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Pentecost SUNDAY

Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts
come to me and drink. As Scripture says:
Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me."
- Jn 7:37b-38

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May 31, 2020

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Liturgies

Weekend Mass: **Saturday, June 6, 4:00 PM**
(Please note change to time)

Sunday, June 7, 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass will continue to be live streamed only
at this time.

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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 j.volker@dbqarch.org.

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

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.

Infant Baptism: If you wish to have your infant child/ children baptized at St. Joseph, please contact Deacon Dennis at: d.ternes@dbqarch.org or 377-4869 to discuss baptism preparation for the parents prior to the scheduling of the baptism.

Sunday Envelope Giving
Week of May 24, 2020 - Week 48

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$21,037.74
Year-to-date budget	\$1,009,811.32
Collected last weekend	\$30,368.29
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	\$1,024,594.69
Over/(Under) Budget	\$14,783.37
Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory	\$244,464.97
Budgeted Gifts and Offertory	\$181,132.08
Over / (Under) budget	\$63,332.89
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$48,589.08
Bricks and Mortar budget	\$45,283.02
Over/(Under) Budget	\$3,306.06
Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes	\$1,518.41

June 1 - June 7, 2020
Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

Monday, June 1

Tuesday, June 2

7:30 AM MASS † Mike Cira Family
(Broadcasted live on parish website)
www.stjoesmarion.org

Wednesday, June 3

8:15 AM MASS † Debbie Hills Family
(Broadcasted live on parish website)
www.stjoesmarion.org

Thursday, June 4

7:30 AM MASS † Don & Margaret Paterson
(Broadcasted live on parish website)
www.stjoesmarion.org

Friday, June 5

7:30 AM MASS † Alice & Larry Augustin
(Broadcasted live on parish website)
www.stjoesmarion.org

Saturday, June 6

4:00 PM MASS † For the People
(Also, broadcasted live on parish website)
www.stjoesmarion.org

Sunday, June 7

10:30 AM MASS † Dorothy Dohmen
(Also, broadcasted live on parish website)
www.stjoesmarion.org

Please view any of the recorded MASSES from this week at your convenience:

www.youtube.com/c/StJosephCatholicChurchMarion

MASS Intentions
Please contact Deacon Jeff Volker
in the Parish Office



*The Fun Days Raffle
will still be held in 2020*

The drawing will be July 26

*Ticket sales will close on
Friday, July 24 at noon.*

*Tickets and payment may be
dropped off at the church office
or mailed to St. Joseph Church.
Additional tickets may be
requested by calling the office at
377-4869. Ticket price \$10.*



Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially **William Fred Ackermann**, father of Sandra (Jerry) Fetzer; and **Bonny Lee Prucha**, mother of Brian (Lori) Prucha, grandmother of Zachery and Abigail.



Dear Parishioners,

I am glad to be at St. Joseph's this summer. Thank you for welcoming me, even under difficult circumstances. I hope we can meet each other face-to-face sometime (safely of course!). Before the virus began, Archbishop Jackels assigned me to assist St. Joseph as a deacon this summer. I look forward to serving you in the best way I can but also in learning from you, the staff, and Fr. O'Connor. My home parish is St. Thomas Aquinas in Ames, IA. It is my home parish because I went to Iowa State University (Go Cyclones!), graduating in 2014 with a degree in Meteorology (the weather folks do the best they can!). I then entered seminary in 2015. Before college, I grew up in Ft. Wayne, IN with my parents and two brothers (one older, one younger). We moved as a family to Elyria, OH, right before I began HS. My parents and two brothers still live in Elyria. With thanksgiving to God for his grace and mercy, I am very happy God has called me to be a priest in the Archdiocese of Dubuque! This fall I will begin my final year at Mundelein Seminary near Chicago. I am also excited and humbled to follow in the footsteps of your very own native parishioner, Fr. Tyler Raymond, and the great, Fr. Josh Link, who was a deacon for you two summers ago. Please continue to pray for me and be assured of my prayers for you and the entire parish, especially as we begin the reopening process. I am happy to pray for you and worship God with you!

