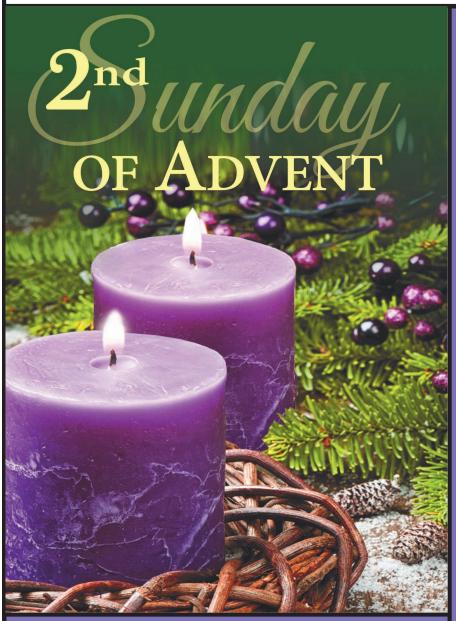


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Liturgies

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: During Advent - Monday, December 11, 18

Following 7:30 AM mass until 6:00 PM

Reconciliation: During Advent - December 9, 16, & 23

Extended Confession 3:00 - 4:00 PM

December 10, 2017

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

Youth Faith Formation 319-377-8402 1430 14th Street, Marion

School 319-377-6348 1430 14th Street, Marion

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.

Prayer Chain: Contact Dawn at 377-4869 or d.feltman@dbgarch.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 **December 10 to 16**, to pray the rosary at the home of Jinggy Cigrand, 330 South 11th Street, Marion, 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.

St. Joseph Bulletin Submission Deadlines for December

Please send by email to: t.martin@dbqarch.org

Bulletin Date	Submission Deadline	
Dec. 17,2017	Mon. Dec. 11 @ Noon	
Dec. 24,2017	Fri. Dec. 15 @ Noon	
Dec. 31,2017	Thurs. Dec. 21 @ Noon	

Sunday Envelope Giving Week of December 4, 2017—Week 23				
Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$23,558.59			
Year-to-date budget	\$541,847.57			
Collected last weekend	\$30,412.00			
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	\$509,484.33			
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$32,363.24)			
Social Concerns (5% of Donations)	\$1,520.60			
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$1.118.50			

December 11 - December 17 WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

		CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS					
Monday, December 11							
7:30	AM	MASS † Seigel Family					
8:00	AM	Adoration					
1:30	PM	Alpha Prayer Group, St JP II Room					
5:45	PM	Cub Scouts, Church Hall					
7:00	PM	Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room					
7:00	PM	Boy Scouts, Church Hall					
7:00	PM	CRG, SJPII Room					
Tuesd	ay, Dec	cember 12					
7:30	AM	MASS † Ryan Family					
1:00	PM	Quilting Ministry, Church Hall					
7:00	PM	Men of Action, St. Joseph Room					
7:00	PM	Bells, Church					
Wednesday, December 13							
8:15	AM	MASS † Margaret Easton					
9:30	AM	Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room					
2:00	PM	Pietra Fitness, Church Hall					
5:50	PM	Minor Miracles, Church					
6:30	PM	JAM, Church					
6:30	PM	8th Grade Prayer, Church					
6:30	PM	WM Book Club, St. John Paul III Rm					
6:30	PM	Liturgy Committee, St. Matthew Room					
7:30	PM	MAC, St. Joseph Room					
Thurs	day De	ecember 14					
6:00	AM	Men of Action, Church Hall					
7:30	AM	MASS † Bernard Merges					
9:30	AM	Summit Pointe † Xavier HS Faculty					
1:00	PM	Book Club, St. Matthew Room					
6:00	PM	School Advent Concert, Church					
6:30	PM	RCIA, St. Joseph Room					
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		mber 15					
7:30	AM	MASS † Susan Bonlander					
6:30	PM	Silent Prayer, Church					
		ecember 16					
3:00	PM	Extended Confession thru Advent till 4:00 pm					
4:30	PM	MASS † Gladys Hilsenbeck & Don Berns					
5:30	PM	8th Gr. Bake Sale—following Mass, Church Hall					
		ember 17 - 3nd Sunday of Advent					
8:00	AM	MASS † Harold Crowley					
9:00	AM	8th Gr Bake Sale, following Mass, Church Hall					
10:30	AM	MASS † For the People					
11:30	AM	8th Gr Bake Sale, following Mass, Church Hall					

