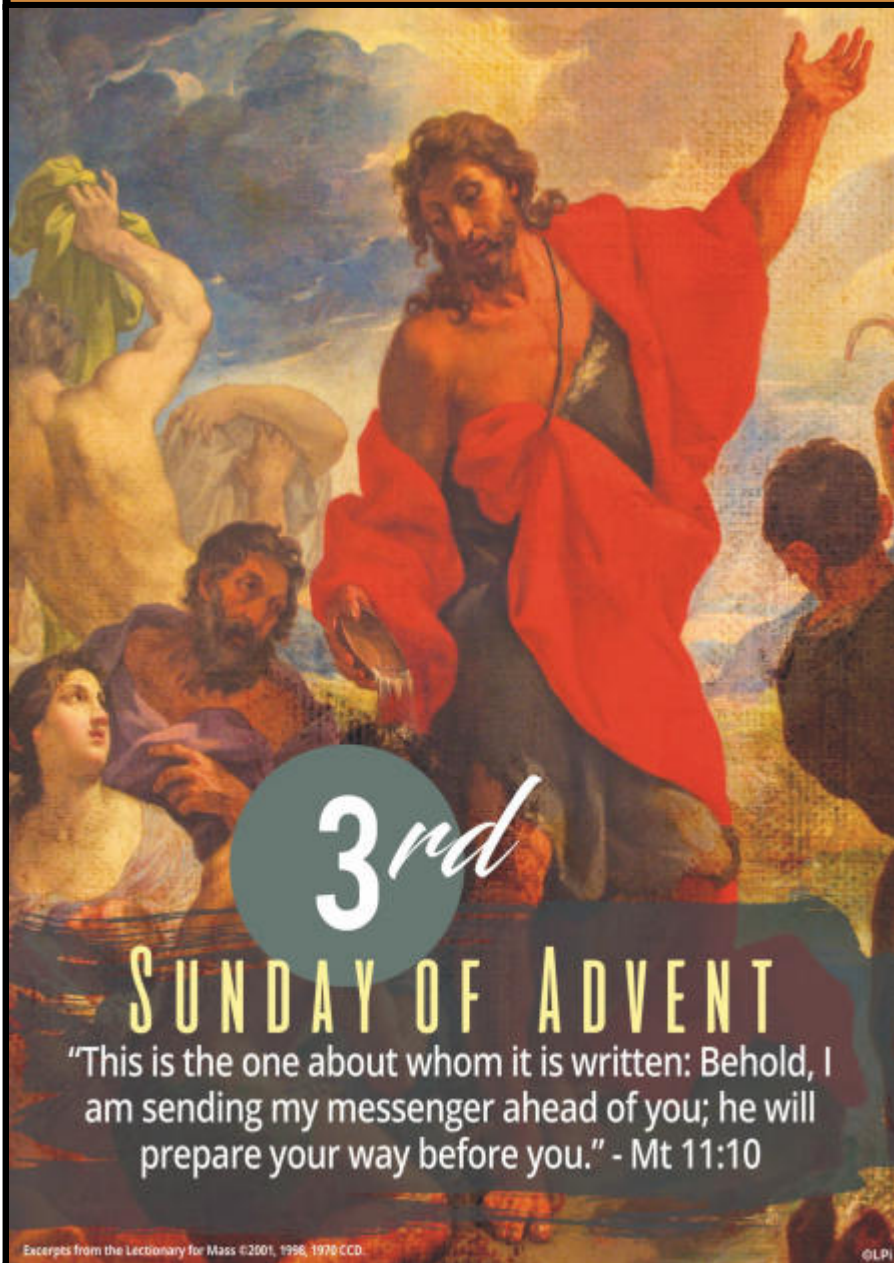




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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

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December 15, 2019

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Liturgies

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30 AM
Wednesday 8:15 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday, December 21, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday, December 22, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Adoration: Monday 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

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New to the Parish: Welcome! Please call the office to make an appointment to register at 377-4869.

