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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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## February 11, 2024

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Weekend Mass:	Saturday, 4:00 PM Sunday, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Ash Wednesday:	7:00 AM Service, 12:00 PM and 6:30 PM Mass
Weekday Mass:	Thursday, 5:00 PM & Friday, 7:30 AM No Mass on Tuesday
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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**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, March 9, 2024

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

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### Sunday Envelope Giving Week of February 4, 2024 - Week 32

<b>Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs</b>	<b>\$20,192</b>
Year-to-date budget	\$646,154
Collected last weekend	\$15,876
<b>Actual Year-to-date envelope income</b>	<b>\$622,513</b>
<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>	<b>(\$23,641)</b>
<b>Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory</b>	<b>\$169,183</b>
Budgeted Gifts and Offertory	\$175,385
<b>Over / (Under) budget</b>	<b>(\$6,202)</b>
<b>Bricks and Mortar Envelopes</b>	<b>\$24,119</b>
Bricks and Mortar budget	\$30,769
<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>	<b>(\$6,651)</b>
Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes	\$794

## February 12 - February 18, 2024 Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 12

7:00 AM Adoration  
12:00 PM Rosary - Church  
7:00 PM Scripture Study - Church Hall  
9:00 PM Benediction

### Tuesday, February 13

No Mass

### Wednesday, February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Liturgy of the Word and Ash Service  
10:00 AM Scripture Study - Church Hall  
12:00 PM Mass † **Robert & Kathryn Bradley**  
(Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))  
2:00 PM Pietra Class - St. Joseph Room  
6:30 PM Mass † **For The People**

### Thursday, February 15

6:00 AM Men of Action - Church Hall  
5:00 PM Mass † **Gene O'Brien**  
(Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))

### Friday, February 16

7:30 AM Mass † **David Posusta**  
(Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))  
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross - Church  
6:00 PM Soup Supper - Church Hall

### Saturday, February 17

3:00 PM Reconciliation  
4:00 PM Mass † **Jerry & Shirley Ottaway**  
(Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))

### Sunday, February 18

8:00 AM Mass † **Odelia Matt**  
10:30 AM Mass † **For The People**

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, February 17, 4:00 PM	Sunday, February 18, 8:00 AM	Sunday, February 18, 10:30 AM
<b>Sacristan</b>	Robyn Ginther	Julie Schmitt	Phyllis Koschmeder
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Kula	Emily Logan	Steven Freemon
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Marlowe Ginther Mia Noffke <b>1 Open</b>	Colin Kuennen Aiden Kuennen Nick Walter	Natalie Nachazel <b>2 Open</b>
<b>Video Ministry</b>	Peyton Stoller	n/a	n/a
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Gary Schmidt Arlene Wiley Brad Duggan Scot Brown	Gregory Van Gorp Mary M. Johnson Michael Alt David Sullivan	Tim Crumley Douglas Smith James Angerer Gary Kalis
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Kaeden Ginther Jeffrey Schussler Denise Lewis Christine Hoeger Doug Hoeger Rachel Dunnwald Daniel Montague	Bob Schmitt Jim Holt Marilyn Platner Emily Geiser Jeffrey Alt Janice McCusker <b>1 Open</b>	Michele Brock Michael Cira Liberty Gilbert Bob Blocklinger Nathan Brownsberger Peter Ries <b>1 Open</b>
<b>C.L.O.W.</b>	n/a	n/a	Jerome Nachazel Molly Burgeson
<b>Fun &amp; Faith Fcltr.</b>	n/a	n/a	Lydia Eley
<b>Door Greeters</b>	Marjorie Jensen Barbara Gasaway Brian Reynolds <b>1 Open</b>	Linda Charlton Dorie Kelchen Marcia Black Gunnar Black	Mary Breen Sandra Osbon Lisa DeWees Timothy DeWees
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Harmony Choir	Jacob Weaver Emily Corder	Theresa Alt Douglas Brock Jillian Brock

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.

