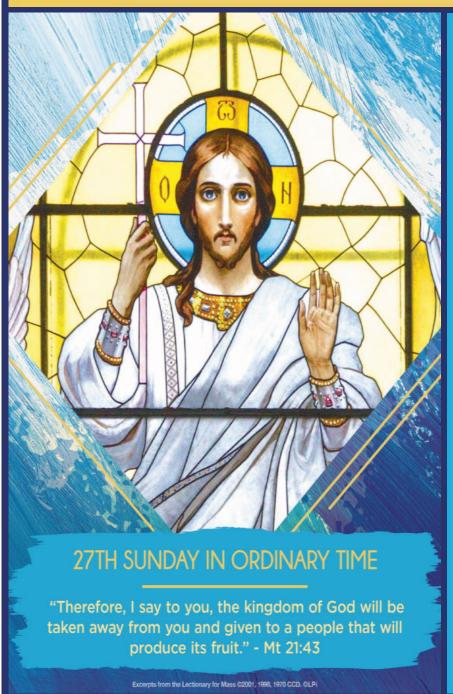


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Weekend Mass: Saturday, 4:00 PM

Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 AM

Wednesday, 8:15 AM

Adoration: Monday, 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

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St. Joseph Catholic School 319-377-6348 1430 14th Street, Marion, IA 52302 New to the Parish: Welcome! Please call the office to make an appointment to register at 319-377-4869.

Prayer Chain: Contact Deacon Jeff Volker at 319-377-4869 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:

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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 319-377-4869 to discuss baptism preparation for the parents prior to scheduling of the baptism. The next baptism prep class is Saturday, November 11th.

Parish Disability Advocate: Contact Amanda Weaver at 319-432-9347 or aweaver222@gmail.com

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Sunday Envelope Giving Week of October 1, 2023 - Week 14		
Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$20,192	
Year-to-date budget	\$282,692	
Collected last weekend	\$14,165	
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	\$266,333	
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$16,359)	
Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory	\$34,777	
Budgeted Gifts and Offertory	\$76,731	
Over / (Under) budget	(\$41,954)	
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$11,356	
Bricks and Mortar budget	\$13,462	
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$2,105)	
Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes	\$708	

October 9 – October 15, 2023 **Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions**

Monday, October 9

7:00 AM Adoration

12:00 PM Rosary for the Eucharistic Revival

7:00 PM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room

9:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, October 10

7:30 AM Mass **† Mary Frances Bailey** (Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

Wednesday, October 11

8:15 AM Mass † Mary & Joseph Sindelar Family

(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

10:00 AM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room

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

Thursday, October 12

6:00 AM Men of Action - Church Hall

7:30 AM Mass † Robert & Kathryn Bradley

(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

2:30 PM Mass **† Janet Powers** at Silver Oak

Friday, October 13

7:30 AM Mass **† Christopher J. Meier** (Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

Saturday, October 14

3:00 PM Reconciliation

4:00 PM Mass † Morrie & Vi Day

(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

Sunday, October 15

8:00 ÅM Mass † Clarence Schmidt 10:30 AM Mass † For The People

THANK YOU Council 5390 of the Knights of for your generosity _ Columbus would like to thank everyone who donated to the

Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive! And to all St. Joseph members, God Bless you! We will see you next year.

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, October 14, 4:00 PM	Sunday, October 15, 8:00 AM	Sunday, October 15, 10:30 AM
Sacristan	Robyn Ginther	Sandra Alt	Phyllis Koschmeder
Lector	Diane Kula	Jeffrey Alt	Steven Freemon
Altar Servers	Ossie Ginther Marlowe Ginther 1 Open	Josie Logan Angela Myers Ryan Myers	Aidric Lobo Natalie Nachazel Kaiya Nowland
Video Ministry	George Cleppe	n/a	n/a
Ambassadors	David Sullivan Gary Schmidt James Ickes Tina Neyens	Emily Logan Michael Alt Gregory Van Gorp James Angerer	Brad Duggan Tim Crumley David Adams 1 Open
Eucharistic Ministers	Terry Kelly Kaeden Ginther Lea Gentzler Patricia Halstead Jeffrey Schussler Audra McEnany Lola McAreavy	James McDonald Marilyn Platner Kent Sodawasser Linda Randklev Matt Thompson Adrian Rehak 1 Open	Patti Zessin Aaron Randolph Jean McNamara Liberty Gilbert Michael Cira 2 Open
C.L.O.W.	n/a	n/a	Jerome Nachazel Molly Burgeson
Door Greeters	Barbara Gasaway Will Gasaway Gracie Gasaway 1 Open	Kathy McPartland Jim McPartland Gunnar Black Marcia Black	Gary Raymond Julie Raymond Lisa DeWees Timothy DeWees
Music Ministry	Patty Kelly Patrice Greenwood	Jacob Weaver Kimberly Menke	Handbell Choir

