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Catholic Church

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23rd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Mt 18:20

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**Sunday,
September 10, 2017**

Weekend Masses:
**Saturday: 4:30 p.m.,
Sunday: 8 am and 10:30 am**

Weekday Masses:
Monday through Friday, 7:30 am
(Wednesday Mass is at 8:15 am
during the school year.)
Adoration: Monday, following
morning mass, until 9 p.m.
Confession: Saturday, 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Office

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Tue. And Wed. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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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, contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at 377-4869.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on **Saturday, September 9, 2017**, 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.

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

Mass Intentions: Please stop in the office to schedule.

Prayer Chain: Contact Dawn by email at d.feltman@dbqarch.org

St. Joseph Quilting Ministry: Sessions meet every 2nd Tuesday, 1 to 3 pm, in the Church Hall. To learn more, call Lynn at 377-6166.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Compassion and knitting/crocheting combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort. Contact Sharon: 373-2810.

Men of Action: Men's prayer and study groups Tuesdays: 7 pm in the parish office or Thursdays at 6 am in the Church Hall. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at 377-4869.

Women's Connection: Support and friendship group for widows of the parish. Contact Sally W. at 373-5484.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry needs boxed canned fruit and juice for September. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Gather to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by gathering to pray the rosary at the residence of Leon and Mary Hartough; 1990 Country Club Dr; Marion, Sunday through Friday, Sept. 3-8, at 7:30 pm each evening. All are welcome.

Silent Prayer: 6:30-7 pm, Friday, in the church.

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/jmr926722@mchsi.com, and Deacon Dennis Ternes, d.ternes@dbqarch.org.

Date	Mass	Intention
Mon. 9/11	7:30 a.m.	John Higgins
	<i>Adoration: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.</i>	
Tue. 9/12	7:30 a.m.	Robert "Bob" Jacobsen
Wed. 9/13	8:15 a.m.	Wayne & Maxine Stein
Thu. 9/14	7:30 a.m.	The Deceased Spouses of Women's Connection
	9:30 a.m.	Zoltan Papp
Fri. 9/15	7:30 a.m.	Susan Bonlander
Sat. 9/16	4:30 p.m.	Ronald Kula
Sun. 9/17	8:00 a.m.	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	Robert Kerns

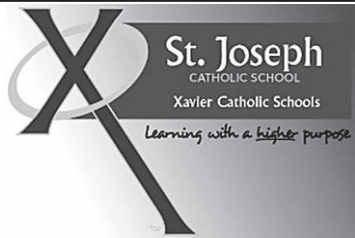
Week at a Glance		
Mon. 9/11	8 am - 9 pm	Adoration, Church
	1:30 pm	Alpha Prayer Grp, St. JP II Rm.
	5:45 pm	Cub Scouts, Church Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts, Church Hall
	7:00 pm	CRG, St. JP II Room
	7:00 pm	Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm.
Tue. 9/12	1:00 pm	Quilt Ministry, Church Hall
	7:00 pm	Men of Action, St. Joseph Rm.
Wed. 9/13	9:30 am	Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm.
	2:00 pm	Pietra Fitness, Church Hall
	5:50 pm	Minor Miracles, Church
	6:30 pm	JAM, Church
	6:30 pm	Liturgy Committee, Community Rm.
	7:30 pm	MAC, St. Joseph Rm.
Thu. 9/14	8:00 pm	HSYG, Church
	6:00 am	Men of Action, Church Hall
	8:00 am	WC Breakfast, Church Hall
	6:00 pm	Lay Formation, St. JP II Room
Fri. 9/15	6:30 pm	RCIA, St. Joseph Rm
		Silent Prayer, Church

Sunday Envelope Giving Week of September 3, 2017—Week 10	
Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$23,558.59
Year-to-date budget	\$235,585.90
Collected last weekend	\$20,177.50
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	\$212,068.74
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$23,517.16)
Social Concerns (5% of Donations)	\$1,008.88
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$1,026.00

