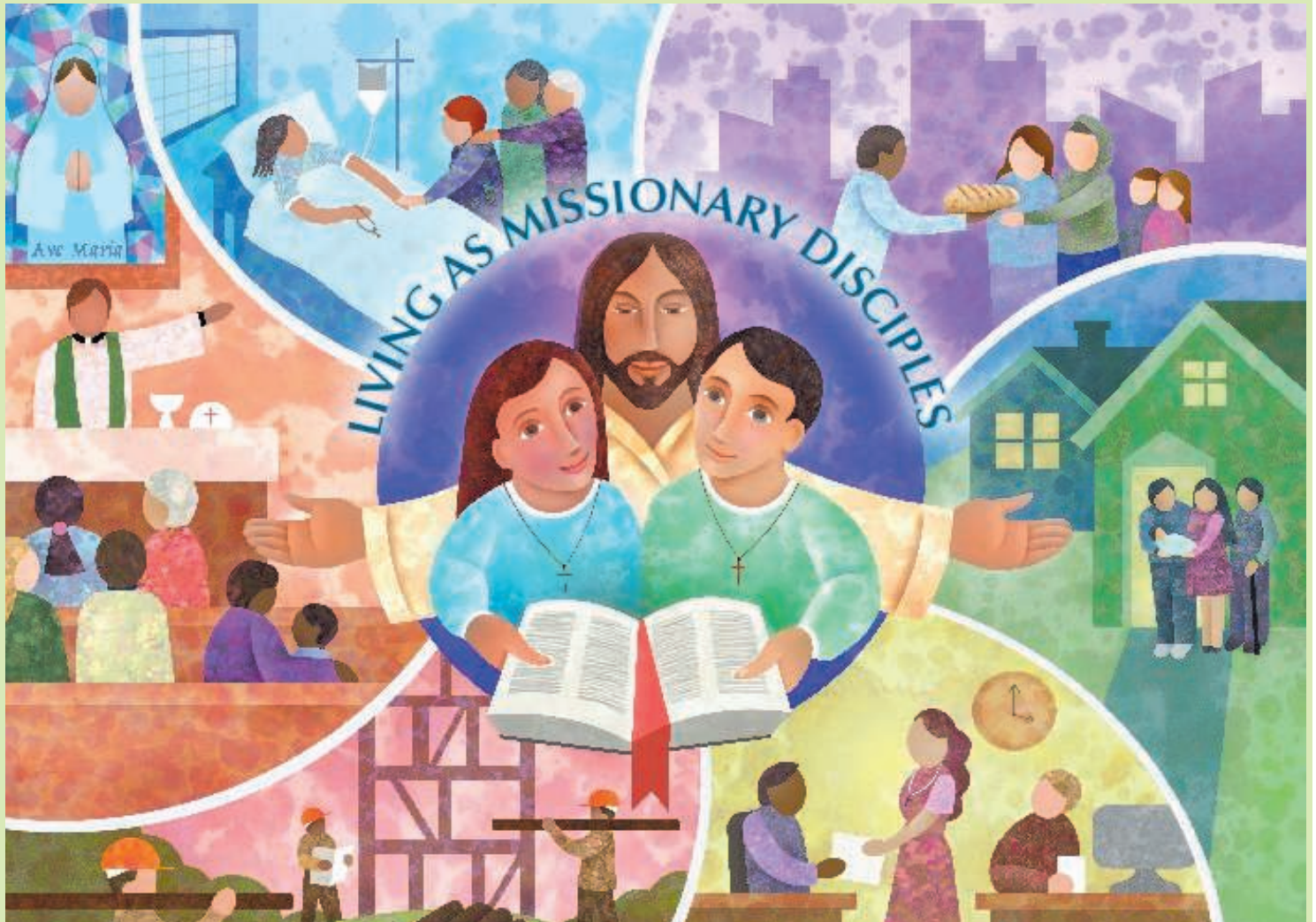




# ST. JOSEPH

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**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

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**Sunday,  
September 17, 2017**  
24th Sunday  
of Ordinary Time

**Weekend Mass  
Times**  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.  
and 10:30 a.m.

**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 to 4 p.m.

**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, November 11, 2017**, 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.

