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"Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?" —Mt 6:26

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Adoration: Monday: 7 am to 9 pm

Confession: Saturday: 3:30 to 4 pm

Sunday, February 26, 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, March 11, 2017**, in the St. Joseph Room of the parish offices from 9 to 11 am. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at 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.

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 pastas for March. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Feb. 26th—March 3rd with Lorrenne Mulherin; 1807 Woodcrest St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Rosary every evening Sunday through Friday, 7:30 pm.

Date	Mass	Intention
Mon. 2/27	Adoration 7 a.m.—9 p.m.	
Tue. 2/28	7:30 am	Bernadette Simona
ASH WEDNESDAY 3/1	7:00 am	Terry & William Canning
	Noon	For the People
	5:00 pm	John Steven Riter
Thu. 3/2	7:30 am	Alberta Van Nest
Fri. 3/3	7:30 a.m.	Mary Klein
Sat. 3/4	4:30 pm	For the People
Sun. 3/5	8:00 am	Albert and Marjorie Victor
	10:30 am	Jean Schuttloffel

Week at a Glance		
Sun. 2/26	2:00 pm 6:30 pm	Holy Land Presentation, Church Hall Divine Mercy Faith Sharing Group
Mon. 2/27	7 am-9 pm 1:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration, Church Alpha Prayer Grp., St. John Paul II Rm. Cub Scouts, Church Hall Boy Scouts, Church Hall Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm. CRG, St. JP II Room
Tue. 2/28	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bells, Church TMIY!, Church Hall
Wed. 3/1	9:30 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room Prayer Shawl, St. Joseph Room Pietra Fitness, Church Hall
Thu. 3/2	6:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 8:00 pm	TMIY!, Church Hall Jubilation Choir, Church RCIA, St. Joseph Rm. RCIA, Church
Fri. 3/3	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross, Church Lenten Soup Supper, Church Hall Silent Prayer, Church
Sat. 3/4	9:00 am	Bread of Life, Church and Church Hall

Week of February 19, 2017—Week 33	
Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$23,558.59
Year-to-date budget	\$800,992.59
Collected last weekend	\$22,094.50
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	\$822,990.35
Over/(Under) Budget	\$21,998.29
Social Concerns (5% of Donations)	\$1,104.73
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$658.00

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, March 4, 4:30 pm	Sunday, March 5, 8:00 am	Sunday, March 5, 10:30 am
Sacristan	Linda Alexander	Julie Schmitt	Dan Carter
Altar Servers	Blaise Pacha, Caleb Pacha Carter Pickar	Carly Drey Kloey McCurren Alex Conrad	Kylie Wassmer Marshall Boche Sydney Kleist
Lectors	Richard Dorff Marjorie Jensen	Jeff Alt Jeff Jennings	Rory Bostwick Judy Ramsey
Ministers of Holy Communion	Bonnie Thomas Diane Morris Donna Reynolds Jim Wilson Kent Sodawasser Rachel Sodawasser	Dan Drey Judy Scott Margie Bodenstainer Sandy Alt Mary Mikkola Renee Wiebel Terry Wiebel	Becky Bostwick Jane Schlegel Kim McAleer Liz Lockhart Phyllis Koschmeder Ted Lockhart Steve McAleer
Ministers of Hospitality	Arlene Wiley David Bengford James Ickes Peg Platner	Howard Schiffer Jim Angerer Ken Bodenstainer Margie Spoden Mike Alt	Don Klostermann Gary Kalis Luke Fejfar Mark Fejfar Verna Klostermann
Children's Liturgy	n/a	n/a	John Bostwick Lindsey Weber



