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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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March 14, 2021

General Absolution

Saturday, March 27, 2021 10:30 AM

All Saints, Cedar Rapids
St. Elizabeth, Hiawatha
St. Joseph, Marion
St. Ludmila, Cedar Rapids
St. Patrick, Anamosa
St. Pius, Cedar Rapids

Individual Confessions

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 6:00-7:30 PM

Immaculate Conception, Cedar Rapids
St. Elizabeth, Hiawatha
St. John, XXIII, Cedar Rapids
St. Joseph, Marion
St. Jude, Cedar Rapids
St. Ludmila, Cedar Rapids
St. Matthew, Cedar Rapids
St. Patrick, Cedar Rapids
St. Wenceslaus, Cedar Rapids

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 6:00-7:30 PM

Immaculate Conception, Cedar Rapids
St. Elizabeth, Hiawatha
St. John, XXIII, Cedar Rapids
St. Joseph, Marion
St. Jude, Cedar Rapids
St. Ludmila, Cedar Rapids
St. Matthew, Cedar Rapids
St. Patrick, Cedar Rapids
St. Wenceslaus, Cedar Rapids

Other - March 24 and March 25, 2021

St. John, Mt. Vernon
St. Isidore, Springville

(Please check these parish websites for details)

Liturgies

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

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

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

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30 - 3:30 Church Hall

St. Joseph Parish Office 319-377-4869
1790 14th Street, Marion, IA 52302

Youth Faith Formation 319-377-8402
1430 14th Street, Marion, IA 52302

St. Joseph Catholic School 319-377-6348
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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, 377-0497 or jmr926722@mchsi.com, Deacon Dennis Ternes, 377-4869 or d.ternes@dbqarch.org and Deacon Ken Bauer, 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 March 7, 2021 - Week 36

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$19,038.46
Year-to-date budget	\$685,384.62
Collected last weekend	\$15,504.77
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	\$762,043.64
Over/(Under) Budget	\$76,659.02
Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory	\$163,730.08
Budgeted Gifts and Offertory	\$143,307.69
Over / (Under) budget	\$20,422.39
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$33,033.96
Bricks and Mortar budget	\$37,384.62
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$4,350.66)
Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes	\$775.24

March 15 - March 21, 2021
Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

Monday, March 15

7:00 AM Adoration
(Adoration live streamed from 8:30 - 9:30 AM)
stjoesmarion.org

Tuesday, March 16

7:30 AM MASS † Judith Garloch
(Also broadcasted live on parish website) stjoesmarion.org

Wednesday, March 17

8:15 AM MASS † Joseph Soucek
(Also broadcasted live on parish website) stjoesmarion.org

Thursday, March 18

7:30 AM MASS † Mary Jane Reichenauer
(Also broadcasted live on parish website) stjoesmarion.org

Friday, March 19

7:30 AM MASS † Dennis Upah
(Also broadcasted live on parish website) stjoesmarion.org

Saturday, March 20

2:30 PM Reconciliation - Church Hall
4:00 PM MASS † Steve Casey
(Also broadcasted live on parish website) stjoesmarion.org

Sunday, March 21

8:00 AM MASS † For the People
10:30 AM MASS † Anna Stevens
(Please view recorded Mass from Saturday)
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MASS INTENTIONS

Please call, email or drop off
at the parish office.
377-4869 j.volker@dbqarch.org

Confessions will be heard from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM on Saturdays or by appointment. The temporary confessional is located downstairs in the Church Hall. The confessional in the church is too confined, allowing for the spread of the Coronavirus through aerosolized breath vapor. When you come for confession, please wear a mask, social distance and wait on the steps to the church hall in a line. Please give consideration to those who need assistance/elevator to attend confession. Thank you!

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:00 PM	Sunday, March 21, 2021 8:00 AM	Sunday, March 21, 2021 10:30 AM
Sacristan	Laurie Schill	Robyn Ginther	Phyllis Koschmeder
Altar Servers	Blessing Tomedonou Savanah Pope 1 Open	Phoenix Albright Addison Bisinger Keli Yilek	Nick Walter Anna Shelton 1 Open
Lector	Sonya Heilmann	Cathy Wobbe	Gregory Webster-Moore
Ambassadors	Jennifer Decker Nick Decker Shanna Duggan Brad Duggan	Michael Alt Mary Johnson Theresa Crumley Tim Crumley	Emily Logan Brian Logan Wesley Logan Patrick O'Connor
Eucharistic Ministers	Daniel Montague Lexi King	Matthew Ramsey Nathan Brownsberger	Joan O'Connor Sharon Sowadski
Music Ministry	Theresa Alt Joselyn Brendes	Patty Kelly Barbara Sullivan	Patty Kelly Sean Devries Theresa DeVries

Please volunteer for open ministry opportunities through Ministry Scheduler Pro or by calling Nancy Roush in the parish office.



Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially **Teresa Jepsen; Mike Martenson**, brother of Patricia (Bill) Casey; **Alan Strang**, brother of Rosemary Turnis; and **Sophie Weber**, mother of Rick (Tonya) Weber, grandmother of Peyton & Taylor.



St. Joseph

St. Joseph Feast Day March 19

Come and join us for
daily Mass
on Friday, March 19
at 7:30 AM
to celebrate our patron,
St. Joseph.

*We invoke the protection and guidance of
St. Joseph in 2021 as the year dedicated to
him by Pope Francis.*



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blankets, sheets and towels.