**Notifications for Worship Aid:** Contact Dawn at 377-4869 or [d.feltman@dbqarch.org](mailto:d.feltman@dbqarch.org).

**Mass Intentions:** Please stop in the office to schedule.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Dawn by email at [d.feltman@dbqarch.org](mailto: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:** Honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by gathering to pray the rosary at the residence of Leonard and Carol Steiner; 2145 C St SW, Cedar Rapids, Sunday through Friday, Sept. 17-22, at 7:30 p.m. 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](mailto:alt.theresa@yahoo.com), Jean Randolph, 319-377-0497/[jmr926722@mchsi.com](mailto:jmr926722@mchsi.com), and Deacon Dennis Ternes, [d.ternes@dbqarch.org](mailto:d.ternes@dbqarch.org).

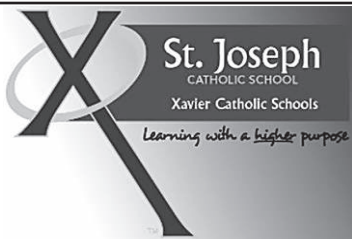
Date	Mass	Intention
<b>Mon. 9/18</b>	7:30 a.m.	Joan Nath
	<i>Adoration: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.</i>	
<b>Tue. 9/19</b>	7:30 a.m.	Lester & Irene Kula
<b>Wed. 9/20</b>	8:15 a.m.	Rita Jansen
<b>Thu. 9/21</b>	7:30 a.m.	Bill Altenhofen
	9:30 a.m. (Villages)	Special Intention
<b>Fri. 9/22</b>	7:30 a.m.	Bernard Merges
<b>Sat. 9/23</b>	4:30 p.m.	Cameron Breitbach
<b>Sun. 9/24</b>	8:00 a.m.	Steve Kepros
	10:30 a.m.	For the People

Week at a Glance		
<b>Mon. 9/18</b>	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.
<b>Tue. 9/19</b>	7:00 pm	Men of Action, St. Joseph Rm.
<b>Wed. 9/20</b>	9:30 am	Scripture Study, St. Joseph Rm.
	12:00 pm	Senior Lunch, Church Hall
	2:00 pm	Pietra Fitness, Church Hall
	5:50 pm	Minor Miracles, Church
	6:30 pm	JAM, Church
	7:30 pm	MAC, St. Joseph Rm.
<b>Thu. 9/21</b>	6:00 am	Men of Action, Church Hall
	5:30 pm	Finance, Council, St. Matthew Rm.
	6:30 pm	RCIA, St. Joseph Rm
	7:00 pm	Pastoral Council, Community Rm.
<b>Fri. 9/22</b>	6:30 pm	Silent Prayer, Church

Sunday Envelope Giving Week of September 11, 2017—Week 11	
Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	<b>\$23,558.59</b>
Year-to-date budget	<b>\$259,144.49</b>
Collected last weekend	<b>\$28,609.00</b>
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	<b>\$240,677.74</b>
Over/(Under) Budget	<b>(\$18,466.75)</b>
Social Concerns (5% of Donations)	<b>\$1,430.45</b>
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	<b>\$850.00</b>

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, Sept. 23, 4:30 pm	Sunday, Sept. 24, 8:00 am	Sunday, Sept. 24, 10:30 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Laurie Schill	Dan Carter	Hannah Konzen
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Emily Dunne Molly Dunne Molly Lucas	Ethan Walz Jack Oehler William Oehler	Alicia and Arnold Mutasingwa Andrew Golimowski
<b>Lectors</b>	Elinor Remington Jamie McAllister	Mark Oehler Marjorie Jensen	Aidan Bostwick Rory Bostwick
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Erin Seymour James Ford Jean Kacick Joyce Helmick Julie Raymond Laura Scharosch Patricia Halstead	Cathy Walz George Cleppe Judy Scott Linda Randklev Mike Cira Ofelia Kepros Virginia Flannagan	Clark White Darlene Dawson Jerry Dilger Joan O'Connor John Oates Pauline Soukup Teresa White
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	David Bengford Jerry Fetzer Darrell Holub Gary Raymond	Darwin Schuttloffel Dick Nurre Ken Enneking Mark Barnd Mary Nurre	Bob Dawson Dory Dilger Norbe Boettcher Pat O'Connor
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	n/a	n/a	John Bostwick Megan Andresen
<b>Door Greeters</b>	Barb Gasaway Kossivi Tomeddonou	Kelly Zimmerman Bob Buckley	Sue Verhille Chad Gloede Lindsay Gloede