Mass Intentions

Please see Dawn Feltman in Parish Office

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, Dec. 16, 4:30 pm	Sunday, Dec. 17, 8:00 am	Sunday, Dec. 17, 10:30 am
Sacristan	Dan Carter	Rhonda Sourwine	Hannah Konzen
Altar Servers	Anna Kelly Matthew Thraen Sam Kelly	Carter Pickar Phoenix Albright Rita Sourwine	Andrew Oakley Kylie Wassmer Molly Lucas
Lectors	Terry Lynch Jerry Fetzer	Steven Freemon Ann Weber-Holdgrafer	Dave Adams Pat Soyer
Ministers of Holy Communion	Erin Seymour Gail Hawthorne James Ford Janice Kelly Margie Bowen Patricia Halstead Sharon Neilly	Bob Gruenloh Daniel Pickar George Cleppe Judy Scott Margie Bodensteiner Mike Cira Pauline Soukup	Barb Celichowski Barb Wright Clark White Darlene Dawson Karri Kruser Steve Wright Teresa White
Ministers of Bob Neilly Dave Bowen Hospitality Dennis Maddy Tim O'Brien		Carole Dzingle Dave Van Gorp Duane Dzingle John Dolphin Ken Bodensteiner	Bob Dawson Don Klostermann Michelle Soyer Verna Klostermann
Children's Liturgy	n/a	n/a	Ronda Shaffer Madison Shaffer
Door Greeters	Jeremy Vinluan Kelly Zimmerman Kossivi Tomeddonou Dawn Barnes	Bob Buckley Cindy Dugenske Dale Dugenske	Barb Gasaway Dolores Dilger Jerry Dilger Mary Jo Adams

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Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially Ivan Chester, uncle of Carole (Duane) Dzingle; and Victor Menke, brother of Eileen (Paul) Clarahan.

Women's Connection

The St. Joseph Parish widows support group will gather **Tuesday**, **December 12** at 11:30 a.m. at the Indian Creek Country Club, 2401 Indian Creek Rd., Marion. For more information call Sally Wilkinson at 373-5484.

Join us for lunch on **December 28, 2017** @ 11:30 - Zio Johno's - Marion. 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 Reilly at 373-2810.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Eucharistic Adoration: Due to scheduling needs in the church, Monday adoration will end at 6:00 PM with Benediction on **December 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.**

2 for \$5 Books and CDs: During the Advent season, beginning this weekend, there will be different books by different authors available for a reduced price of 2 for \$5. Also, check out the CDs and booklets on the Kiosk that are also available at 2 for \$5. Please consider buying one for yourself and giving one for Christmas.

Christmas Postcard Invitation: All registered parishioners will be mailed a postcard invitation to our Christmas Masses. We invite you to prepare for Christmas by making plans to attend Mass and welcome others to 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 will be available in the vestibule for your use to invite others also.

Families of St. Joseph
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Please join us for Service Sunday!

What: We will be serving our local community by assisting our parish's Advent Giving Project. Adults and children age 7+ will be wrapping the multitude of gifts that have been donated for local families; children age 6 and under will be creating cards

and crafts to attach to the gifts.

When: Sunday, December 10, from 1-3p Where: St. Joseph Catholic School

1430 14th St., Marion, IA

Please enter through the main front doors.

CONFESSIONS AT ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, December 9 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM Saturday, December 16 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM Saturday, December 23 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM

COMMUNAL PENANCES

Saturday, December 16 at All Saints, Cedar Rapids, 10:30 AM Thursday, December 21 at St. Joseph, Marion, 7 PM

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Since this Sunday falls on Christmas Eve, there will be an adjustment in the regular Sunday Mass schedule. To fulfill our Sunday Mass obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Masses will be celebrated on Saturday, December 23. There will be no Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Sunday, December 24. The Masses celebrated that day will begin in the afternoon and shall be for Christmas. Here's the Fourth Sunday of Advent schedule:

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

2017 Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve 4:00 PM in the church and school gym 6:30 PM in the church 9:00 PM in the church

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day 9:00 AM in the church

Bereavement Grief and Loss

A six session faith sharing group for those who have experienced death of a loved one or other traumatic incidents resulting in a lifestyle change. It is recommended that those considering these sessions allow six month since the death or change in family lifestyle before attending. The next group will meet Mondays, January 22-February 26, 6:00 - 7:30 pm at St. Matthews Parish-Faith Formation Room, Cedar Rapids. Contact either St. Matthews Parish (319-363-8269) or St. Joseph Parish (319-377-4869). Registration deadline is Friday, January 15.

Do you need a treat to take with you for a Holiday gathering? Look no further! Come support our St. Joseph



Catholic School 8th Grade Class. They will be selling home-baked Christmas treats in the church hall after all masses on December 16th and 17th. There will be Christmas cookies and candies, pies, cakes, and breads. All proceeds will go toward their 8th grade class trip.