## Join us for **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday at  
5:30 PM during Lent

Soup Supper to  
follow in Church Hall



Begins February 16th

## Lenten Soup Suppers begin Friday, February 16th

Knights of Columbus will be hosting the soup supper on **Friday, February 16th**. Bob Hebl, executive director for Discovery Living, Inc., will give a presentation on residential and vocational support services that Discovery Living, Inc., a non-profit provider founded by four local Knights of Columbus Councils in 1977, provides to over 160 people with intellectual and physical disabilities in 35 Linn County locations. Discovery Living is this year's St. Joseph Lenten almsgiving project. We will take up a free will collection at the soup supper.



## Beauty in Christ Archdiocesan Women's Conference: "Reviving Our Hearts!"

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2024 Beauty in Christ Archdiocesan Women's Conference, Reviving Our Hearts! on Saturday, January 27, 2024! We had over 35 groups and more than 750 women who have access to the conference.

Thank you to the group leaders for all your work in hosting in-person events! Our two speakers Mari Pablo and Mary Pedersen offered inspirational talks that can still be accessed by those who registered. For more information, please contact Joanne Pohland at [j.pohland@dbqarch.org](mailto:j.pohland@dbqarch.org).

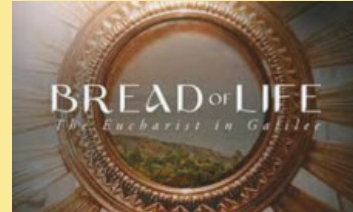
## Catholic Charities: A Beacon of Hope for Families

Catholic Charities offers life-changing ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque, including Mental Health Counseling, Affordable Housing, Immigration Legal Services, Jail & Prison Reentry Services, Case Management, Post-Adoption Search, and Crisis Pregnancy Counseling. Your support and prayers for these ministries are a testament to the boundless grace of God. Please consider partnering with Catholic Charities and contribute to the Annual Appeal today at <https://www.catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/annualappeal>

## Adult Faith Formation

### Bread of Life

Join us for this Lenten Study and discover Christ's teaching on the source and summit of our faith.



**Beginning February 19 (Mondays at 7:00 PM)  
and February 21 (Wednesdays at 10:00 AM)**

Christ's teaching about his Body and Blood was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. This profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Holy Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray in *Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee* for an exciting 5-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Blessed Sacrament.

For more info contact Bridget at  
[b.becker@dbqarch.org](mailto:b.becker@dbqarch.org) or 319-377-4869

### Rite of Christian Initiation

On Sunday, February 18, we will celebrate the "Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop." This rite offers the local community the opportunity to express its joy in the catechumens' and candidates' decision and to send them forth to the bishop assured of the parish's care and support. This year the diocesan Rite of Election will be held at 2:30 PM in the afternoon on **Sunday, February 18th** at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque, IA. This Rite also marks the beginning of the period of Purification and Enlightenment which ends with the Easter Vigil. This final period is a time of prayer, reflection and examination drawing the catechumens and candidates closer to Christ as they enter into their final period of preparation. The season of Lent is like a spiritual retreat calling all of us to a renewal of heart and recommitment to our baptismal promises. Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they enter this final period of preparation:

**Catechumens:** Alberio Booto, Paris Booto, Noah Booto, Keila Booto, Aaliyah Akogbeto, Lydia Anderson, Ava Anderson.

**Candidates:** Drew Schultz, Josh Pierce, Justin Dozier, Yabo Akogbeto, Hugh Lamont, Shan Kumar, Frederick Tebie.

**Candidates for Confirmation:** Greg Manske



## Campaign Corner

Please take a look at the insert to learn more  
about the beautification symbolism.  
This is Part 4 of a series.



## Celebration of the Sacraments

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

### JOIN US FOR Healing Prayer

The next Healing Prayer gathering will take place with Adoration on **Sunday, February 11th 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*



### Theology on Tap

All 21-39 year olds are invited to join us at Parlor City on **Thursday, February 15th at 6:00 PM** to hear from Fr. Aaron Junge on "More than Pipesmoke and Pints: Living as (or Finding) a Catholic Man in the Modern World." First drink is on us!

Check out [facebook.com/CRTToT](https://www.facebook.com/CRTToT) for more information.



### February 11th - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

**By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping. As you place your gift for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the collection (checks can be made out to St. Vincent de Paul), please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.**

The St. Vincent de Paul thrift store at 928 7th St SE will now be open on Saturdays starting in March from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM! The sales floor will be open along with the intake of donations. If you feel called to volunteer, please call Jacqueline at 319-365-5091. Thank you!