Lent: Moving Toward the Cross—“*Repent, and believe in the Gospel,*” will be the words you hear when ashes are placed on your forehead this Wednesday. It is a simple, yet poignant way of

beginning the observance of the Lenten Season. Jesus inaugurated his public mission with the same exhortation, “*repent,*” meaning change your mind and live your life another way according to the Good News, the gospel, that Jesus preached. In terms of the Christian life, the practice of the faith, there is always something about which to change your mind. Sin creeps into our lives and we act on our wounded hearts. Everything about our lives are not well ordered toward God and we can easily follow the glitter of the world and fall prey to the ephemeral ideas and false wisdom and practices of the culture. There is much that detracts and distracts one from the faith. That’s why we have Lent, a beautiful, reflective season of repentance and renewal that leads our lives to change. We become transparent before the Gospel to be called away from that which is unconverted in our lives, sin, bad habits, an anemic faith, malformed minds, and a weakness of the will to choose the good. Part of the change of mind is a change of the normal routine of life to include practices of penances and self-denial. They aren’t fun, but help us to open our minds to God. Immerse yourself in the season and ask the Lord where you need to have a change of mind, a conversion of your heart. May God bless and renew you this Lent!

MOVING TOWARD THE CROSS

A Lenten Renewal for Liturgical Ministers

Come join us in the Church Hall on *Thursday March 9th* as our presenter, Judy Ramsey, leads our evening of renewal. Our time together is designed to inspire you in your service to others as well as in your own journey to the cross. Dessert and coffee is served at 6:30 p.m., our renewal begins at 7 p.m.

This is also the time we do our annual update of ministry participation. If you are unable to attend the renewal but would like to continue participating in your ministry, please verify your information with your ministry coordinator whether it has changed or not.

Please contact your ministry coordinator listed below:

- **Ministers of Hospitality:** Pat O’Connor, pjseco@yahoo.com
- **Lectors:** Mike Wobbe, 361-7995, or mrwobbe@gmail.com
- **Greeters:** Mary Hauschildt, maryhauschildt@gmail.com
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** _Nicole Trapani, 563-495-0190 or stjoescrow@gmail.com
- **Music:** Bonnie Bluml, 389-6565 or bonnie.bluml@stjoesmarion.org
- **Communion Distributors:** Julie Raymond, jray1214@aol.com
- **Sacristans:** Laurie Schill, 377-4869 or laurie.schill@stjoesmarion.org

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is March 1st. For planning purposes, the following is the liturgical schedule for the day:

- **Mass with the Distribution of Ashes:** 7:00 am, Noon, 5:00 pm
- **Distribution of Ashes Outside of Mass:** 7:00 pm

There are regulations that accompany and support our spiritual practices during Lent. The Church being the body of Christ is a community of persons. The community acts as one in many ways including the things we observe and do:

- *Days we abstain from consuming meat:* Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent
- *Days we fast:* Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be eaten at all. Eggs, milk products and condiments made from meat may be eaten. Fish and all cold blooded animals may be eaten (eg., frogs, clams, etc.).

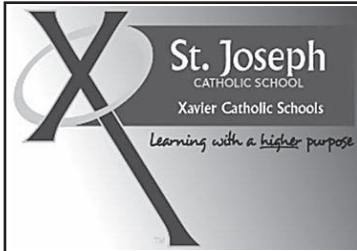
Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. Food necessary for the taking of medications is certainly allowed. Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Abstinence from meat on other Fridays of the year is recommended but not required.

Additionally, prayer, penance and almsgiving for the sake of world peace is recommended for all Fridays of the year. Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of “*mortification*.”

Formation for All

Formation for All is an online program designed to help Catholics to learn and pray about Respect Life and Social Justice issues. The current session addresses the topic of Adult and Embryonic Stem Cells. In addition to discussing the difference between embryonic and adult stem cells, it also addresses the need to approach science and medicine with a moral understanding of the intrinsic dignity of the Human Person. Sessions are designed for all ages and various settings. To access these sessions go to: dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation.



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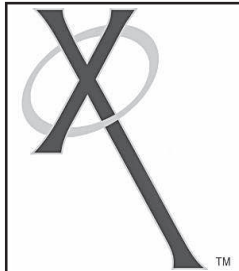
St. Joseph Catholic School collects: Box Tops, Hy-Vee receipts, Tyson Foods, Prairie Milk caps and A+ labels.

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@sjsmarion.org.

Music in our Schools Concert

Every year in March schools across the nation celebrate and thank their communities for supporting music. Please join us as we celebrate music at St. Joseph Catholic School, on Thursday, March 2nd, 1:30-2:30 pm. We will gather in the gym to hear songs from K-5 general music classes and enjoy a performance from the St. Joseph/LaSalle Center Stage show choir. All are welcome to attend!