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, Sept. 16, 4:30 pm	Sunday, Sept. 17, 8:00 am	Sunday, Sept. 107 10:30 am
Sacristan	Kathy Geers	Julie Schmitt	Linda Maher
Altar Servers	Andrew Hamlett Blaise Pacha Ciara O'Brien Ethan Walz	Adrien Perreault Liam Perreault Sydney Kleist	Charles Bostwick Emily Geisler Laura Bostwick
Lectors	Marcia Schmidt Roger Konzen	Jeff Alt Dave Adams	Jane Schlegel
Ministers of Holy Communion	Casey Kettmann Cathy Walz Dee Hamlett Gail Hawthorne Jen O'Brien Michele Brock Peg Detweiler	Janice McCusker Judy Block Ken & Marge Bodensteiner Mary Johnson Sandy Alt Sharon Sowadski	Barb Celichowski Carla Reilly Jean McNamara Kim McAleer Rita Greif Steve McAleer Vince Welsh
Ministers of Hospitality	Charlotte Osterhaus Dan Hawthorne Sharron Konzen	Bob Blocklinger Mike Alt Bob Sowadski John Dolphin Jim Angerer	Don Klostermann Verna Klostermann Terry Reilly
Children's Liturgy	n/a	n/a	Becky Carroll Emily Meyer
Door Greeters	Ron, Peggy and Ellie Detweiler	Cindy and Dale Dugenske Mary Klingler	Becky Bostwick Matt Schlegel Scott Schlegel

Anniversary Celebration! St. Joseph Catholic School

The school's 70th anniversary celebration is upon us! Please join us in celebration as Archbishop Jackels presides at 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, September 16th, followed by food and fellowship at the school. Food will be provided by Zio Johnno's (free for children ages five and under, \$5 each for everyone else). All are welcome!



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, contact principal Casey Kettmann at 377-6348, or email ckettmann@sicsmarion.org



Xavier Foundation Parish Appeal

Bob & Julie Schmitt and John & Angela Pacha will serve as our chairpersons for the Xavier Foundation's 2017 Parish Appeal. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time during the Annual Parish Appeal kick-off weekends of September 23 & 24 and September 30 & October 1. Contact the

Schmitts or Pachas to volunteer. Your support is appreciated and needed now more than ever to reach the overall campaign goal of \$515,000.

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner

Marion Columbus Club, hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 5390, located at 5650 Kacena Ave., will host a fish dinner Friday, September 15th, 5-7 p.m. All-you-can-eat baked or fried fish, baked or fried potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and more. Adults: \$10, children: \$5, ages 5 and under: free.

Quilt Ministry Note

The tote with the orange lid is now in a marked cupboard in the church hall. Please look for the kits and return the finished tops to this tote but check for the marked cupboard!! The tote is full of kits waiting for you!! Thanks!

Strong Catholic Marriage Workshop

You're invited to "Essential Elements for a Strong Catholic Marriage," a workshop for couples interested in improving communication, experiencing healing and forgiveness, exploring the role of service and prayer, and cherishing the marriage intended by God. St. Gabriel Church, Reinbeck, on Saturday, Oct. 14th, 9 AM to 4 PM. \$75 per couple, including lunch. For more information, to download the flyer or to register online for this event, go to <https://www.dbqarch.org/marriage-event>, or contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at 377-4869 or at d.ternes@dbqarch.org.

Natural Family Planning is the healthy alternative to hormonal birth control. You can now learn from the privacy of your own home with online classes. Go to www.ccli.org for more information or to register for classes. Contact Katie Hein at hein.katie@gmail.com.

3 Presentation at St. Joseph: End-of-Life Decisions and Advance Directives: A Catholic Perspective

Janine Marie Idziak, Ph.D., Consultant for Health Care Ethics for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, will discuss Church teaching on end-of-life issues (e.g., using/forgoing life-sustaining treatments, tube feeding, pain management) as a guide to completing advance directives for health care on Sunday, Sept. 24, 9:15 - 10:00 am in the church hall. Sample advance directive documents formulated in accord with Church teaching will be available. You will also be introduced to Catholic Advance Care Planning Consultants in your parish who can assist you in completing your own advance directive. St. Joseph Parish consultants are Deacon Dennis Ternes, d.ternes@dbqarch.org, Theresa Alt, alt.theresa@yahoo.com and Jean Randolph, mmr926722@mchsi.com.

Senior Lunches Resume Wednesday, September 20th!

Our next Senior Lunch is Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the church hall at noon. Parishioner Jim Parent's band will provide entertainment. Lunches are 3.50 per person. Senior lunches are held on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May, unless rescheduled for holidays.

Women's Connection Remembrance Mass

Women's Connection, a support group for parish widows, will meet Thursday, September 14th, at 7:15 am at the church for our annual. Remembrance Mass, offered for our spouses. A light breakfast will follow. RSVP to Sally at 373-5484. All widows of the parish are invited.

St. Joseph Music Ministry

Minor Miracles – is a church choir for children in 3rd through 8th grade. Weekly practices will

begin on Wednesday, September 13th from 5:50- 6:25pm. The first rehearsal is a parent/student informational meeting. Parents, please come with your children. We will have some paperwork for you to fill out and some general notes about practices and singing dates for the year. The choir will sing approximately every six weeks. Bonnie Bluml will continue to direct Minor Miracles.