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 Virginia Logan, sister of Peggy (Roger) Ehrke; Mary Lynch; Lorna Rieniets, grandmother of Brai (Pete) Gehl, great-grandmother of Elizabeth and Tanner; Erna Schmidt, wife of sister of Peggy (Roger) Ehrke; Mary Lynch; Lorna Rieniets, grandmother of Brandee LeRoy Schmidt; and Jack Tiernan, father of Mike (Sue) Tiernan

October is RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

We will have a pack & play crib in the back of the church for the next four weeks. The items that are collected will be used by Birthright and Bridgehaven which provide assistance to mothers in need. Some of the items that are needed are diapers, formula, blankets, bibs, toys and other baby essentials. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

This project is being sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

Urgent Needs in Northeast Iowa: Catholic Charities Requests Your Help!

We are experiencing an unprecedented year as demand for our compassionate, quality services has grown along with skyrocketing costs to provide these services. We are in urgent need of your generosity. How do you live your discipleship to Christ? A gift to Catholic Charities is an easy way to do just that. It is an act of love that addresses the physical and material needs of others, particularly the poor and vulnerable, as Jesus has taught us. We need your help by October 31, 2023, to continue providing critical services to as many of our vulnerable neighbors as we can next year. In addition to your financial gifts, thank you so much for your continued prayers in support of our work to provide help and create hope for our neighbors in need. If you have the ability or are called to do so, you can make your donation online at CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/donate, by calling 563-588-0558, or by mailing your gift to our administrative office at 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave,

Scan the QR code to give. Thank you!

Dubuque, Iowa 52003.

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit Date and Times at St. Joseph Church Hall

Saturday, October 7/14: Before and after 4 PM Mass Sunday, October 8/15: Before and after Mass

Monday, October 9/16: 7 AM – 9 PM Adoration in Church

Rosary at noon

Wednesday, October 11: 8 AM – 9 PM * Speaker at 7 PM

Thursday, October 12: 8 AM - 3 PM Friday, October 13: 8 AM - Noon Tuesday, October 17: 8 AM - 3 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church is thrilled to welcome the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit October 5-17. Visit the exhibit and witness how Jesus miraculously manifested himself throughout the centuries and how this proves he is totally present body, blood soul and divinity in the Eucharist. This exhibit includes 40 historically documented Eucharistic miracles that have occurred in various countries since the Last Supper.

Adult Faith Formation



St. Joseph Catholic Church The 2023-2024 RCIA inquiry sessions have begun! We will be meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM to answer questions and begin the faith

journey with those inquiring about the faith. If you are interested in joining us contact Bridget Becker at 319-377-4869 or email b.becker@dbgarch.org.

Talk on Eucharistic Miracles with Brother Solanus Marie from the Knights of the Holy Eucharist.

Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 PM

St. Joseph Church Hall

Brother Solanus joined the Knights of the Holy Eucharist in November of 2019 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He took to learning and enjoyed becoming an integral part of life as a religious brother. Besides the deep love of adoration and time in prayer, Br. Solanus has a Sunday Catechism Class he runs for adults at Sacred Heart Parish in Lincoln, and he also gives talks on Franciscan Spirituality, Mary, Vocations, and Eucharistic Miracles.