Applications Now Available for the St. Francis Xavier Scholarship

Thanks to a generous financial donation, the Xavier Foundation is able to offer the St. Francis Xavier Scholarship. This scholarship awards FULL tuition to Xavier High School for up to four years to qualifying students. Students in grades 8-11 may apply. In order to be eligible for consideration of the St. Francis Xavier Scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- They are a practicing Christian, participating in an area parish or church.
- The combined household income must be less than \$75,000 per year.
- They must have 2 teachers or 1 teacher and 1 coach's letter of recommendation to apply for the scholarship.
- They must have 3.0 or better GPA or grade equivalent (if they have completed Grade 9 or above).
- They must be in good standing within their community (i.e. no community offenses on record).

Once the scholarship is awarded, the student must maintain a 3.0 GPA and have no major disciplinary issues.

Applications are available online at www.xaviersaints.org/stfrancisxavier or in the Xavier Foundation office at Xavier High School. Deadline for applications for the 2017-2018 school year is March 30th, 2017. Contact Jody Pellerin, Xavier Foundation Executive Director, at 378-4571 or pellerin@xavierfoundation.org.

Parish Directory

The new St. Joseph Parish Directory will be come out in the spring. When the specific delivery date is announced, information about how to obtain your copy of the parish directory will be included in the bulletin.

Women's Connection

Please join us for "The Stations of the Cross—Through the Eyes of Mary." This mini-retreat will be held in the Learning and Leadership Lounge at St. Joseph Catholic School on Thursday, March 9th. Please remember to bring your donation for the Catholic Workers House. For more information, please contact Sally at 373-5484 or Carol at 654-6296.

IMPACT

Are You Hungry for More? Are You Ready for the Next Step? IMPACT May Be Right for You! The next cohort of IMPACT, the Archdiocese of Dubuque's two-year adult lay formation program, will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hiawatha, beginning September 2017. If you are interested, please come to one of our "Come and See" open houses hosted by Mary Pedersen, director of IMPACT.

"Come and See" Open Houses (5:30-7 pm):

- Marshalltown, St. Mary, Church Hall: Monday, February 27th
- Waterloo, St. Edward, Church Basement: Thursday, March 2nd
- Hiawatha, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Parish Center, Monday, March 6th

Mt. Calvary Cemetery Spring Clean-Up

There will be a total cleanup at Mt. Calvary Cemetery starting March 15 and will continue as weather permits. We will be removing all flowers, wreaths and decorations. Prior to March 15, please remove all items you wish to keep from around your loved one's grave site. You may begin placing seasonal flowers again starting April 15. For questions call 319-362-4659.

Green Prairie Garden Opportunity

Feed the hungry, spend time in a lovely garden, and be in community with others. How? By volunteering at Green Prairie Vegetable Garden in Hiawatha. MCO (Metro Catholic Outreach) and Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center are seeking volunteers to assist with Green Prairie Garden. This garden provides food for the MCO food pantry as well as guests at Prairiewoods. Families of individuals, (at a time that is convenient for you), are *greatly* needed starting this spring. Tasks include planning, caring for, and harvesting a variety of vegetables. Perhaps you like to mow, weed, or water? Laughter, singing and lots of fresh air and sunshine are included, too! Please contact Christine Kirpes with MCO at 319-573-5029, cmckirpes@gmail.com or Emy Sautter with Prairiewoods at 319-395-6700 to get involved.

Discover What God Wants for Your Marriage

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Enrichment. For information, dates and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305. March 3-5 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. For more information contact jljuwmeo8@gmail.com.

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, or visit our website at www.stjoesmarion.org.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Presentation

Anyone interested in hearing about the experiences of the Holy Land Pilgrimage group is invited to the pilgrimage presentation on Sunday, February 26th at 2:00 PM in the Church Hall. Come see pictures, hear stories, and learn about the many holy sites the group visited in January.

