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THE HOLY FAMILY

"For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples."

- Lk 2:30-31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

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

Adoration: No Adoration on January 1st

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

December 31, 2023

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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

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 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

Follow us:



Sunday Envelope Giving Week of December 17, 2023 - Week 25

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$20,192
Year-to-date budget	\$504,808
Collected last weekend	\$28,976
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	\$491,824
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$12,984)
Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory	\$134,711
Budgeted Gifts and Offertory	\$137,019
Over / (Under) budget	(\$2,308)
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$19,922
Bricks and Mortar budget	\$24,038
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$4,117)
Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes	\$1,449
Christmas Collection (partial)	\$15,622

January 1 - January 7, 2023 Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

Monday, January 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Parish Office Closed

Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2024

No Adoration

No Scripture Study

Tuesday, January 2

7:30 AM Mass † **Raymond Gent**

(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

7:00 PM Rosary with Knights of Columbus - Church

Wednesday, January 3

8:15 AM Mass † **Joseph C. Sindelar**

(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

10:00 AM Scripture Study - Church Hall

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

Thursday, January 4

6:00 AM Men of Action - Church Hall

7:30 AM Mass † **Emily Wiley**

(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

Friday, January 5

7:30 AM Mass † **Deceased Members of the Hayes and Ickes Families**

(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

Saturday, January 6

3:00 PM Reconciliation

4:00 PM Mass † **Bob Berry**

(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM Mass † **Mark & Brian Ackerman**

10:30 AM Mass † **For The People**

We regret that an error was made in a previous bulletin, that said Mike Nolan had passed away. The family member who passed away was Tom Nolan.

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, January 6, 4:00 PM	Sunday, January 7, 8:00 AM	Sunday, January 7, 10:30 AM
Sacristan	Robyn Ginther	Julie Schmitt	Phyllis Koschmeder
Lector	Lisa Volker	Mark Oehler	David Adams
Altar Servers	Jett Bueckers Caiden Bueckers Annika Bueckers	Ian Perreault Nathaniel Perreault Ela Houlsworth	Saylor Wright Kenzie Person Harper Rhinehart
Video Ministry	Peyton Stoller	n/a	n/a
Ambassadors	James Ickes Douglas Brock Jamie McAllister Scot Brown	Michael Alt David Sullivan Emily Logan Mary M. Johnson	Brad Duggan Julie Raymond Jerry Dilger Dolores Dilger
Eucharistic Ministers	Terry Kelly Michele Brock Erin Seymour Angela Sawyers Kaeden Ginther Michael Cira Lola McAreavy	Bob Schmitt Sandra Alt Kimberly Menke Marcia Black Gunnar Black Darwin Schuttlöffel Kent Sodawasser	Becky Bostwick John Bostwick Michael Wobbe Mary Breen Kloey McCurren Stephen Wright Barbara Wright
C.L.O.W.	n/a	n/a	Philly Wall Madison Shaffer
Fun & Faith Fcltr.	n/a	n/a	Lydia Wall
Door Greeters	Brian Reynolds Linda Charlton Marjorie Jensen 1 Open	Jim McPartland Kathy McPartland Dorie Kelchen 1 Open	Lisa DeWees Timothy DeWees Barbara Gasaway 1 Open
Music Ministry	Patty Kelly Jeff Volker	Patty Kelly Kristen Perreault	Patty Kelly Shanna Duggan

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



Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially **Elmer Thomas Delaney Jr.**, brother of Ronald (Jan) Delaney; **Lavon Hyberger**, mother of Jeff (Pam) Hyberger; and **Tom Nolan**, son of Carole Nolan



Young Adults Gathering Sunday, January 14th

Join us on **Sunday, January 14** at the home of Deacon Tim and Lisa Dewees, 1850 39th 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.

Volunteers are needed to help care for the Altar Linens used in the Church

This would involve picking up the soiled linens from the Working Sacristy after the weekend Masses, washing and ironing them and then returning them. Each volunteer would cover 1 month of every 4th month. If you are interested in helping out, or have questions, please contact Sandy Alt (319-377-0414) or salt3502@gmail.com. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Catholic Worker House Meals

Help feed the hungry! Every 2nd Monday of the month, the St. Joseph Social Justice Committee & friends collaborate to provide a meal for 25 children and adults staying at the St. John of the Cross Catholic Worker House in Cedar Rapids. Sign up to provide part of a meal, then drop off your ready-to-eat contribution at St. Joseph Catholic Church (main front doors) between 4:00-4:30 PM on that second Monday. Our volunteer transporter will leave St. Joe's at 4:30 PM to ensure that all the dinner components will arrive by 5pm.

Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/PYkXJGy>



Campaign Corner

Faith in Our Future Campaign Progress

Total Pledges:	436 families
Amount Pledged:	\$6.9 million
Amount Received:	\$1.6 million
Pledges Redeemed:	23%

Adult Faith Formation

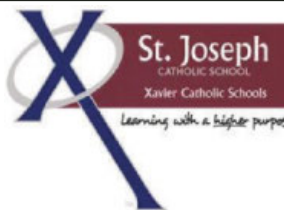


Did you pick up your Christmas present? This year's book is ***Beautiful Eucharist*** by Dynamic Catholic. ***Beautiful Eucharist*** is an invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so you can be a life-giving presence in the world. Pick up a copy this weekend before they are all gone!

