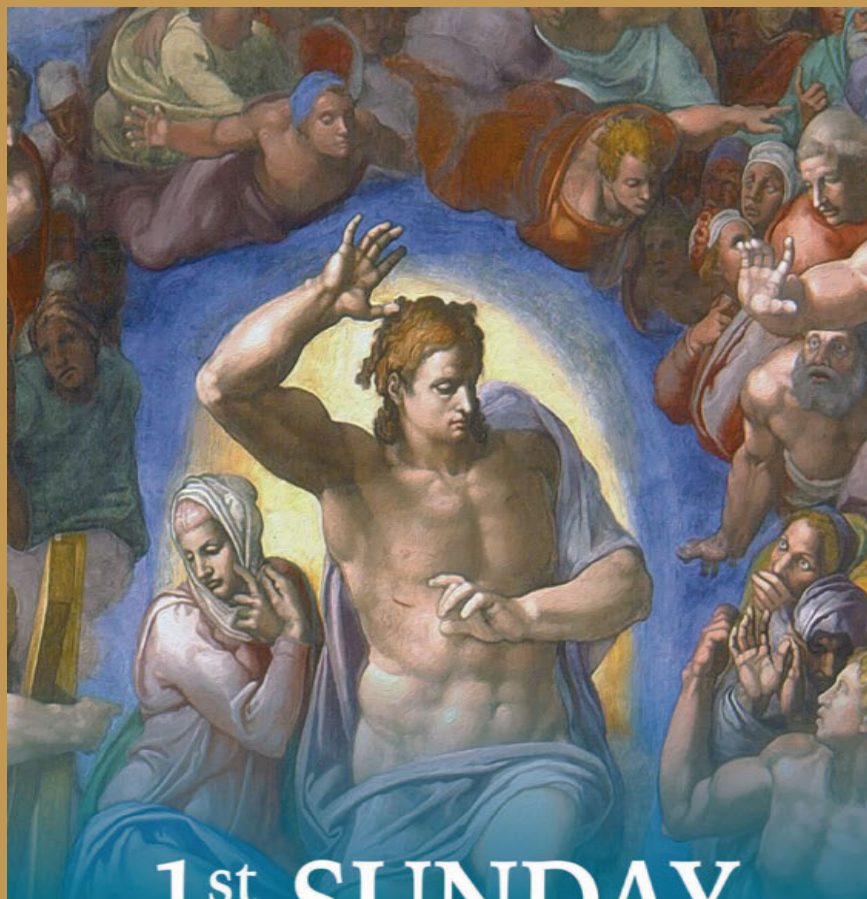




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## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.” - Mk 13:35

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

**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday, 7:30 AM & Wednesday, 8:15 AM

**Immaculate Conception:** Thursday, 5:30 PM  
Friday 8:15 AM

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

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

St. Joseph Parish Office 319-377-4869  
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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 319-377-4869.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Deacon Jeff Volker at 319-377-4869 or [j.volker@dbqarch.org](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:d.ternes@dbqarch.org) or 319-377-4869 to discuss baptism preparation for the parents prior to scheduling of the baptism. The next Baptism Class will be Saturday, January 13, 2024

**Parish Disability Advocate:** Contact Amanda Weaver at 319-432-9347 or [aweaver222@gmail.com](mailto:aweaver222@gmail.com)

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## December 4 – December 10, 2023 Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 4

7:00 AM Adoration  
 12:00 PM Rosary - Church  
 7:00 PM Advent Encounter Night/Holy Hour - Church  
 7:00 PM Scripture Study - Church Hall  
 9:00 PM Benediction

### Tuesday, December 5

7:30 AM Mass † Viola Rettig  
 (Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))

### Wednesday, December 6

8:15 AM Mass † Mary Kline  
 (Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))  
 10:00 AM Scripture Study - Church Hall  
 7:00 PM Men of Action - St. Joseph Room

### Thursday, December 7

6:00 AM Men of Action - Church Hall  
 5:30 PM Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass  
 † All Holy Souls  
 (Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))

### Friday, December 8 -

#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:15 AM Mass † Catherine Ryan  
 (Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))

### Saturday, December 9

3:00 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM Mass † Marlene Riha  
 (Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))

### Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM Mass † Janet Powers  
 9:00 AM Coffee & Doughnuts - Church Hall  
 10:30 AM Mass † For The People

### 2024 Mass Intentions

Will be received starting on **Monday, December 4th**, to begin in January 2024. Please call the 319-377-4869 or email Deacon Jeff Volker at [dbq126d3@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq126d3@dbqarch.org).

