



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



### 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 Dec. 4, 11, 18  
Following 7:30 AM mass until 6:00 PM

**Reconciliation:** During Advent - Dec. 2, 9, 16, & 23  
Extended Confession 3:00 - 4:00 PM

## December 3, 2017

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**Parish Office 319-377-4869**  
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Tues. & Wed. 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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

**School 319-377-6348**  
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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.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Dawn at 377-4869 or [d.feltman@dbqarch.org](mailto: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](mailto:alt.theresa@yahoo.com), Jean Randolph, 319-377-0497 or [jmr926722@mchsi.com](mailto:jmr926722@mchsi.com), and Deacon Dennis Ternes, [d.ternes@dbqarch.org](mailto:d.ternes@dbqarch.org).

**Parish Library**—Open during office hours.

**Pilgrim Virgin Statue**—Gather to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by gathering from **December 3 to 8**, to pray the rosary at the home of Tom and Beth Gorsich, 224 Teakwood Lane 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](mailto: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](mailto:t.martin@dbqarch.org)

Sunday Bulletin	Deadline	Deadline Date for Submission
Dec. 10, 2017	Normal	Tues. Dec. 5 @ Noon
Dec. 17, 2017	Early	Mon. Dec. 11 @ Noon
Dec. 24, 2017	Early	Fri. Dec. 15 @ Noon
Dec. 31, 2017	Early	Thurs. Dec. 21 @ Noon

**Sunday Envelope Giving**  
**Week of November 27, 2017—Week 22**

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	<b>\$23,558.59</b>
Year-to-date budget	<b>\$518,288.98</b>
Collected last weekend	<b>\$19,025.00</b>
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	<b>\$479,072.33</b>
Over/(Under) Budget	<b>(\$39,216.65)</b>
Social Concerns (5% of Donations)	<b>\$951.25</b>
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	<b>\$989.00</b>
Thanksgiving	<b>\$5,947.32</b>

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, Dec. 9, 4:30 pm	Sunday, Dec. 10, 8:00 am	Sunday, Dec. 10, 10:30 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Laurie Schill	Theresa Alt	Linda Maher
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ciara O'Brien Ella Fortmann Madalyn Fortmann	Alex Frericks Jordan Runde Sydney Kleist	Addie Sleezer Addison Bisinger Lincoln Oakley
<b>Lectors</b>	Jen O'Brien Doug Brock	Cynthia Line Marjorie Jensen	Jeff Puffer Roger Konzen
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Doug Hoeger Jeff Schussler Jim Wilson Karen Wilson Kris Hoeger Michele Brock Sharon Sowadski	Becky Miller Jim McDonald Judy Block Linda Randklev Marge Carson Marilyn Platner Peg Detweiler	Aaron Randolph Becky Bostwick Darlene Schmidt Jane Schlegel Jean McNamara Kent Sodawasser Rachel Sodawasser
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Lola McAreavy Bob Sowadski David Bengford Gary Raymond	Allen Platner Greg Van Gorp Howard Schiffer Jim Angerer Roger Bonlander	Charlotte Osterhaus Norbe Boettcher Sharron Konzen Teresa Girard Terry Dolphin
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	n/a	n/a	Nicole Trapani Emily Meyer
<b>Door Greeters</b>	Chad Gloede Chris O'Brien Julie Raymond Lindsay Gloede	Gay Hauschildt Mary Hauschildt	Brian Reynolds Donna Reynolds Matt Schlegel Scott Schlegel

**December 4 - December 10**  
**WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 4**

7:30	AM	MASS	† <b>Joan Nath</b>
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	

**Tuesday, December 5**

7:30	AM	MASS	† <b>The Frasher Family</b>
5:45	PM	Building & Grounds, Community Rm	
7:00	PM	Men of Action, St. Joseph Room	
7:00	PM	Bells, Church	

**Wednesday, December 6**

8:15	AM	MASS	† <b>Cassie Rieken</b>
9:30	AM	Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room	
1:00	PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry, St. Joseph Room	
2:00	PM	Pietra Fitness, Church Hall	
5:50	PM	Minor Miracles, Church	
6:30	PM	JAM, St. Joseph Room	
6:30	PM	8th Grade Prayer, Church	
6:30	PM	WM Book Club, St. John Paul III Rm	
7:30	PM	MAC, St. Joseph Room	

**Thursday, December 7**

6:00	AM	Men of Action, Church Hall	
7:30	AM	MASS	† <b>Bob Brown</b>
9:30	AM	Willow Gardens	
1:00	PM	Book Club, St. Matthew Room	
<b>6:00</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Vigil—Immaculate Conception</b> <b>Blessed Virgin Mary † For the People</b>	
6:30	PM	RCIA, St. Joseph Room	

**Friday, December 8**

<b>8:15</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>MASS - Immaculate Conception</b> <b>Blessed Virgin Mary † For the People</b>	
6:30	PM	Silent Prayer, Church	

**Saturday, December 9**

3:00	PM	Extended Confession thru Advent till 4:00 pm	
4:30	PM	MASS	† <b>Terry &amp; William</b> <b>Canning</b>
5:30	PM	Soup Supper - Social Justice Committee	

**Sunday, December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:00	AM	MASS	† <b>Marvin Prier</b>
10:30	AM	MASS	† <b>For the People</b>

**Please see Dawn Feltman in Parish Office**  
**for Mass Intentions**



Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially **James Lukefahr**, father of Greg (Mary) Lukefahr, grandfather of Brock and Seth; **Merle Menzel**, husband of Mary Menzel; and **Susan Tebbe**, sister of Kathy (Allen) Krambeer, and sister-in-law of Lola (John) McAreavy.