We will begin a Book Study the week of January 8 on **Mondays at 7 PM and Wednesdays at 10 AM.**

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://crcw.org/> or contact the parish office for more info.



HELP WANTED

St. Joseph is looking for additional childcare workers starting immediately, specifically for the 12-5 daily shift. This is a great place to work with wonderful families. Apply today. Contact the childcare directors at childcaredirector@sjcsmarion.org to apply.



Celebration of the Sacraments

Please remember in your prayers **Robert & Kelly Mullin**,
who brought their daughter **Monroe Donna** to the
waters of Baptism on December 17th



Married Couples Just as we celebrate Christmas by gathering with family, why not celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. Questions can be directed to 563-920-9419. 2024 weekends are being held February 16-18 in Marshalltown, April 12-14 in Epworth; September 27-29 in Dubuque; and November 8-10 in Holstein.



Pancakes next Sunday!

Knights of Columbus will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, and beverages in St. Pius Church Hall on **Sunday, January 7th, 8:30-10:30 AM**

Adults \$7.00 Seniors 65+ \$6.00
Children 5-12 years - \$3.00 Children under 5 - Free
Family price - \$20.00

Covenant of Love Marriage Mentors

Do you desire a deeper understanding of God's plan for your marriage? Are you experiencing a time of difficulty in your relationship? Are you seeking a more intimate relationship with God and each other?

Trained *Covenant of Love* marriage mentor couples are available throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque to help equip married couples with practical tools for everyday life. If you are looking for help to strengthen your marriage, you can sign up to meet with a marriage mentor couple to receive support and guidance for you as a couple. To learn more, visit: www.dbqarch.org/marriage-mentors.

SAVE THE DATE

All Liturgical Ministers are invited to an evening of fellowship and ministry sharing on **Tuesday, February 20, 2024** beginning at 6:00 PM. Fr. Joseph Sevcik will be the keynote speaker on the Eucharistic Revival. Each ministry will gather with fellow ministers for a short discussion. Mark your calendar for Feb 20, 2024 and plan to attend!

End of Year Giving Tips

It's that time of year we make lists and check them twice!

- St. Joe's office is open Dec 29th; deliver any contributions by 4:00 PM Dec. 29
- Contributions made by check and mailed must be postmarked by USPS by Dec. 30
- Online contributions can be made by Dec. 31
- Contributions at Masses on Dec. 30 & 31 will count in 2023

Marriage Enrichment



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.

Part of our mission, as parents, grandparents and the first teachers of the faith, we instill the Catholic faith in our families and in our children. Instill the faith in your children by praying the rosary as a family. Attending Mass weekly as a family helps to build and form our faith. The family of faith chooses to live contrary to the secular world which is increasingly hostile to faith and the family. St. Joseph, Mary and Jesus are powerful intercessors for marriages and families! Pray to them today.

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). Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Zinkula and breakout sessions presented by local speakers. Register at: www.archmensconference.org



**Please note the Parish Office
is CLOSED**

Monday, January 1st

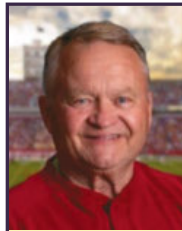
St. Joseph School News

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opens on Friday, February 2. Spots are limited to 20 students per class with students likely having to go on a waiting list. The registration link will be on our school website under the enroll tab.

"We Come Bearing Gifts" Epiphany Concert

Sunday, January 7, at 3:00 PM
St. Pius X Church, 4949 Council St. NE, CR

Celebrate the end of the Christmas season by attending our annual Epiphany Concert featuring choirs, instrumentalists, and soloists from area churches. Everyone is invited to "come bearing gifts" of money or non-perishable food for Metro Catholic Outreach. After the concert, enjoy refreshments in the St. Pius Parish Hall. Free admission.



He Answered Me

On a cold December morning in 1974, Randy Millsap prayed a short simple prayer out of frustration and despair, to Jesus. Astonishingly, the answer came back almost immediately. Some might say it was a miracle. Come and learn how the answer to Randy's prayer continues to be impactful to this day.

Where: St. Jude Church, 50 Edgewood Rd NW, CR

When: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/RxCyYIFN8GU?feature=share> or visit CRCEO.ORG

This event is FREE and ALL are welcome!
A light meal will be served.
Child care is not available.



2024 Women's Conference



Saturday, January 27, 2024, 8:00 AM-1:30 PM

All women are invited to join us! We will gather at St. Joseph to share faith, fellowship and food!

To register contact Bridget at b.becker@dbqarch.org or 319-377-4869. Cost is \$10

CHRIST OUR LIFE

**CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
September 28 & 29, 2024**



Don't miss this every two-years opportunity to hear world class speakers, celebrate Mass with thousands, attend reconciliation, fill your spirit with music and visit Jesus in adoration.

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Go to ChristOurLifelowa.com for information & tickets

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