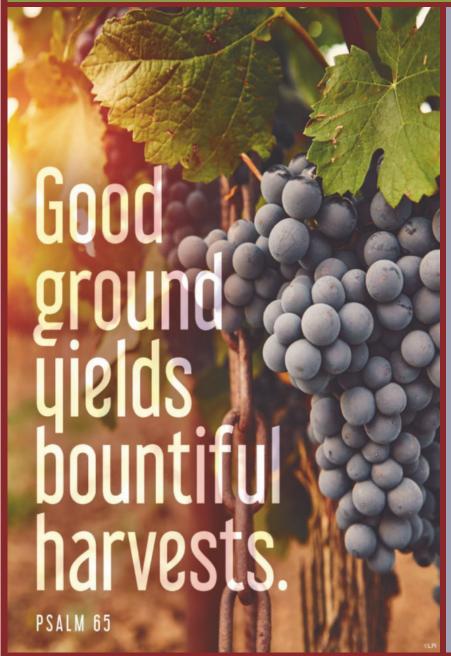


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Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$20,192		
Year-to-date budget	\$40,385		
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Actual Year-to-date envelope income	\$34,820		
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$5,565)		
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Over / (Under) budget	(\$7,254)		
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July 17 – July 23, 2023 Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

Monday, July 17

7:00AM Adoration

7:00PM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room

9:00PM Benediction

Tuesday, July 18

7:30AM Mass **† Mary & Edward Hudock**

Family

(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

Wednesday, July 19

7:30AM Mass **† Charlotte Machacek** (Also broadcasted live at: **stjoesmarion.org**) 9:00AM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room

2:00PM Pietra Class

7:00PM Men of Action - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, July 20

6:00AM Men of Action - Church Hall 7:30AM Mass **† Patricia Berry**

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Friday, July 21

7:30 AM Mass † Teresa Francois (Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

Saturday, July 22

3:00PM Reconciliation

4:00PM Mass **† Bob & Joanne Downey** (Also broadcasted live at: **stjoesmarion.org**)

Sunday, July 23

8:00AM Mass † Ralph Payne 10:30AM Mass † For The People

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, July 22, 4:00 PM	Sunday, July 23, 8:00 AM	Sunday, July 23, 10:30 AM	
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Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially William Galli, brother in law of Ed (Kate) Mullolland; Edwin Hieb; Marvin Kramer, brother of Marge (Jim) Grawe; Mary McDermott, sister in law of Rose (Lyndon) Wolf: and Crystal Usher

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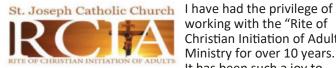
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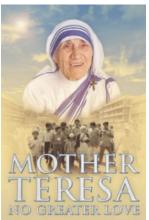


working with the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" Ministry for over 10 years. It has been such a joy to

walk the journey of faith with those who have questions and are trying to understand the Catholic faith. We have a wonderful team here at St. Joseph who help guide these candidates. We need your help too. If you know someone who has either expressed interest in the Catholic faith or whom you think might be interested please let myself or Deacon Dennis know so we can contact that person.

Want to share the joy of our faith with others? We are also looking for enthusiastic folks who want to share their faith with our inquirers. We need help with hospitality at our meetings, participating in discussions and faith sharing. We also need interested parishioners who would like to sponsor a candidate. You don't have to be an expert in the Catholic Catechism or a walking Catholic encyclopedia. Your ministry is to walk with and guide the candidate as they discern their journey to the Easter sacraments. Is the Holy Spirit tapping on your shoulder right now? If you think you might be interested in joining the RCIA team or helping as a sponsor please contact Bridget Becker 319-377-4869 or b.becker@dbgarch.org

We will have Inquiry sessions beginning September 28 on Thursday nights at 6:30 PM. We meet upstairs in the parish center. If you know of someone who may be interested, invite them to come with you to one of the meetings to learn how the RCIA process works. These inquiry sessions are for those with questions about the Catholic faith or those who are curious and want to learn more. For more information about RCIA or the inquiry meetings please contact Bridget.



Did you miss our movie night? Looking for a good movie to watch or book to read this summer?

Look no further than the St. Joseph parish library. The library is located across from the parish office and is open anytime the parish offices are open. Come check out all the wonderful books and DVDs.



Please remember in your prayers all those who are preparing to receive sacraments.

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Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years? Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to https://wwme.org/community/sponsored-events/longest-married-couple/ and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by **September 15th**. For questions call 641-753-6953.

Legacy Corner

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"large crowds gathered around him that [Jesus] got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore." (Mt 13:2)

This passage from today's gospel represents another of Jesus' teaching moments. Jesus also gets into Peter's

boat (ref. Luke 5:3), sits down and teaches the large crowd which had gathered around Jesus. St. Thomas Aquinas refers to the boat as a type of Church. And from the boat, Jesus speaks to the people who are not yet 'on board' with him-those still standing on the shore. They have yet to experience a real change of heart.