The St. Joseph Church Directories are In!

Please stop in to the church hall after Mass on December 9/10 to pick up your directory.

Limit 1 per family please.

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 I loved one, please clip this form and return it to the parish office by Friday, December 15. 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:

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.

(Please note wreaths are artificial due to fire regulations.)

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner 2018

After hosting all of your family for the holidays, hosting for "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" should be a piece of cake! And there is still time to say

yes! We still need more host homes for our January 28 dinner event. If you are interested, please contact Sharron Konzen at: 319-350-9861 or at rkonzen@yahoo.com.





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

To apply, go to:

http://www.sjcsmarion.org/about/employment/ Please contact principal Casey Kettmann at ckettmann@sicsmarion.org



Last year because of your generosity St. Vincent's delivered 162 Christmas food baskets to the poor of our city and surrounding area. Once again we are asking for your generosity. Even with a dwindling food account we are going to deliver a maximum of 150 Christmas baskets this year.

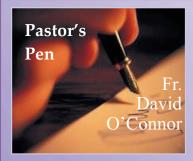
St. Vincent's is asking you to share your loving care by helping us provide Christmas food baskets for the less fortunate families of our community. Help can be given as follows:

Cash donation or checks payable to: St. Vincent de Paul Food Account. Send to St. Vincent de Paul Society, 928 7th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

Assist delivering of food baskets provided by the St. Vincent de Paul Society: Baskets will be assembled and delivered on Saturday morning, December 23, at St. Wendeslaus School, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Adopt a Family: To adopt a family, call HACAP at 739-1505 before December 17, or visit: www.hacap.org/adoptafamily.

Student Tuition Organization--Still not sure about this "STO" thing? It's simple. If you file an Iowa income tax return, your contributions to the Our Faith STO receive a 65% tax credit. That means for every \$1000 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit of \$650. Thus, a \$1000 contribution reduces your Iowa tax liability by a whopping \$650 AND the entire amount of your gift qualifies for federal deductibility. And that gift you made? It helps makes a Catholic education affordable for every child. Thus, a \$1000 contribution reduces your Iowa tax liability by a whopping \$650 AND the entire amount of your gift qualifies for federal deductibility. The available Iowa tax credits are filling up fast so visit www.OurFaithSto.org or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at <u>800-876-3546 ext. 219</u> or 307 to learn more.



<u>Advent Decorations</u>—You may have noticed the two banners at the main entryway of the church. If you haven't, go take a look at them. One banner depicts half of a wreath with holy and ivy, and the other a half a crown of thorns. The design, which evokes great reflection upon the mystery of Christ's presence in the world and our lives, is also found in the sanctuary of the church.

Consider firstly the wreath itself which is reminiscent of the Advent wreath. The circular design of the wreath reminds us of the eternity of God, that he has no beginning or end, but is the eternal now. The circle, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is complete and perfect in itself and needs or requires nothing in its perfection. Yet, as St. Paul said in the Letter to the Philippians, Christ emptied himself and became fully human to dwell amongst us even as he was fully God in order to save us from our sins. The infinite, almighty, perfect and timeless God entered time in order that we might be saved. That's what the holly and ivy, Christmas, the Incarnation of Christ, represents to us.

Even though it may seem to be a bit premature, although it really isn't, the thorns on the wreath take us to the Passion and cross of our Lord. That self-emptying of Jesus at Christmas continues through the cross as he poured himself out for us so that all might be saved by him. God so loved the world, the gospel of St. John reminds us, that he sent his only Son into the world not to condemn it, but to save it. The mystery of Christmas is never disconnected from the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. It is a part of the whole, that is, the plan God has for our salvation. Our baptism makes us a part of that infinite circle of the wreath. In Christ, we enter into and dwell with the timeless, eternal God who even now calls us unto eternity with him when death comes.

Advent will be a very short season this year as the fourth Sunday is Christmas Eve. Take the time to reflect upon and participate in the spirituality of the season. It is too rich, beautiful and renewing to let it slip by.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection - is this weekend. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

Blessing of Parents before Childbirth - Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose feast we celebrate on December 12th, is the patroness of life. She appeared to St. Juan Diego pregnant with Jesus. It is appropriate on or about her feast to invite parents expecting children to be blessed before the birth of their children. This we shall do the weekend of December 16-17 at the Shrine of the Holy Family (near the Brockman Street exit of the church and the reconciliation room) after all of the Masses. Parents and their families are especially invited to participate.

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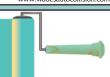
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