### Sunday Envelope Giving Week of November 26, 2023 - Week 22

<b>Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs</b>	<b>\$20,192</b>
Year-to-date budget	\$444,231
Collected last weekend	\$14,483
<b>Actual Year-to-date envelope income</b>	<b>\$424,723</b>
<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>	<b>(\$19,507)</b>
<b>Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory</b>	<b>\$110,474</b>
Budgeted Gifts and Offertory	\$120,577
<b>Over / (Under) budget</b>	<b>(\$10,103)</b>
<b>Bricks and Mortar Envelopes</b>	<b>\$17,525</b>
Bricks and Mortar budget	\$21,154
<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>	<b>(\$3,629)</b>
Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes	\$724

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, December 9, 4:00 PM	Sunday, December 10, 8:00 AM	Sunday, December 10, 10:30 AM
<b>Sacristan</b>	Moe Ryan	Michael Alt	Phyllis Koschmeder
<b>Lector</b>	Jennifer O'Brien	Mark Oehler	Jane Schlegel
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Cayleigh O'Brien Peter Gaffney Avery Lewis	Gunnar Black Jack Oehler Ella Houlsworth	Julia Foerster Sarah Foerster Kaiya Nowland
<b>Video Ministry</b>	Peyton Stoller	n/a	n/a
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Brad Duggan Jamie McAllister Darwin Schuttloffel Gary Schmidt	Emily Logan Mary M. Johnson Francis Ginther Mark Barnd	Gary Raymond Julie Raymond Douglas Brock Jerry Dilger
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Denise Lewis Sharon Neilly Cathy Wobbe Kent Sodawasser Jeffrey Schussler Lola McAreavy Angela Sawyers	Marcia Black Kimberly Menke Jim Holt Kaeden Ginther Kristen Perreault Lyle Ridenour Janice McCusker	Teresa White Clark White Patti Zessin Aaron Randolph Liberty Gilbert Kloey McCurren Michele Brock
<b>C.L.O.W.</b>	n/a	n/a	Philly Wall <b>1 Open</b>
<b>Fun &amp; Faith Fcltr.</b>			Lilly Nowland
<b>Door Greeters</b>	Marjorie Jensen Linda Charlton Brian Reynolds <b>1 Open</b>	Jim McPartland Kathy McPartland Dorie Kelchen <b>1 Open</b>	Lisa DeWees Timothy DeWees Barbara Gasaway Mary Breen
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Jacob Weaver Shanna Duggan	Patty Kelly Sharron Konzen Hannah Konzen	Patty Kelly Grace Richards

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 **Joe Fay**, husband of Julie, father of Callie & Michael; **Steve Ickes**, brother of Jim (Becky Hayes) Ickes; **Dorothy Crilley**, sister of Betty Supple; and **Sr. Mary Corkery**



### Young Adults Gathering Sunday, Dec 10th

Join us on **Sunday, December 10th** at the home of Deacon Tim and Lisa Dewees, 1850 39<sup>th</sup> St., Marion, from 5:00–7:00 PM for food and fellowship. For more information, contact Tim and Lisa DeWees at [t.dewees@dbqarch.org](mailto:t.dewees@dbqarch.org).

### Women's Connection Monthly Luncheon

Women's Connection, a support group for parish widows, will meet at 11:30 AM on **Thursday, December 14th** at the Indian Creek Country Club. As we gather this Advent season, we recognize the blessings of friendship while we wait together to celebrate the joy of Christmas. All widows of the parish are invited. An RSVP is required. Come join us. Questions and more information contact Sally at (319) 389-3225.