NEW STUDY! The *Jesus and* the Eucharist study has been created specifically for the Year of Parish Revival. We will offer this seven week study this fall beginning the week of

October 16. It will be offered multiple days and times. Please visit the parish website to register. (https:// stjoesmarion.org/eucharistic-revival)

2023 Mt. Calvary Cemetery Fall Cleanup

The mid-October Mt. Calvary Cemetery Fall Cleanup is around the corner. If you have any floral tributes, decorations, or other items around your loved one's grave sites, please remove them by **Friday**, **October 13th**. The cemetery will be completely cleared of all decorations starting Saturday morning, Oct. 14th. In-ground vases will be turned down into their storage positions until spring usage. After Nov. 15th, holiday wreaths, mounds and evergreen blankets may be placed, and will remain until the spring clean-up in March 2024. If you have questions, please call Mt. Calvary Cemetery at 319-362-4659. If you would like to volunteer your time for this Corporal Work of Mercy, we will be starting our clean up at 8:00 AM on Saturday, Oct. 14th. The location is 375 32nd St. Drive, SE, Cedar Rapids.



Pietra fitness classes will no longer be offered at St. Joseph Church due to lack of certified instructors.



Please remember in your prayers **Thomas & Lauren Helmick**, who brought their son Layke Thomas to the waters of Baptism on September 30th



The next Healing Prayer gathering will take place with Adoration on Sunday, October 8th at 11:45 AM in the church. There will be small prayer teams available to pray with you individually and to intercede for you and your needs.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." - Matthew 18:20

St. Joseph Middle School Work Day - October 25

Christ's mission was to love and serve. As Catholics it is ingrained in everything we do as the St. Joseph Parish Family. This fall, the St. Joseph Middle School would like to offer raking and yard cleaning services to members of the parish. They will provide the rakes, the lawn bags, and the energy of youth to free your yard of leaves. The work day is scheduled for the afternoon of **Wednesday**, October 25th. With limited spaces available, we will be prioritizing those who need the extra help this fall. Don't hesitate to call if you are interested. Please contact Deacon Jeff Volker at 319-377-4869 by Wednesday, October 18th.



Pray for our local pregnancy help centers: for those who answer calls from women considering abortion, those who provide ultrasounds, and those who personally help mothers prepare to parent or place for adoption.

The Coalition for Life of Iowa is looking for people to commit to pray in front of Planned Parenthood for 40 Days for Life campaign. Sign up for an hour any day or night! Join us in prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in front of Planned Parenthood Sept. 27-Nov. 5.

Web: https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids

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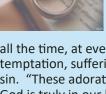
Please take the Community Survey to submit your feedback on the Middle School Proposed Consolidation.

Click on the QR code or go to:

https://crxaviercatholicschools.org/ms-committee (scroll down below the committee report)

St. Joseph School News

We celebrated Custodian and Maintenance Director Day on October 2nd! Thank you Mr. Burmeister and Mr. Kling for all that you do!



Marriage

Enrichment

Saint Pope John Paul II said: "It is important that you are a person of faith and prayer."

A strong prayer life helps us attune to the presence of God in our lives. To become accustomed to his divine company. speaking humbly and conversing with him

all the time, at every moment... especially in times of temptation, suffering, aridity, weariness, even infidelity and sin. "These adorations must be made by faith, believing that God is truly in our hearts, that we must adore, love and serve him in spirit and in truth."

While individual prayer is a good habit to develop and commit to, prayer with your spouse is also important. In doing so, you enrich and strengthen your marriage. Likewise incorporate the entire family into a habit of prayer. A good place to start is praying the rosary together as a family. Take turns leading a decade.

In your prayer life, remember God always answers our prayers. His response may not always be what we expected or wanted, but he always grants us exactly what we need. Pray for the grace to persevere in prayer, with the confidence that God hears and answers our prayers.

Catholic Worker House Meals

Transportation is needed for the meal on Monday, Oct. 9th. The volunteer transporter will leave St. Joe's at 4:30 PM to ensure dinner is delivered by 5:00 PM.

> If you can help, sign up at http://signup.com/go/PYkXJGy Thank you for your generosity!

Women's Connection

Women's Connection, a support group for parish widows, will meet Thursday, October 12th at 1:15 PM in the church hall. With upcoming events there are several items for



discussion on our agenda. All widows of the parish are invited. Questions, call Sally at (319) 389-3225.

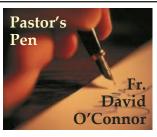
Theology on Tap

All 21-39 year olds are invited to join us at Parlor City on **October 19th** at 6:00 PM to hear from Zach Zeckser on "Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching." First drink is on us! Check

out facebook.com/CRToT for more information.