Prayer Chain: Contact Deacon Jeff at 377-4869 or dbq126d3@dbqarch.org.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Call the office and make an appointment with the priest or deacon.

Parish Library - Open during office hours.

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 or jmr926722@mchsi.com, Deacon Dennis Ternes, 319-377-4869 or d.ternes@dbqarch.org and Deacon Ken Bauer, 319-377-4869 or k.bauer@dbqarch.org.

Feed My Sheep: The Marion Food Pantry requests cake, bar, and cookie mixes. 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 from **December 15 - 20**, to pray the Rosary at the home of Jacob and Anna Stewart, 4571 Mission Avenue, Marion, at 7:00 PM each evening. All are welcome.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on **Saturday, January 11, 2020**, in the St. Joseph Room of the parish offices from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at d.ternes@dbqarch.org or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

Sunday Envelope Giving Week of December 8, 2019 - Week 24

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$21,037.74
Year-to-date budget	\$504,905.66
Collected last weekend	\$23,414.08
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	\$508,561.59
Over/(Under) Budget	\$3,655.93
Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory	\$109,366.94
Budgeted Gifts and Offertory	\$90,566.04
Over / (Under) budget	\$18,800.90
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$26,122.64
Bricks and Mortar budget	\$22,641.51
Over/(Under) Budget	\$3,481.13
Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes	\$1,170.70

December 16 - December 22, 2019 Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16

7:00 AM Adoration
7:00 PM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 AM MASS † **Gordon Hickert**
6:30 PM Spirit Choir, St. Joseph Room
7:00 PM Men of Action, St. John Paul II Room
7:00 PM Handbells, Church

Wednesday, December 18

8:15 AM MASS † **Mary Lowe**
9:30 AM Scripture Study, St. Joseph Room
2:00 PM Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Room
5:50 PM Minor Miracles, Church
6:30 PM JAM, Church
7:30 PM MAC, Church

Thursday, December 19

7:30 AM MASS † **Allen Kluesner**
8:00 AM Coffee & Doughnuts, Church Hall
7:30 PM Jubilation, St. Joseph Room

Friday, December 20

7:30 AM MASS † **David Kucharski**
5:30 PM Advent Soup Supper, Church Hall
6:30 PM Silent Prayer, Church

Saturday, December 21

3:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM MASS † **For the People**

Sunday, December 22

8:00 AM MASS † **Herbert Schulte Sr.**
10:30 AM MASS † **Jim Burns**
4:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
6:00 PM Vespers, Church

Early Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
December 22	December 13
December 29	December 19
January 5, 2020	December 26, 2019

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, December 21, 4:30 PM	Sunday, December 22, 8:00 AM	Sunday, December 22, 10:30 AM
Sacristan	Linda Lundahl	Rhonda Sourwine	Kathryn Geers
Altar Servers	Ella Westhoff Kale Leymaster Olivia Brownsberger	Kaeden Ginther Marlowe Ginther Alex Frericks	Olivia Holm Lincoln Oakley Emily Geiser
Lectors	Elinor Remington Sonya Heilmann	Mark Oheler Gregory Webster-Moore	Kevin Holm Roger Konzen
Ministers of Holy Communion	James Ford Audra McEnany Marilyn Casey Daniel Montague Marguerite Bowen Abbi Westhoff Lea Gentzler	Daniel Pickar Marge Carson Terry Wiebel Renee Wiebel James McDonald Sharon Sowadski Elizabeth Sourwine	Teresa White Clark White Karri Kruser Aaron Randolph Jackson Tupper JoAnn Starr Michael Cira
Ministers of Hospitality	Arlene Wiley David Bengford Jerry Fetzer Lola McAreavy Terry Lynch	Melvin Holubar David Van Gorp James Angerer Marjorie Spoden Robert Sowadski	Darrell Holub Nate Van Voltenburg Bob Blockinger Barbara Wright Stephen Wright
Children's Liturgy	n/a	n/a	Rhonda Shaffer Madison Shaffer
Door Greeters	Julie Raymond Gary Raymond Tina Neyens Kelly Zimmerman	Dale Dugenske Cindy Dugenske Dorie Kelchen 1 Open	Jerry Dilger Dolores Dilger 2 Open
Master of Ceremonies	1 Open	Francis Ginther	1 Open
Music Ministry	Kimberly Menke Theresa Alt	Theresa Crumley Patty Kelly	Harmony



Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially **Cheryl Goldsberry**, sister of Karen Goldsberry and Marcine (Douglas) Luke; and **Katherine Weiler**, daughter of David and Sue Weiler.