St Joseph has partnered with Hallow to encourage all parishioners to surrender it all this Advent season and prepare your heart for Jesus like never before with readings from the works of C.S. Lewis, voiced by award-winning Liam Neeson. Jonathan Roumie and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, will guide us through prayer and reflection on these powerful writings to prepare our hearts for Christmas and rediscover the wonder of Christ's coming into this world and into our hearts. Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes 1,000 prayer sessions available for free, and over 10,000 audio-guided sessions in an upgraded premium subscription. Hallow is designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer. Register today by visiting [Hallow.com/pray](http://Hallow.com/pray) to get started.



### 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 18, 2023**. Your loved one's name will be placed on the wreath or poinsettia that you have sponsored. You may take it home after the season of Christmas ends in mid-January.



Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Wreath \$12      \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia \$20  
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)

## Adult Faith Formation

St. Joseph Catholic Church



We celebrate the Rite of Acceptance on **December 3rd** where our inquirers enter into a period of teaching called the Catechumenate. With the help of their sponsors and members of the community, they are learning about the teachings of the Church and growing in faith. We ask you to please continue praying for the catechumens and candidates as they continue their conversion journey and for their sponsors and RCIA team as we assist them in moving toward a closer relationship with God.



Lydia and Ava Anderson  
Catechumen Catechumen



Alberio Booto  
Catechumen



Aailyah & Yabo Akogbeto  
Catechumen Candidate



Shan Kumar  
Candidate



Drew Schultz  
Candidate



Justin Dozier  
Candidate



Josh Pierce  
Candidate



Frederick Tebie  
Candidate



Hugh Lamont  
Candidate



Greg Manske  
Adult Confirmation



### Advent Encounter Night

Join us at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marion for **Holy Hour on Monday, December 4th from 7:00–8:00 PM**. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with scripture reading, singing, night prayer concluding with Benediction. Come gather in the presence of Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament—Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. All are invited!



**Rediscover the Jesse Tree  
this Advent with the  
Scripture Study groups**

Each episode of Rooted introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a

Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.

**Mondays at 7:00 PM** on Dec 11 and 18  
**Wednesdays at 10:00 AM** on Dec 6, 13, 20



## Celebration of the Sacraments

Please remember in your prayers **James & Sally Daily**,  
who brought their daughter **Bennett Lauren** to  
the waters of Baptism on November 25th



## Advent GIVING PROJECT

It is that time of the year again. We have been very fortunate in the past to be able to help so many people in our Parish Community through the Advent Giving Project. We are asking for gift cards, as well as gifts, for our families who are participating. A large tree is at the entrance of Church and the two smaller trees are at the side entrances. Please grab a tag from one of the trees through Saturday, December 2nd.

Please drop off your gifts and cards at the entrance of the church **Dec. 2/3**. There will be a receptacle for the gift cards. Please attach the tags to the gifts.

## JOIN US FOR Healing Prayer

The next Healing Prayer gathering will take place with Adoration on **Sunday, December 10th 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*

## ANGEL OF HOPE PRAYER SERVICE BE A LIGHT Spread Hope

**Angel of Hope Vigil Prayer Service**  
**Wednesday, December 6th, 7:00-7:30 PM**  
**Xavier High School**

The Angel of Hope Statue residing at Xavier Catholic High School is a beautiful symbol of hope for all grieving the loss of a child. This Advent season we are called to pray for everyone seeking hope and light throughout their days.

You are invited to a candlelight vigil service by the Angel of Hope statue at Xavier Catholic High School. This is an outdoor event so please dress appropriately. Questions: Judy Ramsey at 319-329-8068 or Kristi Bowers at 319-721-2286 or [kristine.bowers@gmail.com](mailto:kristine.bowers@gmail.com)



## Campaign Corner

### Faith in Our Future Campaign Progress

Total Pledges: 427 families  
Amount Pledged: \$6.625 million  
Amount Received: \$1.37 million  
Pledges Redeemed: 21%

## Marriage Enrichment

*"Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways..." (Is 33:17)*

In life we have many responsibilities and obligations. While these things are certainly worthy, we still need to remain vigilant that we are not distracted from those things which are more important, like our faith and family. With the support of our spouse, may we not wander from the Lord's way. Together may our families be guided by the Spirit in the example of Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life.

