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Catholic Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**MOVING
TOWARD
THE CROSS
THROUGH
REPENTANCE**

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Adoration: Monday: 7 am to 9 pm

Confession: Saturday: 3:30 to 4 pm

Sunday, March 5, 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: March 5th-March 10th with Tim and Rose Gorton; 2575 Bullis Dr., Marion. Rosary every evening Sunday through Friday, 7:30 pm.

Date	Mass	Intention
Mon. 3/6	Adoration 7 a.m.—9 p.m.	
Tue. 3/7	7:30 am	Penny and Scott Whitters
Wed. 3/8	8:15 a.m.	Ronald and Helen Nennig
Thu. 3/9	7:30 am	Frank and Ruth Whitters
Fri. 3/10	7:30 a.m.	Mildred Higgins
Sat. 3/11	4:30 pm	Maxine Brady
Sun. 3/12	8:00 am	Mary Weekley
	10:30 am	For the People

Week at a Glance		
Sun. 3/5	12:45 pm	Bread of Life Retreat, Church and Hall
Mon. 3/6	7 am-9 pm	Adoration, Church
	1:30 pm	Alpha Prayer Grp., St. John Paul II Rm.
	5:30 pm	Cub Scouts, Church Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts, Church Hall
	7:00 pm	Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm.
Tue. 3/7	7:00 pm	CRG, St. JP II Room
	1:00 pm	Quilting Ministry, Church Hall
	5:45 pm	Building and Grounds, Community Rm
	6:30 pm	NFP Class, St. John Paul II Room
	7:00 pm	Bells, Church
Wed. 3/8	7:00 pm	VBS Leadership Team, St. Joseph Rm.
	7:00 pm	TMIY!, Church Hall
	9:30 am	Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room
	5:50 pm	Minor Miracles, Church
	6:30 pm	JAM, Church
Thu. 3/9	6:30 pm	Liturgy Committee, Community Rm.
	6:30 pm	Women's Book Study, St. John Paul II
	7:30 pm	MAC, St. Joseph Room.
	8:00 pm	HSYG, Church
	6:00 am	TMIY!, Church Hall
Fri. 3/10	6:30 pm	Lenten Renewal, Church Hall
	5:30 pm	Stations of the Cross, Church
	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper, Church Hall
Sat. 3/11	6:30 pm	Silent Prayer, Church
	9:00 am	Baptism Prep Class, St. Joseph Rm.
	3:00 pm	Confessions, Church

Week of February 26, 2017—Week 3	
Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$23,558.59
Year-to-date budget	\$824,550.65
Collected last weekend	\$18,838.50
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	\$841,828.85
Over/(Under) Budget	\$17,278.20
Social Concerns (5% of Donations)	\$941.93
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$474.00

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, March 11, 4:30 pm	Sunday, March 11, 8:00 am	Sunday, March 12, 10:30 am
Sacristan	Linda Lundahl	Rhonda Sourwine	Linda Maher
Altar Servers	Devin Muresan Matthew Thraen Wesley Muresan	Ethan Walz Jack Downey Kaedan Ginther	Charlie McCurren Isaac Pfab Tori Welsh
Lectors	Kayla Seymour Jeff Puffer	Cynthia Line Marcia Schmidt	Pat Soyer Michelle Soyer
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Children's Liturgy	n/a	n/a	Rhonda Shaffer Madison Shaffer



Moving Toward the Cross—is the thematic emphasis about Lent we are observing here to help sharpen our focus on this penitential season. Inspired by the prophecy of Joel, I shared on Ash Wednesday that Lent calls us home to the Father

because we have strayed from him through sin. By our own commission or omission, sin is a personal choice that wounds the heart and toxifies the soul. The remedy for sin is the forgiveness of God and reconciliation with him ministered to us through the mercy of the cross. Our homecoming involves a movement to the cross to participate in it and to embrace the merciful fruits that flow from it. Look deeply into your lives and recognize you are wounded because you have sinned. Turn around from the sin, repent, change your mind and the direction of your life and come home to the Father. Lent leads you to forgiveness, freedom from sin and to the new life of Easter.