December 18 - Pietra Fitness, St. Joseph Rm
2:00 - 3:00 PM

December 19 - Women's Connection Luncheon
11:30 AM @ Applebee's

December 27 - Coffee and Conversation
9:30 - 11:00 AM @ Mr. Beans

Pietra Fitness Classes

Join us in the St. Joseph Room for gentle stretching and strengthening of the body combined with prayer and Christian meditation. Suggested offering of \$5 per class.

Women's Connection Luncheon

Women's Connection meets once a month for a luncheon. For more information please contact Sally Wilkinson at: 373-5484.

Coffee & Conversation

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

3rd Sunday of Advent Reflections



Lord in you we rejoice with thanksgiving and praise.
Your peace comes to stand guard
at our hearts and minds.
You renew us in your love and
empower us with strength and courage.
Vigilant for your star,
awaiting God to be with us-Emmanuel.
Amen

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - December 22, Breaking Open of the Word at 8:00 AM Mass and then in the Church Hall from 9:15 to 10:15 AM for class presentation.

Topic - Angels and Saints

Teacher - Deacon Jeff

Readings - CCC 328-336, 828, 946-962, 1029-1029, 1034, USCCA 54-57, Bible C-2, D-1, E-1, F-1, H-4, I-2. If you would like to sign up for RCIA to receive any sacraments, contact Sean McVeigh at: s.mcveigh@dbqarch.org.



Advent Evening Prayer - 6:00 PM on Sundays during Advent. The last evening of Vespers will be held in the church on **December 22**. All are invited and encouraged to come.

Invite Others to Christmas Mass! - On **Saturday, December 21**, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, we will have our annual day of inviting people in the surrounding area to join us for Christmas Mass. Sean McVeigh is in need of more volunteers to help with this endeavor. Please contact him by calling the church office to volunteer. Even if you can't make it, please help by inviting those you interact with on a regular basis who maybe haven't been going to church.

Young Adult Adoration - St. Joseph is collaborating with other parishes in the area to provide Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for young adults on the first Friday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The next meeting is here at St. Joseph's on **January 3, 2020**.

Formed - Our parish has a subscription to **Formed**, which has incredible Catholic content such as educational videos, movies, cartoons for children, and audio presentations. Create a free account on www.formed.org and use our parish code to gain access to all of this excellent content for free.
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Fridays of Advent Soup Suppers



This year we will be having Friday gatherings to pray the rosary and share the breaking of bread in the form of soup suppers. The last soup supper for Advent will be **December 20**.

We will meet at 5:30 in the church hall for a short lesson on the art of the 5 mysteries of the rosary for that Friday, followed by a recitation of the rosary and then the soup supper.

Support for Divorced or Divorcing Catholics

If you are a Catholic who is experiencing divorce, ***Surviving Divorce*** is an opportunity that you might like to consider. *Surviving Divorce* is a facilitated, small-group Catholic conversation; a 12-week process of healing, hope, and support. The 12-week sessions take place on **Wednesdays, January 15 – April 8** from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at St. Pius X, Cedar Rapids. Childcare will be offered upon request (please contact Nick & Maureen Gaeta at 393-4445 or nick.gaeta@live.com).

For information about the program you may contact your parish representative, Deacon Dennis Ternes by phone at 377-4869 or email at d.ternes@dbqarch.org.