## The Retirement Fund for Retired Religious Collection

**You can help.** "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

**Collection date: December 9-10, 2023**

## The 28th Annual Catholic Men's Conference



The 2024 Men's Conference will take place on **Saturday, March 9th, 2023** at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids (livestream available). The keynote speaker will be John Edwards, founder and director of Pew Ministries, a Catholic apostolate with the mission of bringing the person of Jesus Christ to the person in the pew. John is the host of the 'Just A Guy in the Pew' podcast ([www.justaguyinthepew.com](http://www.justaguyinthepew.com)). Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Zinkula and breakout sessions presented by local speakers. For more info and registration [www.archmensconference.org](http://www.archmensconference.org)

## St. Joseph School News

Enrollment for Preschool-8th grade for the 2024-2025 school year starts on Friday, February 2nd. \*All new students in grades 1-8, Kindergarten students, and current students within 400% of the poverty level will qualify for an ESA to cover the cost of tuition.

Schedule your tour today by calling the school at 319-377-6348.

## Early Submission Deadlines for Bulletin

### Bulletin Date

December 17  
December 24  
December 31

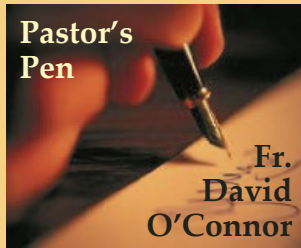
### Early Deadline

Wed. Dec. 6th at Noon  
Tues. Dec. 12th at Noon  
Wed. Dec. 20th at Noon

Please send submissions to: [dbq126sec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq126sec@dbqarch.org)



## Pastor's Pen



**Important Information**—Thanks for your prayers and support as I will be away for about a month or so. Here's some information about the staff and parish I'd like you to know.

### I. Parish Administration

Doug Brock, Business Manager, and Deacon Jeff, Pastoral Associate, will be caring for the general administration of the parish. Doug will care for the aspects of parish business and staff, while Deacon Jeff will care for liturgies and sacraments.

### II. Weekend, Christmas, Holy Day Weekday Masses

As of this writing, all the weekend and Christmas Masses are covered. The weekday Masses are also covered. God is good!

### III. Confessions

Currently, the confession schedule will be 3:00-3:30 PM on Saturdays. At this point, there are no extra confessions scheduled during Advent. Please note the opportunities for confession in the metro area in another part of the bulletin.

### IV. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Emergency Calls

Requests for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, emergency or hospice calls will be addressed by Deacon Jeff. Every effort will be made to locate a priest and to honor the requests.

### V. Funerals

The same protocol we already have will be followed, meaning that Deacon Jeff will make the funeral arrangements. If no priest is available for a Funeral Mass, then a deacon can celebrate a Funeral Outside of a Mass.

**Advent Daily Reflections**—To support your participation in Advent, a St. Joseph staff member will be offering short, daily reflections for each day of the season. Designed to be a couple of minutes long, they can assist you in focusing each day on a thought that will guide you during your pilgrimage through Advent.

You can access the reflections on:

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/StJosephCatholicChurchMarion>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjoesmarion>
- St. Joseph Parish website: <https://stjoesmarion.org/videos>

**Advent**—begins this weekend. It will be very short, only three weeks long as Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. There will be special opportunities to go to confession in the metro area. Here's the schedule:

- ◆ December 9, 2023—All Saints, Cedar Rapids, 10:30 AM (Communal penance with individual confessions)
- ◆ December 10, 2023—St. Mary, Urbana, 3:00 PM (Communal penance with individual confessions)
- ◆ December 12, 2023—St. Matthew, Cedar Rapids, 6:00 PM (Individual confessions)
- ◆ December 16, 2023--St. Pius, Cedar Rapids, 10:30 AM (Communal Penance with individual confessions)

## 2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference *Beauty in Christ: Reviving Our Hearts*

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**  
Time: 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM  
(time is tentative)



Contact Bridget Becker ([b.becker@dbqarch.org](mailto:b.becker@dbqarch.org)) for group registration. Contact Joanne Pohland at [j.pohland@dbqarch.org](mailto:j.pohland@dbqarch.org) with questions. More info at <https://www.archwomensconference.org/>

## SAVE THE DATE for the 2024 CEW

The Christian Experience Weekend, or CEW, is a renewal weekend for adults, designed to enable them to more deeply "experience" themselves and their relationship to God and the Christian community. This year the women's weekend will be **February 9-11**. The men's weekend will be **February 23-25**. Both take place at La Salle Middle School in Cedar Rapids, Friday evening through 4PM on Sunday. The weekend is specifically designed to focus on our self-worth and relationship with Christ but also how to carry that into our Christian mission. Save your spot soon for this retreat! Register at <https://crcew.org/> or contact the parish office for more info.