Legacy Corner

Did you know that, for purposes of estate taxation, there is no limitation on the size of a charitable gift that you may give to your church at the time of your death? No matter how large, the gift is deductible for estate tax purposes. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to St. Joseph, contact Doug Brock at 319-377-4869. 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.



<u>Respect Life Month</u>—Last weekend, I published the first half of a letter written in observance of Respect Life Sunday/Respect Life Month composed by Bishop Michael Burbridge, the Chair of the Committee for Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please find below the second of two parts of his letter.

Fr. Our parish-based and nationwide initiative, <u>Walking with Moms in Need</u>, for example, provides easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions to help transform our parishes into places of welcome, support, and assistance for pregnant and parenting mothers facing difficulties. Melissa, a North Carolina mom with young children and a busy job, attended a parish

informational session for Walking with Moms in Need, thinking she might help out here and there. But she felt the Lord's call and "by the end of the session she had volunteered to be the ministry's coordinator." Her parish now holds "Hand Up Days" once a month during which families can "shop" free of charge for baby and toddler items they need that have been donated by parishioners.

Melissa shared some powerful words of encouragement: "I think for too long we have been comfortable leaving the work of accompanying women in crisis situations – pregnant or parenting – to others in the nonprofit and government sectors. It is very clear in the Gospel that this is our job — all of us! A woman in a pregnancy center once told me that most women considering abortion are wrestling with a financial matter less than \$250 and that has really stuck with me. If we can lighten the burden just a little, what a difference we can make — it is literally life or death."

God has given each of us particular gifts, and with those gifts He entrusts us with a role and duty within the Body of Christ. Embracing an attitude of radical solidarity calls us to honestly reflect on some challenging questions and to consider specific actions we can take to foster an authentic culture of life. Some questions we might ask ourselves could include: Do I know what efforts are happening in my area to help women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? What are the needs? What are my gifts and talents? How can I adjust my schedule or budget to assist efforts to help moms in need and their children? Radical solidarity can be lived out in countless ways, including volunteering at your local pregnancy center; helping an expectant mother find stable housing; babysitting so a mom can work or take classes; providing encouragement and a listening ear to a mom without a support system; or speaking to your pastor about beginning Walking with Moms in Need at your parish.

In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.

And so, this October, I invite all Catholics to think about building a culture of life in terms of radical solidarity. We are the Church. Our prayers, witness, sacrifices, advocacy, and good works are needed now, more than ever. We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world today and we each have a personal responsibility to care for one another.

For more information on how to celebrate Respect Life Month and stand in radical solidarity with moms in need, please visit respectlife.org/celebrate.

<u>October Count</u>—The annual count of Mass attendees throughout the month of October begins this weekend. The data collected will be used by the archdiocese for pastoral planning and priest assignments. The archdiocese takes this seriously. We are at a point with the number of priests in the archdiocese that these numbers help form a critical mass of data regarding determining how the services of priests are best utilized throughout the archdiocese.

2023 Archdiocesan Conferences St. Pius X, Cedar Rapids

Couples Event Friday, October 27, 2023

Catholic Parenting Conference Saturday, October 28, 2023

For more information and to register to go: <u>www.dbqarch.org/parenting-conference</u> Register for both conferences and get reduced rate

Come one come all to the Grand Reopening of Saint Vincent de Paul's thrift store **October 13th and 14th** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM! Come shop our new furniture gallery and revamped women's and men's department. We will be serving coffee/lemonade and desserts. Door prizes and discounts will be available to all shoppers! 928 7th St SE Cedar Rapids

2023 Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Meeting

All women are invited to attend the 2023 ACCW Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at St. Edward Parish in Waterloo. This year's theme is "Path of Renewed Encounter," and the keynote speaker will be Fr. Joseph Sevcik, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Lansing and Archdiocesan Point Person for the Eucharistic Revival. Archbishop-elect Zinkula will be the main celebrant for the Mass.

The day will also include a delicious lunch, a short business meeting, and the opportunity to connect with other women from across the Archdiocese. There will be a silent auction, door prizes, and displays. The early bird rate ends October 10th. Additional information and registration for the ACCW Annual Meeting can be found at: https://dbqarch.org/accw-events

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