Parents are the first teachers of faith to their children. Reflect on this gospel with your spouse and together teach your children and grandchildren the meaning of the Parable of the Sower. By starting early, their hearts will become fertile soil. For parents and grandparents especially, this enables us to better hear and discern God's word.

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Visit catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/counseling to schedule your first appointment or call <u>563-588-0588</u> for more information on how to connect with a local counselor.



Theology on Tap

All 21-39 year olds are invited to join us at Parlor City on Thursday, July 20th at 6:00 PM to hear from this month's speaker Fr. Greg Bahl. First drink is on us! Check out facebook.com/

CRToT for more information.

St. Pius X Parish Job Opening - Accountant

The Accountant provides financial and operational services for the day to day management of the Parish. The position is part of the office staff at St. Pius X Parish and is a member of the operations team. The successful candidate will be competent in using current technology. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are required. A commitment to the Catholic faith and mission is preferred, along with a desire to work in a positive, faith-oriented environment. This position is part-time with approximately 10-15 hours per week. To review the entire job description, please go to: www.crpiusx.org/now-hiring. Please submit a cover letter, resume & salary requirements to SearchCommitteeChair@crpiusx.org. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Start date is negotiable.

A Prayer as We Await a New Archbishop

O God, you send your Son, Our Lord Jesus, as priest, prophet, and king.

We thank you for your abundant blessings bestowed upon our Archdiocese, and thank you for the ministry of Archbishop Jackels.

In your grace, send us a bishop like Jesus: a priest of deep and true prayer, a teacher with a loving heart and firm resolve, and a shepherd of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY - MARCH 2024

St. Joseph parishioners are invited on a pilgrimage of all Italian Shrines with Spiritual Leaders
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Grieving the Loss of a Loved One

The funeral is over— two months ago, or many years ago — and your heart hurts beyond your own understanding. You have lost a loved one to death and you yearn for care & compassion to enlighten your life once again. Healing the grief which naturally occurs after a death is a process unique to each person. There are no time limits.



St. Joseph is offering the opportunity to participate in our H.U.G.S. "Helping Us Grieve Safely" program, which is a recovery-learning group held in a safe, welcoming, and confidential setting. You will be given valuable guidance leading to healing, comfort, and peace of mind through a weekly session led by a facilitator who has walked this journey too. A spiritually-based booklet is furnished at no charge. Each week will have a specific topic. You may attend all or part of the 7-week program.

This is open to all adults: individuals, parents, adult children, spouses, siblings, etc.

Advanced registration is appreciated, but not required. Call Deacon Jeff Volker at the parish office 319-377-4869 or email j.volker@dbgarch.org.

The first session will be held in the St. John Paul II Room in the parish office on Tuesday, August 1st, 6:00-7:30PM.

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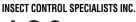
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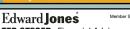
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Congratulations to Diaconate Class XX shown above at the conclusion of their Ordination Mass on Saturday, June 24, 2023: **Front Row** (left to right): Michael Knipp, Douglas Aldinger, Bishop Richard E. Pates, Ronald Meyer, Timothy DeWees | **Back Row** (left to right): Terri Wenthold, Timothy Neal, James Wolf, Michael DeMoully, Brian Logan

Official Diacaonal Ministry Appointments

Effective: June 24, 2023

The following Permanent Deacons are appointed to diaconal ministry in the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Deacon Douglas Aldinger is assigned to St. Mary Parish in Eldora and St. Mark Parish in Iowa Falls.

Deacon Michael DeMoully is assigned to St. Columbkille Parish in Dubuque.

Deacon Timothy DeWees is assigned to St. Joseph Parish in Marion.

Deacon Michael Knipp is assigned to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Waterloo.

Deacon Brian Logan is assigned to St. Joseph Parish in Marion.

Deacon Ronald Meyer is assigned to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Ames and SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Gilbert.

Deacon Timothy Neal is assigned to St. Ludmila Parish in Cedar Rapids.

Deacon Terri Wenthold is assigned to St. Aloysius Parish in Calmar; Our Lady

of Seven Dolors Parish in Festina; St. Francis de Sales Parish in Ossian; and St. Wenceslaus Parish in Spillville.

Deacon James Wolf is assigned to Sacred Heart Parish in Manly and Epiphany Parish in Mason City.







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and a shepherd of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



LOOKING UP AND FORWARD: AN UPDATE ON CATHEDRAL REPAIRS

By Cassie Bird

If you were to drive by the Cathedral of St. Raphael today, you may look up and scrunch your brow, wondering if you're seeing things right – is the top of the Cathedral really being painted white?

It may look that way, but the white "paint" is really just exposed sheet metal that has always been white in color. The white color you see is a primer layer, which helps the top layer of paint adhere to the sheet metal. Many don't know that the top part of the steeple is sheet metal, whereas the bottom portion is limestone. The sheet metal portion will be repainted to match the limestone after the layers of sheet metal have been stripped and repaired.

The sheet metal is only one of the projects currently being completed at the mother church of our archdiocese, thanks to the generosity of those who have contributed to the necessary repairs through the ArchdioceseOne special appeal.