JAM = Jesus Alive in Music! is a music ministry group for all high school musicians. A new season begins with an informational meeting and rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 pm. We need vocalists, pianists, guitarists, instruments; we need YOU!

Jubilant Singers is a choir open to men and women ages 10-100 years old, and we are looking for new members. The choir practices weekly on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30pm in the church and provides music ministry at Mass once a month. Practices will begin on Thursday, Sept. 14th. If you would like more information on this choir simply come to a practice!

Resurrection Choir is a choir that provides music ministry for grieving families by singing at funeral services at St. Joseph. The choir meets for practice 30 – 45 minutes prior to each funeral.

For more information on any of the above music ministry groups please contact Bonnie Bluml at b.bluml@dbqarch.org or 389-6565.

MAC is a men's choir open to any men in the parish, young or old. Practices are on Wednesdays at 8:30pm. The choir sings once a month and practice is the two Wednesdays prior to the Mass in which they provide music ministry. For more information about MAC, contact Bill Perreault at wgperreault@gmail.com.

The Pastor's Pen



Hurricane Harvey—Last week we conducted a special collection to assist the people and places affected by this devastating storm. The monies collected will sent to the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), who will give

it to Catholic Charities USA to support humanitarian and recovery efforts and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to the impacted dioceses. For those who would still like to make a contribution, please place it in a clearly marked, separate envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you for your care, mercy and compassion.

Human Nature Is Objectively Good—How about that for the title of my reflection? Here's what I mean. Your nature (what you are), created by God, is objectively good. You don't make yourself good in your creation. God has, and all human beings are that way. No one can change that, but certainly bad conduct corrupts the good, and sometimes seriously so, but does not change it. Good conduct supports the good that God created and intended.

That being said, last week, I saw a cartoon in the paper commenting about Hurricane Harvey. There was a group of people in a rescue boat travelling on the flood waters caused by the hurricane. Submerged beneath the boat were signs advocating the various contemporary causes, movements and political battles supported by any and all of those across the political spectrum from the left, to center to the right. The cartoon implied that none of that was first and foremost. What was important was the interracial, multi-ethnic group of men, women and children in the boat being rescued and assisted by Good Samaritans who represented thousands more. These acts of goodness and heroism have abounded in Texas and Louisiana as a result of that horrible and devastating hurricane.

The lessons taught by the Good Samaritans are many, but a focus on a couple will suffice. Natural disasters like hurricanes and other tragedies lead the vast number of people to act according to the innate (that which is established by God) goodness of human nature. This is who we are. This disaster shows us that we can act according to our goodness every day. It doesn't take a natural disaster to do so. Your goodness is supported by faith and the grace of God flowing from it. Faith moves you to act with the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which are avenues of your ongoing conversion and the powerful grace of God working through you. Always remember to act according to your goodness and the grace of faith.

Parish Secretary Trish Peyton-- has resigned her position to pursue other life goals. We thank Trish for her five year tenure, during which time she dedicated her work and diligence as secretary to the staff and parish as a true ministry of hospitality and helps that was integral to the smooth functioning of the parish. We wish her well and God's blessings as she engages in new endeavors in her life.

Catholic Evangelization Outreach

Catholic Evangelization Outreach (CEO) will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish of Hiawatha on Tuesday, September 12th from 6:30-8:00pm. Greg and Kathi Clauson will share their amazing story of how Jesus spoke through a near death experience! Desserts will be served and free childcare will be provided. There is no charge and all are welcome!

Lasagna Dinner Fund Raiser

The Marion Senior Living Community is once again sponsoring a lasagna dinner at Faith Lutheran Church, 155 Boyson Rd., Marion, on Thursday, September 14th from 5 until 7:30 PM. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 3-10. Lasagna catered by Zio John's. Tickets are being sold at the entrance to the church after all Masses the weekends of Sept. 2/3 and Sept. 9/10. If you can provide a dessert, please sign up at the ticket table. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the care and ministries to our lower income seniors living at Moundview Manor, Scott Meadows and Trinity Pointe. *Senior Living Community is a ministry supported by St. Joseph Church, in partnership with other Marion churches.*

Our Call to Share

The Our Call to Share Collection will be taken up in our parish on the weekend of September 16-17, 2017. The combined collections for Fall include: The Catholic University of America, The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry, Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Home Missions, and World Missions. Each parishioner will receive a brochure and offertory envelope in the mail. On the envelope you will have the choice of having your contribution divided among the collections, or you may designate how you would like to have your contribution distributed. Please be generous and remember these important efforts of the mission of the Church in your prayers.

