for the kids, and we have reserved the Party Room for our group. We will have separate checks; each family can order what they'd like. All are welcome. RSVP at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044da9a72aabf85-sundae to help us know how much seating to provide. (RSVP requested but not required.)

Where: Happy Joe's East, 5070 Lindale Dr., Cedar Rapids When: Sunday, November 19 after the 10:30am Mass The party room is reserved from 11:30am-1:30pm; come and go as you please!



Advent Giving Project Kick-off Weekend: Gift tags are available for our annual Parish Advent Giving Project on the trees in the entry ways. Final return date for all gifts is: December 3. Please return unwrapped, donated gifts by December 3 and place them on the steps of the sanctuary at any Mass. If you prefer, a monetary donation may be made by placing a check payable to "St. Joseph Church" with "Advent Giving Project" in the memo line, in the offertory basket during Mass. St. Joseph Parish will offer hope to parish and local families and seniors this Advent season. Please join us in spreading our blessings from Christ throughout our community this Advent! If you have any questions, please phone Liz Lockhart at the YFF Office at 377-8402.

Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) in February 2018:

Experience this special weekend and grow in your faith! The women's weekend is from Friday evening, Feb.2 through Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4. The men's weekend is from Feb. 23 - 25. Visit <u>www.crcew.org</u> to register, or see the parish office for registration forms. What a great way to continue your faith journey!

The Social Justice committee will sponsor a Soup Supper on Saturday, December 9, in the Church Hall after the 4:30 Mass. Our speaker will be Dick Grimm, President of Marion Senior Living Community. Please come and enjoy soup, desserts and friendship. All are invited.





St. Joseph Catholic School has an open elementary associate position starting January 2, 2018. Hours would be 7:45-2:30 daily. Duties would include working with small groups in first and fifth grade along with recess and lunch

To apply, go to: http://www.sjcsmarion.org/about/employment/ Please contact principal Casey Kettmann at ckettmann@sjcsmarion.org if you have any questions.

Let's help Fr. Mark stay warm this winter!

Many have been asking about Fr. Mark and his first-ever winter in Iowa and how you might be able to help. If you are able, we invite you to contribute either cash, checks or Visa/Mastercard gift cards so that he can purchase from a store of his choice. This will allow him to purchase the warm clothing, outerwear and bedding that he needs to survive the Iowa winter. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the offertory basket at Mass. Please make checks payable to Fr. Mark Kwenin directly and designate "Winter Donation" in the memo line. Cards or notes of welcome or thanks for his ministry are appreciated too! Thank you.

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner? 2018

Back by popular demand, the Parish Life Committee is sponsoring a fun way to meet fellow parishioners other than just seeing them on your way in and out of church! Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 28, 2018. If you are interested in becoming a host for a dinner group of adult parishioners, please contact: Sharron Konzen, at 319-350-9861 or rkonzen@yahoo.com.

GUESS

DINNER

Hosts:

- Decide how many people you are comfortable hosting
- Prepare the entrée.
- Provide a drink.

Guests:

Provide salad and vegetable.

Following the meal, everyone will meet at the Church Hall for dessert. The fun part is that no one will know who is in their dinner party, even the host, until guests arrive. More details to follow in future bulletins.

Scriptural Rosary

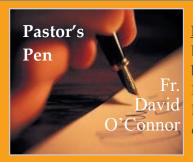
Please join us at noon on Mondays during Adoration for the Joyful Mysteries Scriptural Rosary

Gems of Hope

Please plan to join us in creating cards for Gems of Hope on Monday, November 27, at 1:00 p.m. in the LLL at St. Joseph School. All are welcome.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)

CDA is hosting a Bake Sale on Sunday, November 19, at St. Matthew's Church after the 8:00 & 10:30 Masses. Proceeds will go to Metro Catholic Outreach and • other CDA charitable activities. Stop in to pick up some delicious bakery for your Thanksgiving meal.



<u>Business Manager Position</u> - I am pleased to announce that parishioner Doug Brock has accepted the position of Business Manager for our parish. Doug has been in leadership positions in the parish, including the Catholic School Board, the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. His start date is January 2, 2018. We look forward to enjoying Doug's expertise and leadership which includes experience from the private and public sectors of the business community.

Thanksgiving - I was reflecting this week on a gospel passage from Luke 17: 7-20. The abridged version reads as this teaching by Jesus to the apostles: "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing . . . , 'Come here immediately and take your place at table?' Would he not rather say to him, 'Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink . . . ?' Is he grateful to the servant because he did what was commanded? So it should be with you. When you have done all that you have been commanded say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

The passage is about serving the Lord as his followers. Service comes in many forms and especially known through the corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, welcoming the stranger, visiting the imprisoned, etc. The spiritual works of mercy apply too by counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant (those who don't know or are mistaken about the faith), forgiving injuries, praying for the living and the dead, etc. We live in an incentivized society, that is, you give to me and I'll give something back to you as a prize or a way of saying thank you. I don't think that is what Jesus had in mind in this gospel. The follower of Jesus serves because of a relationship with God in that God loved us first, bought us back from sin and saved us. He has given the gift of faith to his followers, which isn't restricted to knowledge about God, but occurs within the context of a living relationship with God. We serve because of our gratitude for the relationship with God, the salvation and forgiveness we have in Christ and for the many graces God bestows in our lives. We don't serve to earn God's love or because of a sense of entitlement. Were it not for his grace, we would be lost.

This gospel and the celebration of Thanksgiving reminds us of the attitude and response to God is that of perpetual thanksgiving. If we operate from that worldview, life will still have its joys and challenges, but our hearts will always be open to the mighty things God has done and continues to do in our lives no matter what and come what may.

Advent Mass Schedule - With Christmas occurring on a Monday this year, the First Sunday of Advent falls on December 3rd. That means we will have a very short Advent. It will be three weeks long concluding on Sunday, December 24th. Since the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve will coincide this year, the ordinary weekend Mass schedule will change for the celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. There will only be two Masses to fulfill the Sunday obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. They will occur on:

Saturday, December 23 At 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM.

There will be no Sunday morning, December 24th, Masses to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. All Masses that day will be for Christmas, to begin in the afternoon as has been done in previous years.

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