Current Work Being Completed

Stained-Glass Windows

Current work in "Phase 2" of the Cathedral repairs are taking place on the exterior of the Cathedral and rectory. The stained-glass contractor, Glass Heritage out of the Quad Cities, is repairing and replacing the traceries on the stained-glass windows. "Traceries" is another word for the wooden frame around the window.

Thankfully most of the stained-glass in the church has not deteriorated to the point of needing to be removed, so that saved a lot of expenses. However, the stained-glass in the Cathedral center is in very poor shape and nearly all of it had to be removed.

Once the traceries have been repaired and painted, new panes of clear exterior protective glass will be installed along with vented panes to protect the leaded joints of the stained glass. This work will hopefully be completed by late fall.

Cathedral and Rectory Roofs

Work began on the Cathedral center roof about a week ago, to remove the current asphalt shingles. Sadly, it was discovered that there were already three layers of asphalt shingles underneath. These layers are all being removed, so that a new waterproofed underlayment can be put down. On top of this, the new aluminum shingles will be installed. These aluminum shingles are a more recently developed product, and each shingle is its own individual part (similar to asphalt shingles). Thankfully the church roof is not complicated, but it is large, so installation will take a while. There is a 30-year guarantee on the appearance of these shingles.

"The building committee was very excited to use this product. It's somewhat new, and long-lasting. Thankfully it meets the criteria established by the Iowa Historical Commission as well," Fr. Dennis Quint, current pastor of the Cathedral of St. Raphael, remarked.

The four crosses on top of the steeple will also be removed and repainted during this process while the cranes are lifting workers to repair the sheet metal on the steeple, and installing the aluminum roof.

This summer, any remaining tuckpointing work on the church will be completed as well. Improvements on the HVAC system will also continue at the church. Most of the condensers for the air conditioners were over 25 years old, and were at the end of their lifespans.

The Rectory

The aluminum roof at the rectory has been completed. The next step will be to remove the black, decorative iron pieces on the exterior, as well as the window shutters. Both are in poor condition, and are not original to the building, so will be removed to give the rectory a cleaner, historically accurate look.

The final step at the rectory will be removal of the storm windows, and replaced with new glass. Interior windows will also be worked on so that they are functional, and are more energy efficient.

The goal is for exterior projects at both buildings to be completed by late fall so the campus is winter ready.

Practicing Good Stewardship

"We're striving to be good stewards of the sacrifices that the people of God have made. We're stretching these dollars as best we can, and yet, trying to assure the quality of work is good when completed. We don't take these sacrifices for granted."

- Fr. Dennis Quint, Current Pastor of the Cathedral of St. Raphael

Future Work

In "Phase 3" of the Cathedral repairs, work will move inside to address necessary indoor renovations, such as fixing the damage done to the plaster from the leaks, as well as to update the paint that hasn't been addressed in over 40 years. Replacing failed lighting fixtures, as well as hopefully being able to replace the flooring, are also on the list if financially possible.

Why the Cathedral?

"Before I was assigned here as pastor, I wondered how on earth all of those repairs cost approximately \$11 million, based upon past experiences of building and renovating churches," Fr. Quint said. "However, when I visited with these contractors and considered the invoices for the work that's being done, I quickly came to understand the impact that inflation had on building materials and labor, along with complications related to supply

chains. In addition, the Cathedral is a big church. It accommodates over 700 people and the Cathedral center can seat 250." Fr. Quint also remarked that the contractors are impressed with the "bones" of the rectory and church, meaning few structural repairs were needed.

Unfortunately, making repairs to both of these structures was not feasible for the parish for numerous reasons. Especially noteworthy is how parishioner demographics have changed over time. The parishioners who belong to the Cathedral, however, have done what they can to financially support the ArchOne appeal and to repair the buildings, recognizing their own responsibilities with this project.

"The Cathedral serves as the mother church of the entire archdiocese and belongs to each of us. With that association comes a responsibility to maintain it," Fr. Quint commented. "When she (the Cathedral) looks good, it's important, because it reflects upon our own identity as the Church. The Cathedral is our spiritual home in the archdiocese - where ordinations take place, where the archbishop sits, and where the first Catholics of our archdiocese gathered over 175 years ago."

Thank You

When Fr. Quint was asked about what he would say to someone who has donated to support the Cathedral project, he said the following:

"Realize that your sacrifices are valued. Just as parents in a family seek to stretch dollars and apply them well, so too in our archdiocesan family we are striving to be good stewards of your gifts. And, as stakeholders, hopefully you feel very welcome to come to worship and pray in this space that belongs to you."

ArchdioceseOne Update

Over \$15.8 million has been raised for the ArchdioceseOne special appeal. Over \$7.7 million of this amount has been left unrestricted, and over \$2.2 million has been restricted to repairs to the Cathedral of St. Raphael.

Visit <u>www.ArchdioceseOne.org</u> and click on the "Newsletters" heading for photos of the Cathedral repairs and other Special Appeal updates.