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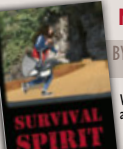
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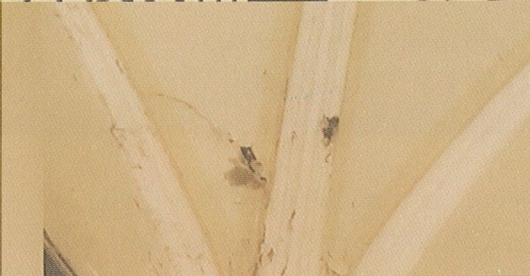
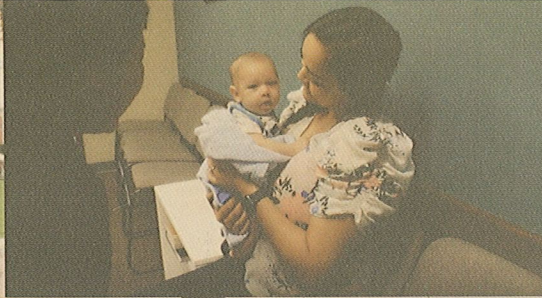
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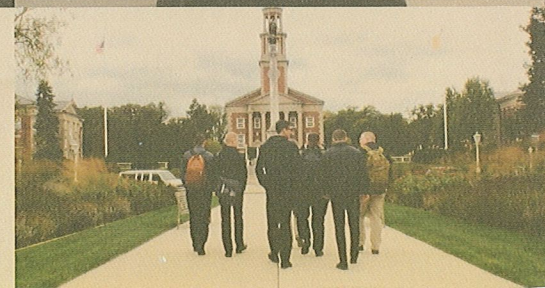
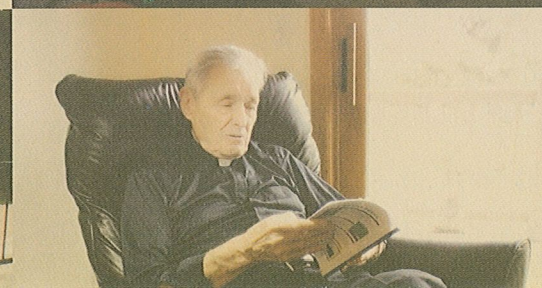
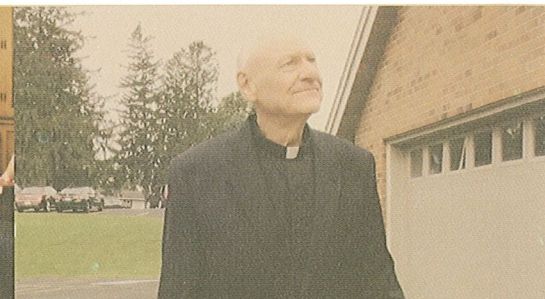
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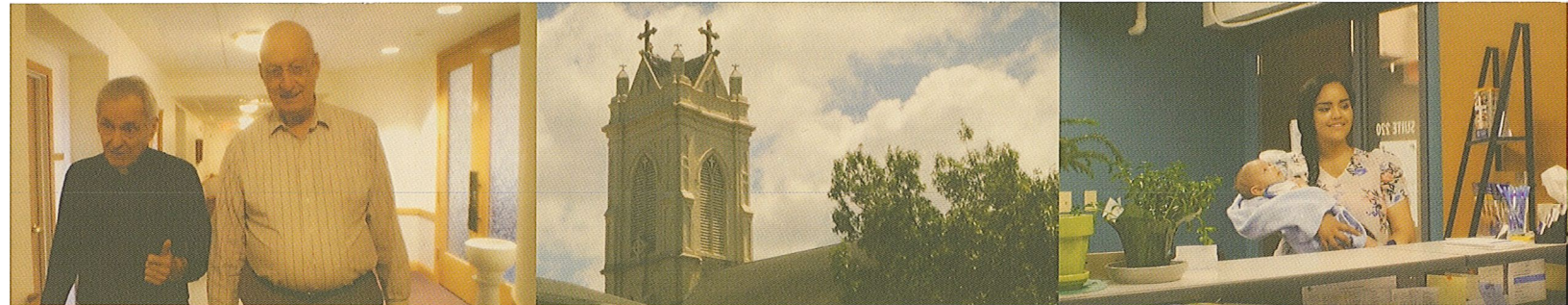
## THERE'S STILL TIME TO GIVE