Support for Divorced or Divorcing Catholics

If you are a Catholic adult who is experiencing divorce, *Divorce and Beyond* is an opportunity that you might want to experience. *Divorce and Beyond* is a facilitated, small-group Catholic conversation; a 10-week process of self-healing and support. The 10-week session will begin Saturday, September 16th, 9:00 -10:30 AM at St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Rapids. (Childcare will be offered upon request: please contact Jackie Mihm.) For information about the program contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at d.ternes@dbqarch.org.

**Divorce and Beyond is offered with approval and support of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Non-Catholics are welcome to attend.*

Theology on Tap

There will be a Theology on Tap event on the topic of "Why Should I Care About Jesus?" Kevin Feyen, Adolescent Faith Formation Director with the Archdiocese of Dubuque, will be this event's guest speaker. Meet other young adults and discuss the impact of Jesus in your lives. The event will take place on Wednesday, September 13 from 7 to 8:30 PM outside at the Noelridge Lagoon Pavilion (Noelridge Park, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402). The pavilion is located right next to the pond off Council Street NE between Collins Road NE and 42nd St NE. Go to www.facebook.com/CRTOT to see the flier.

St. Joseph Fun Days: *Faith. Family. Community.*

Bringing back Fun Days will require some significant infrastructure upgrades, equipment replacement costs and unique start-up expenses. The electrical service for the parish grounds will need to be revamped for electrical access and lighting. There will also be expenses for building games, fencing, tables and chairs. The timeline for the largest expense of the electrical service is October 2017. We are thankful for the commitment of a group of electricians and contractors who will donate their time but the equipment and supplies will need to be purchased.

The parishioners who completed the St. Joseph Fun Days survey and expressed a desire to make a financial gift were contacted through a mailing at the end of July. We recognize that not everyone completed the survey. If you did not receive the mailing but are able to and wish to make a donation to assist with this project, please contact one of the Steering Committee members or send it to the parish office c/o Fun Days. If you did receive the mailing and haven't made a donation yet, it isn't too late. We can help with any special request also - just give one of us a call. We truly appreciate your commitment to Fun Days and the St. Joseph community.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

You're Invited to Join a Small Group!

There will be various small groups of parishioners gathering throughout the school year to connect and grow in faith. Small groups consist of about 5 to 10 members and use various Catholic video or book studies to guide conversation. The groups will be starting to meet again in September, so now is the perfect time to join! There are two formats available for groups: 1.) General small groups are open to any adults of the parish and typically meet every other week. Various faith topics are discussed. For more information and to sign-up, visit www.stjoesmarion.org/small-groups; 2.) Couples Small Groups are for married couples to connect with other couples and discuss marriage-related topics. This year, they will meet once a month based on participants' availability. For more information and to sign-up for one of these, visit www.stjoesmarion.org/couples-small-groups.



Interested in Becoming Catholic? You're invited to join RCIA!

Those interested in becoming Catholic typically enter into the process called RCIA, which stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is an opportunity to join others in learning about the Catholic faith to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church and prepare for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation). Inquirers are always welcome! RCIA will meet on Thursdays from 6:30–8:30 PM, starting Sept. 14th. Please contact Deacon Dennis if you are interested in participating in RCIA.

Marriage Enrichment Event October 14th

You are invited to "Essential Elements For A Strong Catholic Marriage; God's Plan for Marriage". This event will be held at the St. Gabriel Parish Center in Reinbeck, IA and will focus on marital communication, healing, and forgiveness, among other topics. The presenters will be Julie and Greg Alexander of the Alexander House, a non-profit apostolate dedicated to the education and enrichment of marriage and family life. Information and registration for this event can be found on the bulletin boards at the three main entrances to the church.



Pietra Fitness Classes: Join for gentle stretching and strengthening of the body combined with prayer and Christian meditation. Wednesdays, St. Joseph church hall, 2-3 pm, on a drop-in basis. Suggested offering of \$5 per class.

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

Special St. Joseph Event: Beauty Alive!

Gather, Share, Inspire, and Mobilize Women for the New Evangelization!

The Archdiocese of Dubuque is deeply interested in providing quality ministry for women of all ages. We want to hear from as many women as possible! We invite all interested women to attend this event to share their needs, desires and ideas for women's ministries. Refreshments and door prizes (including two tickets to the Women's Conference, Beauty in Christ– January 2018). This is an event you won't want to miss!

To be held at St. Joseph Church Tuesday, October 3rd, 6:30 to 8 pm.



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