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



### Xavier Foundation Parish Appeal

Thank you for your prayers and generous financial support of the Xavier Foundation Parish Appeal. The Foundation is a vital source of income for Xavier High School. Your support helps make Catholic secondary education available for St. Joseph Parish families. Pledge cards will be available before and after all Masses next weekend and September 30 & October 1. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and will help reach our parish goal of \$72,700.

### Subscribe to the Archdiocesan Family Matters E-Newsletter!

You're invited to view recent editions of the Family Matters e-newsletter and subscribe to receive this monthly publication of the Archdiocese of Dubuque Family Life Office in your inbox by visiting [www.dbqarch.org/family-matters-newsletter](http://www.dbqarch.org/family-matters-newsletter). The Family Matters e-newsletter includes information and inspiration to help you live your faith in your family. Questions or suggestions for content may be directed to Matt Selby, Director of Family Life, at [m.selby@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.selby@dbqarch.org) or (563) 556-2580, Ext. 233.

### Strong Catholic Marriage Saturday, October 14th

Married and engaged couples are 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. The workshop will take place at St. Gabriel, Reinbeck on Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 am to 4:00 PM. The presenters will be Greg and Julie Alexander, founders of the Alexander House, a non-profit apostolate dedicated to the education and enrichment of marriage and family life. The cost for the day is \$75 per couple, including lunch. For more information, to download the flyer, and to register online for this event, go to: [www.dbqarch.org/marriage-event](http://www.dbqarch.org/marriage-event); or contact Matt Selby, Director of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, at (563) 556-2580, Ext. 233 or [m.selby@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.selby@dbqarch.org). **Registration is due by Friday, October 6th.**

### St. Joseph Women's Ministry: 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.



**Women's Ministry**  
CONNECTING AND ENRICHING WOMEN IN FAITH

from 2-3 pm. 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](http://www.flocknote.com/stjoesmarion/women) or text: 84576 "women".

### Senior Luncheon: Wednesday, September 20th

Our next Senior Lunch is Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the church hall at noon. Lunches are 3.50 per person. Senior lunches are held on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May. **Call the parish office at 377-4869 to RSVP.**

### 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.

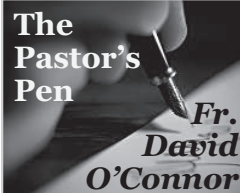
**JAM = Jesus Alive in Music!** is a music ministry group for all high school musicians. A new season begins with an informational meeting and rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 pm. We need vocalists, pianists, guitarists, instruments; we need YOU!

**Jubilation 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](mailto: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](mailto:wgperreault@gmail.com).



**70th Anniversary of St. Joseph School**—Welcome to all who have come to celebrate this significant anniversary of our parish school. God has blessed us over the years with wonderful students, administration, faculty, staff and parents who have been a part of our school. Thank you, St. Joseph Parish, for your support of the school through your time, talent and treasure over the past seventy years. Our parish wouldn't be the same without our school and your support.

Anniversaries offer an opportunity to look back and to anticipate the future. Reflecting on the past, we give thanks for the marvelous ways God has worked in the school through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It has been an environment of faith for the students seeking an understanding of God, themselves, life and the world through the richness of the Catholic Tradition. Let us praise God for the work he has done. Looking to the future, we can see our school as continuing the work God has entrusted to it by being that oasis of faith, beacon of hope and an excellent academic institution to educate our children. May we always depend upon God for what we do and offer in our parish, and may he richly bless the future of our school.