### St. Joseph School News

Congrats to Nick (1st), Jillian (2nd), and Mariah (3rd) for being the school winners of the religion bee. Special thanks to Deacon Dennis for being our moderator.

### Marriage Enrichment

*"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean. Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'" (Mk 1:40-41)*

In this passage from Mark's Gospel, the encounter between Jesus and a man with leprosy reminds us of how the strength of faith and love heals. We may tend to overlook that in Jesus' act of healing, that it is also an aspect of love. Love heals, cures, mends, and restores what has been broken or wounded.

Today is World Marriage Sunday. We recognize and joyfully celebrate a love beyond words shared between a husband and wife in the marital covenant. We pray for all married couples called to be imitators of Christ's sacrificial love in the world. May their marriages be bright beacons of hope to family members and friends, living reminders of Jesus' love as they create nurturing homes, wellsprings of hospitality where the warmth of Jesus' love is shared and felt.

### Panel Discussion on Poverty

The Social Justice Committee of St. Ludmila is sponsoring a panel discussion on poverty: *Overcoming Poverty in Our Community: From Hardship to Hope* on **Thursday, February 15th, 6:30-8:00 PM** at St. Ludmila Church (upper level). The panel will feature representatives from the Cedar Rapids City Council, Matthew 25, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Metro High School, and Willis Dady Homeless Services. There is no advance registration and no cost to attend. All are invited to be a part of this important discussion.

The **Catholic Layman's Club** wants to recruit more Catholic Men to join their regular meetings on Fridays at 12:00 PM at Mercy Hospital. Their main objective is to provide more support for Seminarians, both financially and with prayers. You can find a brochure at each entrance to the church.

### Catholic Worker House Meals

**Help is still needed for the meal on Monday, February 12th** at the Catholic Worker House in Cedar Rapids. If you'd like to help, drop off your ready-to-eat contribution at St. Joseph (main front doors) between 4:00-4:30pm on Monday. Our volunteer transporter will leave St. Joe's at 4:30pm to ensure that all the dinner components will arrive by 5pm.

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

Thank you for your generosity!



**Marriage is a journey!!** A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. For more information call Denise and Greg – 563-920-9419 or to register go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). It's not too late to sign up for the next event on **February 16-18** in Marshalltown, IA

## REFLECTION for a EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

O Precious and Wonderful Banquet - Thomas Aquinas

Since it was the will of God's only-begotten Son that men should share in his divinity, he assumed our nature. Moreover, when he took our flesh he dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation. He offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed his blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be... cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us forever, he left his body as food and his blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine.

O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament...in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It was...the greatest of all his miracles...destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.



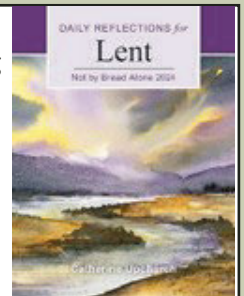
**During these forty days let us pray for all who have participated in abortion and with love call them to healing and reconciliation.**

The overturning of Roe v Wade reminds us that **we are all** called to do what is necessary to end the injustice of abortion through prayer and fasting at peaceful vigils. Can you commit to come at least one hour? Sign up on the website below and be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card.

Web: <https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids>  
Questions, call Pat 319-721-9730



**Lent is almost here** – Prayerfully journey through Lent with inspiring and meaningful reflections on the daily Mass readings. In just a few minutes each day, the insightful meditations of *Not by Bread Alone* can deepen your experience of this solemn season of prayer and penance. To help defray the cost there is a suggested donation of \$1. Look for the table in the church entry space and pick one up this weekend.



## ST. JOSEPH FOOD DRIVE

We will be hosting a food drive during the month of February.  
All proceeds will go to Metro Catholic Outreach.

### WEEK ONE (FEB 4-10) - "HOW SWEET IT IS"!

Remember to "sweeten" your donations: peanut butter *AND* jelly, pancake mix *AND* syrup etc.

### WEEK TWO (FEB 11-17) - "SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY"!

All things soup! Canned soups, broths, canned stews etc., even dry pastas and macaroni.