Lent Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers

You're invited to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent (beginning March 3rd) at 5:30 PM in the church. Following the Stations, there will be a Soup Supper in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM each Friday of Lent provided free of charge. Please bring a can of soup to the dinner to donate to a local charity. Come pray with us and then enjoy some good fellowship and food!



"Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession"

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is often misunderstood and underused. The stunning new video series from the Augustine Institute called "Forgiven" offers the opportunity to better understand and appreciate the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You're invited to participate in this series during Lent. The five-week series will be offered in-between Masses on Sundays from 9:10 to 10:20 AM in the parish office wing, beginning on March 12th. There is a cost of \$15 for the workbook (scholarships are available upon request). Please register by March 6th at www.stjoesmarion.org/forgiven or by contacting Matt Selby. Forgiven may also be viewed on www.formed.org by entering our parish access code: ae0136.



Joyfully Gifted Lent Retreat

Mark your calendars for the parish Lent retreat on Saturday, March 25th! The theme this year will be "Joyfully Gifted." God has given spiritual gifts, called charisms, to all baptized Christians. This interactive retreat will help you discover how you have been gifted and how to effectively and joyfully use those gifts. The retreat will be led by Judy Ramsey and Matt Selby and held in the Church Hall from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. There is no

charge and all are welcome. To register, please visit www.stjoesmarion.org/retreat or pick up a pamphlet in the vestibule and turn in the completed form to the parish office. Registration is due by March 20th.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a Christian-based, pro-life organization focused on praying and fasting on behalf of the unborn. Their next 40-day prayer effort coincides with Lent. Locally, hundreds of participants will join in a peaceful prayer vigil on the sidewalk outside the Planned Parenthood on 1st Ave in Cedar Rapids. You're invited to join a group of St. Joseph parishioners in prayer there every Friday from 12:00 – 1:00 PM, beginning March 3rd and ending April 7th. For more information, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids or contact Matt Selby.



SHINE: Plug-in to the Light this Lent!

You're invited to subscribe to SHINE, our daily, digital Lent reflections! We'll be sending daily inspirational emails to help you enter into

the season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday. To subscribe, simply go to www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/SHINE or text the word SHINE to 84576. Anyone is welcome to join!

Wine & Wisdom



The next Wine & Wisdom will take place on Sunday, March 12th at 7:00 PM. Wine & Wisdom offers the opportunity for adults 21 and older to learn about their faith through a speaker, while enjoying delicious wines, light snacks, and enriching conversation. At this session, Matt Selby will speak on "How to Discern God's Will for Your Life." How do we know what God wants us to do in various circumstances? How do we discern His voice from other voices speaking to our situation? Matt will talk about practical ways to discern God's will throughout the walk of life. The session will be held at the Hickory Room at Lowe Park (4500 N. 10th Street). There is a \$10 cost that may be paid at the door. No registration is required.

New Catholic Resources for Lent Available!

Stop by the Lighthouse kiosk in the vestibule to see the many new resources available for Lent, including Lenten reflection booklets, new audio talks, and new book titles. The "Word Among Us" Catholic devotionals for Lent are also available.



For more information about events, programs or materials listed below, contact Cathy Wobbe or Dawn Feltman, pastoral associates, at 377-4869.


















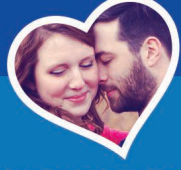
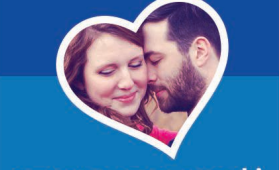








Coffee and Conversation

Join our informal, friendly gathering of women of the parish every fourth Friday of the month for "Coffee and

Conversation." Mr. Beans meeting room, 1080 East Post Road, Marion, 9:30 - 11:00 am. No need to RSVP!

Women's Lenten Book Study: *My Sisters the Saints*, by Colleen Campbell, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 pm, March 8th-April 12th, in the parish office. Books can be purchased at the parish office for \$5 each. (Check made out to St. Joseph Church or cash in the exact amount-we don't have change.)

Women's Ministry Newsletter: Please register for our St. Joseph Women's Ministry newsletter at www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/women or text: 84576 "women".

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