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

Facts, not Myths, About Immigrants

FACT: Immigrants Contribute to Our Economy

Immigrants create new jobs by forming new businesses, buying homes, spending their incomes on American goods and services, paying taxes and raising the productivity of U.S. businesses. A legal flow of immigrants based on workforce demand strengthens the U.S. economy by keeping productivity high and countering negative impacts as the U.S. aging population swells. Certain industries such as home care, janitorial, child care and hospitality services will see the largest growth in the next decade. The problem with today's economy is not immigrants.

[Sources: American Immigration Council, SEIU, Bipartisan Policy Center, Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP)]

Coffee and Doughnuts

Enjoy coffee and doughnuts on **Thursday, December 19**, following 7:30 AM Mass, in the church hall.



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Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? 2020

OOPS! SAVE THE DATE CORRECTION

Sunday, January 26, 2020



The Parish Life Committee is once again sponsoring this fun event! Full details will be in later bulletins. Right now we are starting to line up those interested in hosting a dinner group of other adult parishioners. You decide how many guests you are comfortable hosting, and then prepare the entrée and provide drink. Your guests will provide salads and vegetable. After the meal, everyone meets up at the Church Hall for dessert. The fun part is that no one will know who is in their dinner party until they all show up! Hosts don't know, and guests are only provided the address and what kind of food item to bring. This is a fun way to get to know some of your fellow parishioners!

Questions? Ready to host?

Now is the time to call or email Sharron Konzen:

(319) 350-9861 or rkonzon@yahoo.com

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. "Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us" says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.

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 **Monday, December 23, 2019**. 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 provide contact email or phone number:

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.
(Please note wreaths are artificial due to fire regulations.)



Pastor's
Pen Fr.
David
O'Connor

Gaudete Sunday—The word “*Gaudete*,” is Latin for “rejoice.” The Third Sunday of Advent is always called Gaudete Sunday, and focuses our attention upon the Christian’s cause for joy. A season of preparation, Advent calls us to ready our hearts for the celebration of the birth of the Christ-child. An infant child coming into the world is a cause for joy, and even more so the gift of the Incarnate Son of God. He is the reason for the joy of the believer even when times are not always easy and when life is burdensome. How we live our lives is a matter of focus.

Do we become preoccupied with our burdens, which is easy to do, or are they lived in and through the light of Christ. In Him, there is always a reason to hope and He is the source of our joy. Rejoice! Our God has come to save us.

The Theme of the Homily for the Third Week of Advent—

What Are You Looking For?

Prepare for the homily by reading the scripture readings for that Sunday and consider the theme that was posed. Then, use the homily to help you answer the question.

Here’s a recap of the themes considered so far during Advent:

Week I: Are You in Peak Condition?

Week II: Get it Together!

Confession Times

Communal Penances

Thursday, December 19, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hiawatha 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 21, Immaculate Conception, Cedar Rapids at 10:30 AM

Confessions at St. Joseph

Saturday, December 21 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 22 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Children’s Mass Activity Bags--St. Joseph Catholic School is sponsoring activity bags for small children to use during Mass. The bags have a variety of religious themed activities for children. The bags will be in a basket on the table by the restrooms and drinking fountain in the church lobby. Families can take a bag, utilize it during Mass, and return the bag along with its contents back to the basket after Mass.

St. Joseph Christmas 2019 Mass Schedule--The Mass times will not change this year, but we will have **one less Mass**. Since we are now a one priest parish, the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass in the school gym **will not** occur. Rather, all Masses will be celebrated in the church and we will welcome the overflow for the 4:00 and 6:30 Mass in the church hall where a large TV screen and sound system will be set-up.

The Christmas Mass schedule is:

- 4:00 PM Christmas Eve - This Mass time is the most popular and hence is very crowded.
- 6:30 PM Christmas Eve - This Mass has competed with the 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass as the second most crowded which means about two-thirds of the church being filled.
- 9:00 PM Christmas Eve - This is the least crowded of all the Masses and is usually half full.
- 9:00 AM Christmas Day - This Mass can be on par with the 6:30 PM Christmas Eve attendance or larger.

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