### WEEK THREE (FEB 18-24) - "PACKING ON THE PROTEIN"

The focus is on proteins: tuna fish, canned chicken, canned beef, SPAM, stews and even dried beans.

### WEEK FOUR (FEB 25-MAR 2) - "EXTRA STARCH PLEASE"

Think "starches": rice, potato flakes, boxed potato meals, pastas, hamburger helper meals etc.





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## Beautification Symbolism Part 4



In this week's installment on the artistry and symbolism of our Church Beautification effort, we'll continue to look at the wall of the Sanctuary. For this week, we'll look at the center mural of Christ in Majesty and the four creatures that surround.



The center of the mural is **Christ in Majesty**. Christ in Majesty is an image of Christ seated on a throne as ruler of the world, always seen frontally and in the center flanked by other sacred figures. His right hand is raised in blessing and in His left hand He holds a book representing the Gospels. The four sacred figures represent the Four Evangelist writers of Gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We'll look to two different readings for the inspiration of these symbols.

### Ezekiel 1:4-10

As I watched, a great storm wind came from the North, a large cloud with flashing fire, a bright glow all around it, and something like polished metal gleamed at the center of the fire. From within it figures in the **likeness of four living creatures appeared**. This is what they looked like: They were in human form, but each had four faces and four wings, and their legs were straight, the soles of their feet like the hooves of a bull, gleaming like polished brass. Human hands were under their wings, and the wings of one touched those of another. Their faces and their wings looked out on all their four sides; they did not turn when they moved, but each went straight ahead. Their faces were like this: each of the four had **a human face**, and on the right the **face of a lion**, and on the left, the **face of an ox**, and each had the **face of an eagle**.

### Revelation 4:6-8

In the center and around the throne, there **were four living creatures** covered with eyes in front and in back. The first creature resembled **a lion**, the second was like **a calf**, the third had a face like that of **a human being**, and the fourth looked like **an eagle** in flight. The four living creatures, each of them with six wings, were covered with eyes inside and out. Day and night they do not stop exclaiming: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come."

An **angel came to represent St. Matthew**, as his book opens with the human descendants of Jesus. A **winged lion stands for St. Mark** because he emphasizes the royal dignity of Christ, and opens his book with John the Baptist roaring like a lion in the wilderness. **The ox, a sacrificial animal, stands for St. Mark** because his Gospel stresses the sacrificial nature of Christ's ministry and opens with Zechariah performing his priestly duties. **The winged eagle**, the creature that dwells closest to heaven, **symbolizes St. John**, because of his visions and the heavenly opening of his Gospel.

As we reflect on the Majesty of Christ and the Symbolic Images of our four Evangelist Gospel writers, we are reminded of our call to be evangelists of our faith.



## Prayer for Evangelization

Heavenly Father,  
pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words from Holy Scripture.  
Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith  
and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ  
so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News.  
Open my heart to hear the Gospel  
and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others.  
Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth  
and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions.  
In moments of hesitation, remind me:  
    If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel?  
    If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?  
    If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim?  
God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit  
I might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen my faith,  
grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel  
and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

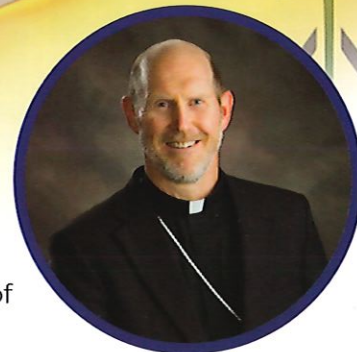
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# BE THE LIGHT

MATTHEW 5:16



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As faithful communities of salt and light, we are called to stand as beacons of hope to those facing adversity, serving as a testament to the boundless grace of God working through us as a gift to one another and the world.

This year, our annual fundraising appeal at Catholic Charities bears a special theme - "Be the Light." Drawing inspiration from the enduring message of faith and compassion found in the Gospel of Matthew, we invite you to join us in illuminating the lives of those most vulnerable in our community.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Thomas R. Zinkula*

Most Rev. Thomas R. Zinkula  
Archbishop of Dubuque

*"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." (Matthew 5: 13-16)*

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