Humbly in Christ and the protection of
St. Joseph,
Dcn. Martin Coolidge

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA – Next week, **June 7**, we will be doing a prayerful reading of the Scripture passages from Mass, with a focus on the Gospel of John 3:16-18.

Scripture and Religious Studies – Our next study is called "True Reformers." It is a 6-week study that will begin on **June 1** for the Monday group and **June 3** for the Wednesday morning group. Our Monday meetings begin at 7:00 PM and our Wednesday meetings begin at 9:30 AM. To access this study, use this link:

<https://www.watch.formed.org/true-reformers-with-christopher-blum>. If you don't have a FORMED account, simply create one. It is free. When setting up your account, you will be asked if you are an individual, an organization/church, or an individual as part of a church. Choose the last option as part of a Church and input your St. Joseph in Marion, Iowa as your parish. This will link your account to St. Joseph and provide free access to FORMED content for you since we have a parish account.

Our YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/c/StJosephCatholicChurchMarion> Would anyone like to share a testimony of faith during this time of not being able to gather at church? Contact Sean to set up a Zoom meeting that could be recorded for our Channel. Thanks to all of you who have shared our channel with others. We now have over 700 subscribers. Let's make it a thousand! Also, tell people to click the BELL icon after subscribing so that they are notified when we go live or upload a video. On our side we will keep streaming Mass live and uploading religious content.

FORMED: a great resource to continue growing in your faith is watching videos, listening to audio, and reading online books on [formed.org](https://www.formed.org). Our parish has a subscription we pay for so that you have free access, so please take advantage of this great, Catholic content. There are all kinds of studies, videos, and even children's cartoons. Help your kids learn about the Saints by tuning into FORMED. To gain access to our parish subscription, simply go to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) and create an account. Choose the option that you are joining as part of a parish. Type in St. Joseph Marion when asked for your parish's name. You will see our Parish popup. Just select it and you are ready to start enjoying the great Catholic content. Enjoy! God bless you all.



Drive Through Celebration Pentecost May 31

Come and share in the joy of Pentecost
on May 31, 2020 at 8:30 PM
with a candlelight drive through celebration.

Luminaries and artwork will adorn the church parking lot. To enter, use the driveway off Brockman and exit on 14th Street.

The Parish Office Is Closed

Plans will be made to reopen the office, but just like the church, in a phased-in approach. Things will be different when the office is opened in consideration of the safety of all concerned and to continue to work to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. You may continue to drop off your envelopes through the mail slot at the office. Otherwise, please call the office at 377-4869 and leave a message with the appropriate staff member regarding the business you wish to conduct with them.

Human Life Exalted

Jesus prayed on the night before he died, "Father, give me the glory I had with you before the world began." How is the glory he has in the Ascension different from the glory he had "before the world began?" It differs only in that now, he has it in a human nature. Our humanity has been taken to the heights of heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, "To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne." God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with him on the throne! This hope extended to the human family by the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on his throne.

St. Vincent de Paul is accepting applications for rent and utility assistance on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Sign up sheet is on the front door, please leave your phone number. They will call when they are ready for you. A face mask is required & only 1-2 adults allowed in per appointment. Bring your most recent utility bill or current signed lease plus photo ID.



They are continuing to fill food box requests from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Tuesday through Saturday, by phone only at 365-5091.

They are also accepting donations of gently used clothing, furniture and household items, Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. St. Vincent de Paul is located at 928 7th Street SE, Cedar Rapids.

Parish Stewardship: Sharing One's Treasure

Your financial gifts to the parish have been fantastic especially during this unprecedented pandemic crisis. Thank you for your faith, generosity and care. Please continue what you have been doing.