The conclusion of the special appeal on **December 31, 2023** will be the last date to contribute any new gifts or pledges that will count toward the totals of the ArchdioceseOne special appeal. Pledge payments and recurring gifts will continue to be collected for the appeal beyond this date, according to the donor's payment schedule. Beyond the end of this year, the needs of the four financial beneficiaries will remain. Information on how to support these ministries after December 31 is on the back of this page, and we'll continue to invite Catholics to do so as well.

ArchdioceseOne gifts and pledges can be made online at [www.archdioceseone.org/support](https://www.archdioceseone.org/support), or by mail to **ArchdioceseOne, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque, IA 52003.**







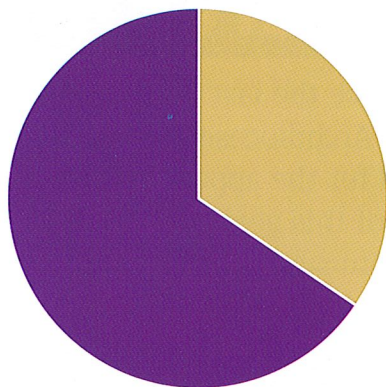
# HOW TO MAKE A GIFT

If you are still considering a gift or pledge to ArchdioceseOne, there are a variety of ways in which you can make your commitment, recurring or one-time gift. (Scan the QR codes on the other side of this insert with your smartphone to make a donation.)

In addition to the traditional methods of giving, we are able to accept gifts of appreciated stock, grain, and from IRAs, as well as donor-advised fund charitable contributions. Recurring gifts can also be set up on the ArchdioceseOne website, with automated withdrawals from checking, savings, or debit/credit cards.

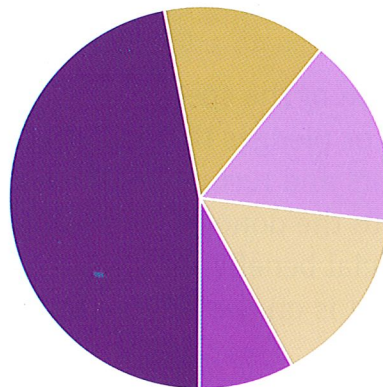
After the conclusion of ArchdioceseOne at the end of this year, there will still be needs to be met for these four ministries. If you are not able to support the appeal prior to the deadline but are interested in supporting any of the four beneficiaries beyond December 31, please contact the Stewardship Development office using the contact information down below.

**TOTAL RAISED**



● **Total Raised:** \$16,902,730  
● **Remaining Need:** \$31,097,270  
**TOTAL GOAL:** \$48,000,000

**BENEFICIARY TOTAL**



● **Unrestricted:** \$7,998,849  
● **Priest Retirement:** \$2,370,524  
● **Seminary Education:** \$2,886,825  
● **Cathedral Repairs:** \$2,403,321  
● **Immigration Legal Services:** \$1,243,211  
**TOTAL RAISED:** \$16,902,730

**You can still make a pledge or gift before DECEMBER 31 by:**

- Visiting [www.ArchdioceseOne.org/Support](http://www.ArchdioceseOne.org/Support)
- Contacting the Archdiocesan Office of Stewardship Development at 563.556.2580
- Emailing Director of Stewardship Development, Jeff Schneider, at [jeff.schneider@dbqarch.org](mailto:jeff.schneider@dbqarch.org), or Associate Director of Stewardship Development, Cassie Bird, at [c.bird@dbqarch.org](mailto:c.bird@dbqarch.org)