### 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 John'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**.

### Quilt Ministry Request

Thank you for all of the fabric donations. Many hands continue to make quilts but we are quickly running out of batting. We welcome low loft batting donations or monies to buy more batting. Contact Lynn Mitchell 377-6166.



Catholic Evangelization Outreach (CEO) will be held at Mt. Mercy University's Busse Chapel (top of the hill) on **Thursday, December 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.**

Kasey Kaimann will share her miraculous encounter with Jesus! Refreshments will be served. Child care is not available. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

### 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.**

**Business and Ministry Assistant**--St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion, IA, seeks a part-time Business and Ministry Assistant. The preferred candidate is a practicing Catholic with a background in finance or related field. Proficiency in computer and communications skills as well as an ability to multi-task and collaborate in a team setting is necessary. The application for employment can be found at [www.stjoesmarion.org/employment](http://www.stjoesmarion.org/employment). Please send a cover letter, resume and completed employment application to: [jobs@stjoesmarion.org](mailto:jobs@stjoesmarion.org) by December 8, 2017.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 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**.

**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. You're invited to buy one and give one away 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 to use to invite others also.

**Online Reflections and Commentary:** As we transition away from the printed worship aid to the Breaking Bread missals, we invite you to use online resources to continue to reflect on and pray with the daily and Sunday Mass readings. The links for these online resources were listed in the November 26 bulletin and can also be found at the parish website on the homepage listed under "Worship Aid - Readings and Reflections."

### 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 1-3pm

**Where:** **St. Joseph Catholic School**

1430 14th St., Marion, IA

Please enter through the main front doors.

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### Advent Giving Project:

This is the final weekend to return gifts for the Advent Giving Project. Please place all unwrapped, donated gifts on the Sanctuary steps during any Mass. Thank you for your generosity on behalf of local families in need this Advent season!

If you have any questions, please phone Liz Lockhart at the YFF Office at 377-8402.

Please join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Angel of Hope Prayer Vigil on December 6th at 7p.m. at the Angel of Hope Statue located at Xavier High School. The vigil is a public gathering for anyone who has lost a loved one. Our prayers will join with others throughout the United States who host a candlelight ceremony at all The Angel of Hope Monuments on December 6th, at 7p.m. Come pray for all seeking Hope and Light.

### Roller Skating at Super Skate:



All are welcome (youth bring a friend)! You are invited to the Super Skate off Collins Road to join the fun **Sunday, December 3, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**, sponsored by Marion Knights of Columbus Council 5390. Youth ages 17 and under are free; the adults who want to skate just pay skate rental.

Children or groups of children must be accompanied by a "go-to" adult rather than just dropped off at the skating rink. See the Council 5390 bulletin at their website: [www.kofc5390.org](http://www.kofc5390.org).

### 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 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.)

- 4 **Student Tuition Organization**--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 ext. 219 or 307 to learn more.

**JOB  
OPENING**

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@sjcsmarion.org](mailto:ckettmann@sjcsmarion.org)

if you have any questions.

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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.



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### Holy Land Rosaries for Sale

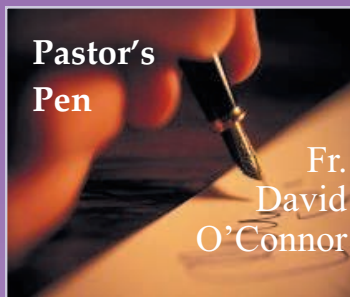
Rosaries brought back to St. Joseph Church from the parish Holy Land pilgrimage are available for purchase in the parish office. Simple in design and yet profound in symbolic significance, these rosaries were handcrafted from the wood of olive trees by Christian families living in Bethlehem. Your purchase of a rosary helps support these Christian families who, despite hardships and obstacles, strive to witness to Christ's message of love. The olive wood rosaries are \$15 each, payable by check (made out to St. Joseph Church) or cash. These would make wonderful gifts for Christmas!



### The St. Joseph Church Directories are In!

Please stop in to the church hall after Mass on Dec. 2/3 or Dec. 9/10 to pick up your directory.

Limit 1 per family please.



**Holy Day of Obligation**—December 8<sup>th</sup> is the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is always a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States because we are dedicated under the title of The Immaculate Conception of Mary. Mass times will be:

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 AM

**Staff Departures**—Two current staff members will be transitioning from their positions. Liz Lockhart will be moving to the Minneapolis, MN, metro area because her husband has accepted a position with a firm there. Liz will be leaving her position as Director of Youth Faith Formation and Interim Business Manager on December 20, 2017.

Bonnie Bluml has decided to leave her position as Coordinator of Music in order to dedicate her time and talent to the Kiddie Keys and private studio music business she has established. Bonnie's last day will be January 7, 2018.

We thank Liz and Bonnie for the years of dedicated and effective service they have given to the parish community, Liz for 11 years and Bonnie for 8 years. Life is filled with transitions which occur when the time is right for new and exciting ventures. While we are sorry to see both Liz and Bonnie leave us, we will send them forth with our prayers and blessings as new chapters in their lives begin.

A farewell for Bonnie will be after the 8:00 AM Mass on **Sunday, December 10** in the church hall.

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**—This annual collection will occur the weekend of **December 9-10, 2017**. "Thanks to the support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

**Blessing of Parents before Childbirth**—Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose feast we celebrate on **December 12**, 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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