**Catechetical Sunday**—is celebrated this weekend. We focus upon our role as disciples, learners and followers of Jesus. We always have something to learn about our faith and to integrate into our lives. In a special way, we recognize and thank those who teach the faith, the catechists among us. Parents are the chief and primary teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Let that never go unsaid, unnoticed or unrecognized. The home becomes the school of faith which is taught by word, example and the Catholic culture that is established in the home. We also acknowledge and thank those who formally teach the faith as catechists in the Catholic schools, religious education programs, adult faith formation and the RCIA process. You support, supplement and reinforce the faith that is taught at home or nourish the adults who live the faith and pass it on to others. Thank you for using your beautiful charism to promote the faith and support its development in our parish.

**The DACA Program**—Archbishop Jackels has communicated with the Archdiocese via The Witness, and with priests, regarding the President's recent action to terminate the DACA program. I share with you excerpts of what he said followed by an action item.

"The President has terminated the DACA program, which addressed the situation of people without legal status who were brought to this country as minors.

As a result, Dreamers, as the people affected are called, fear deportation, have to put plans for the future on hold, and maybe even feel betrayed by the only country they know.

Why should Catholics be concerned about this? A number of reasons come to mind:

1. The God-given dignity of every person – made in the image of God, regarded as children of God – is not given due respect in the way Dreamers are being treated.
2. It ignores the principles for a just society articulated by Catholic social teaching, such as the right to life and to the things needed to live in dignity, including protection from harm all the way from the womb to the tomb, and devotion to the common good.
3. It represents a one-sided approach to human rights and duties. For example, Catholic social teaching recognizes the right of a nation to secure its borders, but also its duty to have a reasonable policy to receive immigrants, as well as the right of people to emigrate.
4. It doesn't reflect what Jesus taught through his response to the Pharisees, that the rule of law has to consider the real-life circumstances of people, or it results in treatment that is inhumane, without compassion, lacking in mercy.

Laws are important. Laws represent the behavior expected of responsible citizens in a just society. But laws can be bad, broken, or unfairly applied. When they are, like our present immigration laws, they need to be corrected accordingly.

What can we do? Pray to God for the poor people affected by the termination of the DACA program, for all immigrants, and for lawmakers, that with wisdom and courage they can agree on a legislative solution in a timely manner.

We can also write our legislators, urging them to find a way to fix a broken law. And in that regard, the organization known as "Justice For Immigrants" has set up an easy "click and send" letter on their website: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/action-alerts/action-alert-support-dream-act-2017/>.

### **The Our Call to Share Collection**

which is taken up in our parish this weekend, supports the efforts of the Catholic University of America, The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry, Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Home Missions, and World Missions. Please be as generous as possible, using the envelope you received in the mail this past week. If you forgot your envelope, please bring it next weekend or drop it off at the parish office. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of these important efforts.

### **Employment Opportunity at St. Joseph Parish: Parish Secretary**

St. Joseph Parish, Marion, IA, a parish of two thousand families, is seeking a full-time parish secretary who has strong people skills, a positive attitude and the ability to manage multiple projects while maintaining confidentiality. Responsibilities include general receptionist and office duties. Must have experience with Microsoft Office and multi-line phone systems. Three to five years of work in a general office setting and a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church is preferred. Please visit [www.stjoesmarion.org/employment](http://www.stjoesmarion.org/employment) to find the employment application. Send resume, cover letter and completed job application by October 1 to: Search Committee; St. Joseph Parish; 1790 14th St.; Marion, IA 52302 or by email to [jobs@stjoesmarion.org](mailto:jobs@stjoesmarion.org).





## Catechetical Sunday 2017

This weekend, parishes across the country will honor those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church through a special rite of commissioning and blessing. These catechists have been called to share the ministry of catechesis in our school, our Youth Faith Formation program, High School Youth Group and RCIA. Thank you to each of you for showing us how to live our faith! Please pray for these catechists throughout the coming year.

## 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](mailto:d.ternes@dbqarch.org), Theresa Alt, [alt.theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:alt.theresa@yahoo.com) and Jean Randolph, [mmr926722@mchsi.com](mailto:mmr926722@mchsi.com).

## 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](http://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](http://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.

### *The Parish Library is Open!*

You are invited to take advantage of our Parish Library that opened in August. Stop by and see the many different Catholic resources available including books, Bible Studies, CDs, and DVDs. We will continue to add new materials to the library so stop by often and check them out. Library hours coincide with the parish office hours which are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday, Thursday, and Friday, and 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## 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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