We have an idea for you to consider. While you certainly may continue to give through your budget envelope, and we always will be grateful, we would be equally grateful if you were to choose to give in these ways:

1. By ACH-- Bank withdrawals can be made weekly, monthly or bi-monthly.
2. By Tithe.ly-- Debit or credit card offertory directly to the parish can be done at any time. A recurring option is available if desired.
3. By electronic check-- Request a check to be mailed to the parish from your banking institution weekly, monthly, or another timeframe. This is a touchless option but does require staff to record and deposit at the bank so not the top option.

We suggest these alternative ways to give in order to minimize or eliminate contact with paper as yet another way to protect the pastor and office staff from the spread of the Coronavirus. Perhaps this makes sense to you. If it does, please consider giving via the alternate means presented.

However you chose to give, please know of our continued gratitude for your generosity. You are making a difference!

Pastor's Pen

Fr.
David
O'Connor

Welcome Back!—The long desert exile, our extended Lent, is yielding to the bright springtime of the resurrection as our church is opening for public Masses. The Coronavirus has impacted our lives and exacted a heavy toll on our livelihoods, how we understand ourselves and live our daily lives. Before the virus impacted our country, it would have seemed inconceivable that our lives would change so significantly over the span of two months.

But, now we're coming back to church. It won't be the same as when we ceased celebrating public Masses in March. We are slowly reopening for Masses with other religious services and events to follow. It is no coincidence that we are reopening on Pentecost as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the Church and we who are her members. Today is the birthday of the Church. We are celebrating the rebirth of our parish this weekend, the rising from the curtailment of public religious services. Jesus has always been with us and the Holy Spirit has been enlightening and guiding our way through the pandemic and up to this moment. Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with the joy of your love.

Routines Change but Jesus Remains: The Resumption of Public Masses at St. Joseph—Please find below some of the things you need to know in order to attend Mass. All of these procedures are established out of charity (love of God and neighbor) and the common good (for the good of all people). Our goals with these procedures are to open the church for you to worship God as a Eucharistic community, to offer the opportunity to receive the Eucharist, and to preserve the health and safety of all who are attending. Sometimes freedoms or that to which you are accustomed are sacrificed or modified because of love and the common good.

- ✓ You will need to reserve a space to attend Mass as there are 50 places available for families to sit. Please consult the parish website to learn how to do so at www.stjoesmarion.org.
- ✓ Before leaving home, always go through this checklist:
 - Are you exhibiting any symptoms of the Coronavirus? If you are, then don't attend Mass.
 - A temperature above 100.4 F
 - Cough or sore throat
 - Shortness of breath
 - Recent loss of smell or taste
 - Chills
 - New muscle aches
 - Gastrointestinal upset and diarrhea
 - Wash your hands
 - Take your mask
 - Bring your ticket to Mass
 - Take your hand sanitizer
- ✓ When you arrive in the parking lot, stay in your car until you are notified that the church is open.
- ✓ When notified, place your mask on and wait in the designated line, six feet apart from the next person, in order to enter through the main church doors.
- ✓ If you DO NOT have a ticket, please wait by the light pole with the sign, "Standby" affixed to it. Those in the standby line will be accommodated if space is available.
- ✓ When you've shown your ticket, the ambassadors will show you to your seat. Seating will be from the front to the back of the church. It is imperative that you follow instructions.
- ✓ You will be instructed by an ambassador regarding how to go to communion.
 - Only the consecrated host will be distributed.
 - Communion will only be distributed in the hand.
 - Wear your mask to and from communion. Remove only a part of it to place the consecrated host in your mouth.
- ✓ When Mass is completed, the ambassadors will show you how to exit the church through the door that is nearest to you. Please leave the church immediately.
- ✓ After Mass, the church will be closed and sanitized.

Welcome to Deacon Martin Coolidge—a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Dubuque and transitional deacon preparing to be ordained a priest for the archdiocese of Dubuque next year. His internship with us will be from now until the first part of August. He will be doing a lot of preaching this summer which you will either hear as we livestream Mass or when the church is open for public Masses. Please reach out and welcome him to our parish.

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