St. Joseph Parish Elections

During the next few weeks the Pastoral Council is asking members of the Parish to prayerfully consider if you are being called to serve in one of the open positions on the Pastoral Council, School Board, or Faith Formation Commission. Each of these committees is an advisory body to the pastor of the Parish.

Nominations are due at the end of March. If you have specific questions about one of these committees you are welcome to contact the following individuals:

Faith Formation: Monica Dunbar
email: mm.dunbar@yahoo.com C) 319-431-9579

Pastoral Council: Steve Carroll
email: scarroll@linncountyrec.com C) 319-573-8554

School Board: Shanna Duggan
email: duggan.shanna@gmail.com C) 319-651-7585

Legacy Corner

As we demonstrate our devotion to God and appreciate the sacrifices made by Jesus Christ this Lenten season, there are reminders that call us to be good stewards of our faith. Providing a legacy gift toward St. Joseph Church's ministries is a way to show your commitment to the good work of the Church. For more information on what this may entail, please contact Doug Brock at the parish office to speak confidentially about your wishes. If you would like information about gift planning, please contact our planning partner at the Catholic Foundation at (563) 552-0176 or CFAD@OurCFAD.org.

Adult Faith Formation

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH – The Consecration to St. Joseph books have arrived. If you ordered one, please pick it up at the parish office. The parish consecration will begin on March 30 and conclude on May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. There will be weekly meetings for prayer and discussion. The registration form will be included in the parish-wide email sent by Sean McVeigh this weekend. If you are not receiving those emails, please contact Sean McVeigh at s.mcveigh@dbqarch.org.

RCIA – Our RCIA candidates are in their final phase of preparation for receiving their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please keep them in your prayers. This week we will be pondering the path of conversion.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Bulletin Date

March 28

April 4

Deadline Date

March 22

March 26

Observing Silence

*"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)
During Lent we will be observing more silence
before Mass, during Mass and after Mass.
Allow God to speak to you in the silence of your
heart.*

Easter Flowers

If you wish to donate to the Easter Flowers for our church in the name of a loved one please clip this form, fill it out and return it along with \$15 to the parish office or drop in the collection basket by **Monday, March 29**.

Your loved one's name will be placed on the flower that you have sponsored. You may take the flower home after the Celebration of Easter.



In Memory of: (Please print) _____

With love from: _____

Please provide contact phone number or email address: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.

Opening Song: Return to God

Refrain:

Return to God with all your heart,
the source of grace and mercy;
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

Now the time of grace has come,
The day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God. (refrain)

Reading I

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

Responsorial Psalm

137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.

On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs,
And our despoilers urged us to be joyous:

"Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

How could we sing a song of the LORD
in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem,
may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate
if I remember you not,

If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Reading II

Eph 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

Gospel

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps. 122 (121) : 3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

Closing Song: Lead Me Lord

Bless-ed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.

Bless-ed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Lead me, Lord, lead me Lord, by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.

Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.

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Pastor's
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March 19 Is St. Joseph Day—throughout the universal Church, we celebrate on this day the gift of St. Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and earthly father of Jesus. As he protected Mary and Our Lord, he is rightly called the Protector of the Church.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph is also the patronal feast of our parish, meaning he is our patron for whom the parish is named. Even if it wasn't a solemnity, the highest ranking liturgical celebration of our Church, we could take a day off of our Lenten penances—yes, even on a Friday—because our parish is named after him.

St. Joseph:

Pillar of families, *pray for us.*

Solace of the afflicted, *pray for us.*

Hope of the sick, *pray for us.*

Patron of the dying, *pray for us.*

Terror of demons, *pray for us.*

Protector of Holy Church, *pray for us.*

Parish Lenten Observance—Every Lent we are encouraged to engage in the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each individual can participate in these practices, but as the prophet Joel in the Old Testament reminds us, the community participates in them as well. To that end, we are offering ways that our parish might participate as a community in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This Friday, please:

- Fast and pray for healing and unity in our nation.
- Give alms in support of the Churches of Marion Food Pantry and Metro Catholic Outreach. Food and monetary donations are appreciated.

Please see our website for all the details: stjoesmarion.org/pastors-welcome.

Reservations for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday liturgies—are now being taken. To make reservations, please go to our parish website at: stjoesmarion.org and look for the Mass reservations banner. If you don't have access to a computer or don't use one, please call the parish office, 377-4869, to make reservations.

How to Attend Mass at St. Joseph—We have opened a greater seating capacity for Mass attendance in the church with a livestreaming system established in the church hall. The plan is that we will seat people in the church first, and when it reaches capacity, then the church hall. Another way we are offering Mass attendance is in the parking lot via local broadcasting on FM 87.9. Those attending this way are welcome to enter the church to receive Holy Communion either in the back of the church or from the main aisle. This option is offered when no more seating is available in the church building or for folks who are not ready to gather in crowds due, for example, to preexisting conditions or other concerns about the virus.

The Sacrament of Penance in the Cedar Rapids Deanery—Like during Advent, the Cedar Rapids metro area parishes will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, through General Absolution and/or individual confessions, on the same days and at the same times during Lent. The schedule is on the front page of this bulletin. At St. Joseph, the Sacrament of Penance will also be celebrated on Saturdays from 2:30-3:30 PM throughout the Lenten season.

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