Holy Family Sculpture—While in Bethlehem, I came across a beautiful statuesque olive wood sculpture of the Holy Family which accentuated St. Joseph's role as being the protector of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a modern rendition of the Holy Family yet with beautifully carved classical details depicting the intimacy and care of family life. Since it was so beautiful and would complement the décor of the church, I purchased it to be placed permanently in the church as a center of devotion to our patron, St. Joseph and to the Holy Family. I hope you will see the graceful aesthetic of the sculpture as I do. I purchased the sculpture from a Christian co-op in Bethlehem. The Christians are a beleaguered minority in that city and in the region, and are struggling to stay because of political, social and religious issues that militate against them. Doing business with them is a concrete, positive way of supporting our distressed brothers and sisters. As a part of the sculpture purchase, I was given about four hundred simple olive wood rosaries which we will sell here as a way to fund the sculpture and to economically and prayerfully assist our Christian friends in Bethlehem. The rosaries would be great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, first communions, confirmation, etc., or to have as a constant reminder to pray for persecuted and politically alienated Christians in the Holy Land and throughout the world. There will be more to come about the rosaries as well as when the sculpture will be placed and blessed in the church.

CEO Event—On March 14th at St. Wenceslaus, Cedar Rapids, Stephanie Evers will talk about how she used to equate academic success and worldly achievement as the measure of self-worth, come hear how after years of struggles she surrendered herself to God. All are welcome, light dinner will be served and free child care will be provided

Formation for All--is an online program designed to help Catholics to learn and pray about Respect Life and Social Justice issues. To access these sessions go to: dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation.

IMPACT Program Open House: 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 in September 2017. If you are interested, please come to the "Come and See" open house hosted by Mary Pedersen at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Hiawatha, Monday, March 6th, 5:30-7 pm.



Parish Lenten Giving Project

Our parish Lenten Giving Project this year focuses on supporting the **Sister Water Project**. The Sisters of St. Francis, with support from their associates, launched the Sister Water Project in 2006 to bring safe water to villages in Tanzania and

Honduras. Learn more at www.osfdbq.org/sister-water-project. Financial donations may be dropped off at the school or parish office throughout Lent. Sister Kathy Knipper, OSF will be visiting St. Joseph School and Youth Faith Formation on Wednesday, March 8th to present on the Sister Water Project. All are welcome at the 6:30 pm or 8 pm sessions in the school gym.

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, piseco@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 stjoescslow@gmail.com

Music: Bonnie Bluml, 389-6565 or bonnie.bluml@stjoesmarion.org

Communion Distributors: Julie Raymond, jray1214@aol.com

Sacristans: Laurie Schill, laurie.schill@stjoesmarion.org

BISHOP'S BLAST

Next weekend, March 11/12, Knights of Columbus Council 5390 invite you to visit with any of the Knights who will be near the church entryway at the end of each mass, to sign up to join the Knights of Columbus, or to learn more about the Knights' mission of service to our local community. Also, check out Archbishop Jackels' letter on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, included inside the 3/12/17 bulletin.

Lent Confession Schedule St. Joseph Church:

Saturday, March 4th, 3:00-4:00 PM

Saturday, March 11th, 3:00-4:00 PM

Saturday, March 18th, 3:00-4:00 PM

Saturday, March 25th, 3:30-4:00 PM

Saturday, April 1st, 3:00-4:00 PM

Saturday, April 8th, 3:00-3:30 PM

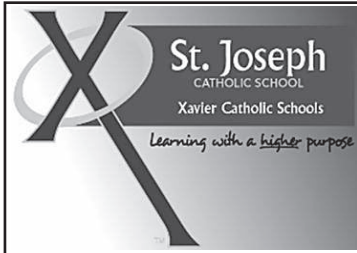
Tuesday, April 11th, 5:30-7:30 PM

Communal Penances:

St. Jude, Cedar Rapids, March 28th, 7 PM

St. Elizabeth, Hiawatha, April 6th, 7 PM

St. Pius, Cedar Rapids, April 8th, 10:30 AM



Clip and Earn Money for St. Joseph School!

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@sjesmarion.org.

St. Joseph Offers Small Class Sizes

A unique aspect of St. Joseph Catholic School is the class size. The average size of our kindergarten through eighth grade classes is sixteen students. With small class sizes, teachers have more one-on-one time with students. Smaller class size allows students to be more comfortable participating in class discussions and it creates a sense of community among their peers. Parents feel comfortable contacting teachers knowing their children are receiving individual attention. Teachers are better able to identify signs of learning difficulties as well as strengths the students possess, helping them provide students the best learning experiences to maximize academic success. These are just a few of the many benefits of having a small class size.

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. Eligibility criteria are:

- Student is a practicing Christian, participating in an area parish or church.
- The combined household income must be less than \$75,000 per year.
- Student 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. Application deadline for the 2017-2018 school year is March 30th, 2017. Contact Jody Pellerin, Xavier Foundation Executive Director, at 378-4571 or pellerin@xavierfoundation.org.

Lenten Fish Dinners

Marion Columbus Club, hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 5390, located at 5650 Kacena Ave., will host a fish dinner Friday, March 3rd, 5-7 p.m. All-you-can-eat baked or fried fish, baked or fried potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and more. Adults: \$9, children: \$4, ages 5 and under: free. Fish dinners will be each Friday in Lent.

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, March 11, 9 to 11 a.m., in the parish office. Please call Deacon Dennis Ternes at the parish office at 377-4869 for more information or to register.

Pietra Fitness Class Cancelled

Please note that the Pietra Fitness Class is cancelled for Wednesday, March 8th. Class will resume Wednesday, March 15th. For questions, please contact Dawn Feltman at 377-4869.

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. Questions? Contact Sally at 373-5484 or Carol at 654-6296.



A Magical Masquerade Father/Daughter Dance

Join us for "A Magical Masquerade," a Father/Daughter Dance, Saturday, May 6th, 5:30-8pm in the St. Joseph Catholic School Gym. All fathers and daughters are welcome (or grandpas, stepfathers, uncles, etc.). Cost of the event is \$15 per person with a \$45 family maximum. Includes a buffet style dinner, dessert, music, pictures, and more! Register online and then send checks made out to *American Heritage Girls* to the St. Joseph Parish office, Attn: Father/Daughter Dance. Deadline for payment and registration is Friday, April 7th. Register online at www.stjoesmarion.org/ahg. Questions? Email Jen O'Brien at ahgstjoesmarion@gmail.com.

Coffee and Donut Sunday

You are invited to come and enjoy donuts, coffee, juice and the company of your fellow parishioners Sunday, March 12th, at 9 a.m. in the Church Hall. Social Justice Committee will host this gathering.

Senior Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, March 15th, in the church hall at noon. Senior luncheons are held the third Wednesday of each month. Lunches are \$3.50. Please RSVP by calling the parish secretary by Monday, March 13th at 377-4869.

Mt. Calvary Cemetery Spring Clean-Up

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

Parish Directory Delivery

The new St. Joseph Parish Directory is scheduled to come out in late spring. Keep watching the bulletin for the publication date and information about how to obtain your directory.

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.



Lent Stations of the Cross and 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" Series

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.



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



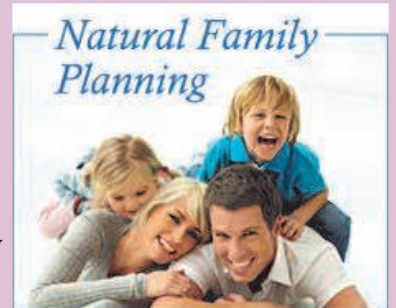
The next Wine & Wisdom will take place on Sunday, March 12th at 7:00 PM. Wine & Wisdom offers the opportunity for adults 21 and older to learn about their faith through a speaker, while enjoying delicious wines, light snacks, and enriching conversation. At this session, Matt Selby will speak on "How 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 Available for Lent!

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.

Fertility Care and Natural Family Planning Session

Any engaged or married couple who would like to learn about Natural Family Planning (NFP) and fertility care is invited to attend a free introductory session taught by Matt & Katie Hein and Megan Gan, who have been professionally trained to teach NFP. Come learn about this organic, effective, and Church approved method of family planning on Sunday, April 2nd from 3:00-4:30 PM in the parish offices. Childcare will be provided. Please register at www.stjoesmarion.org/marriage-enrichment by March 31st.




















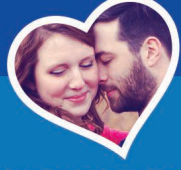
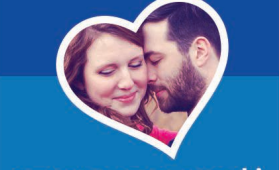










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Coffee and Conversation: Join our informal, friendly gathering of women of the parish every fourth Friday of the month for "Coffee and Conversation." Mr. Beans meeting room, 1080 East Post Road, Marion, 9:30 - 11:00 am. No need to RSVP!

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.

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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