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1st SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

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February 18, 2024

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

Weekday Mass: Wednesday, 8:15 AM
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
Youth Faith Formation 319-377-8402
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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 Class will be Saturday, March 9, 2024

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

Parish Cemetery

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**Sunday Envelope Giving
Week of February 11, 2024 - Week 33**

Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs	\$20,192
Year-to-date budget	\$666,346
Collected last weekend	\$17,910
Actual Year-to-date envelope income	\$640,423
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$25,923)
Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory	\$173,318
Budgeted Gifts and Offertory	\$180,865
Over / (Under) budget	(\$7,547)
Bricks and Mortar Envelopes	\$24,906
Bricks and Mortar budget	\$31,731
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$6,825)
Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes	\$896

**February 19 - February 25, 2024
Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions**

Monday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

No Mass

Wednesday, February 21

8:15 AM Mass † **Ruth Trausch**
(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)
10:00 AM Scripture Study - Church Hall
2:00 PM Pietra Class - St. Joseph Room
7:00 PM Men of Action - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, February 22

6:00 AM Men of Action - Church Hall
5:00 PM Mass † **Bill Altenhofen**
(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

Friday, February 23

7:30 AM Mass † **Karen Doyle**
(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross - Church
6:00 PM Soup Supper - Church Hall

Saturday, February 24

3:00 PM Reconciliation
4:00 PM Mass † **Catherine Ryan**
(Also broadcasted live at: stjoesmarion.org)

Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM Mass † **Deana Snyders**
10:30 AM Mass † **For The People**

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, February 24, 4:00 PM	Sunday, February 25, 8:00 AM	Sunday, February 25, 10:30 AM
Sacristan	Angela Sawyers	Rhonda Sourwine	Kathryn Geers
Lector	Sonya Heilmann	Cody Albright	Moe Ryan
Altar Servers	Blaise Pacha Cooper Pacha Eli Mroch	Phoenix Albright Maddox Albright Peter Gaffney	Aidric Lobo Nathaniel Perreault Ian Perreault
Video Ministry	Peyton Stoller	n/a	n/a
Ambassadors	David Bengford James Ickes Timothy O'Brien Tina Neyens	Michael Alt Mark Barnd Mary M. Johnson 1 Open	Darrell Holub Gary Kalis Stephen Wright Barbara Wright
Eucharistic Ministers	Terry Kelly Jamie McAllister Audra McEnany Lola McAreavy Patricia Halstead Ann Brown Steven Brown	Theresa DeVries Sharon Sowadski Jeffrey Alt Mary Mikkola Judy Scott Matthew Ramsey Sandy Hendricks	David Adams Clark White Teresa Whie Aaron Randolph Linda Randklev Patti Zessin Matt Thompson
C.L.O.W.	n/a	n/a	Jerome Nachazel 1 Open
Fun & Faith Fcltr.	n/a	n/a	Reese Ochall
Door Greeters	Gary Raymond Julie Raymond Barbara Gasaway Brian Reynolds	Dorie Kelchen Kelly Zimmerman 2 Open	Dolores Dilger Jerry Dilger Lisa DeWees Timothy DeWees
Music Ministry	Patty Kelly Jeff Volker	Patty Kelly Theresa Crumley	Patty Kelly Grace Richards Kylie Wassmer

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 **Ken Keenan**, husband of Karen Keenan; and **Sheila King**, wife of Rich King, mother of Josh & Lexi

Join us for **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday at
5:30 PM during Lent

Soup Supper to
follow in Church Hall



Lenten Soup Supper for Friday, February 23rd

Please join us
for supper in the
Church Hall
immediately following
Stations of the Cross.

This week's Stations of
the Cross will be led by
Deacon Ken Bauer and
the Soup Supper will be
hosted by the American
Heritage Girls and
the Scouts.

Support the Local Ministry of Catholic Charities:

Did you know that your donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque stays in the 30 counties of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and serves the most poor and vulnerable in our local communities? Since its founding in 1931, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque has continuously evolved to respond to the ever-changing needs of people in our communities. Through these changes, Catholic Charities remains a leader in providing direct social services to families right here in Northeast Iowa. Join our community of salt & light today at <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/donate>

St. Joseph School is hiring kitchen staff to start immediately. Please call the school at 319-377-6348 or email ckettmann@sjcsmarion.org to apply.

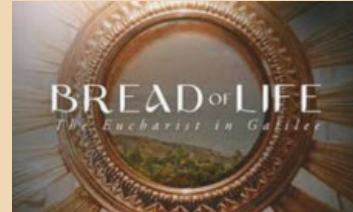
Sister Water Project Seeks Volunteers for Service Trip to Honduras

The Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque need volunteers for service trip on **July 22-August 1, 2024**. The team will help make potable water accessible to people in the rural village of Lavatorio, Yarula, La Paz. Team members must be 21 years old (or 16+ if traveling with a parent/guardian); capable of physical work at high altitudes; and willing to participate fully in daily work, prayer, and team building. Must have a passport that will still be valid at least 6 months after the end of the trip. Travel insurance and appropriate vaccines highly recommended. Cost is expected to be \$1,500—which may vary depending on size of team. Service trip fee includes round trip travel from Dubuque, food, and lodging. For more information about the trip, contact Sister Maureen Leach at (210) 621-5755, or leach@osfbbg.org. To apply, email Stacy Francois at francoiss@osfdbg.org for an application. Applications are due by Friday, March 22, 2024.

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 or 319-377-4869

Rite of Christian Initiation

The third step of the RCIA is a time for spiritual purification and enlightenment. It spans the season of Lent and culminates at the Easter Vigil when those to be initiated are baptized (if not already baptized), confirmed and share in the Eucharist for the first time. Lent is an especially appropriate time for this final step of reflection and examination of one's motivation. The season of Lent is like a spiritual retreat calling all of us to a renewal of heart and recommitment to our baptismal promises. Once again, we pledge ourselves to a gospel way of living, to discipleship of Jesus Christ, and to witnessing his message to all whom we meet.

The period of Purification and Enlightenment starts on the first Sunday of Lent, February 17, and ends with Easter Vigil. This year the archdiocesan Rite of Election, which marks the beginning of this period, will be held at 2:30 PM in the afternoon this Sunday, February 17 at the Cathedral of St. Raphael, Dubuque. Please keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they enter this final period of preparation.



Campaign Corner

Please take a look at the insert to learn more about the beautification symbolism.

This is Part 5 of a series.



Celebration of the Sacraments

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



REMINDER

All current Liturgical ministers and those interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister are invited to an evening of fellowship and ministry sharing on **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

beginning at 6:00 PM in the church hall. Fr. Joseph Sevcik will be the keynote speaker on the Eucharistic Revival. Each specific ministry will then gather for a brief update/discussion for that ministry. Plan to attend and invite a friend interested in becoming more involved in our parish.

Women's Connection Luncheon

Women's Connection, a support group for parish widows, will meet **Thursday, February 22nd, 11:00 AM** at Pizza Ranch. All widows of the parish are invited. Questions call Donna at 319-329-9271.



Marriage Enrichment

"He remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan" (Mk 1:13).

While Mark's gospel does not include the details of how the devil tempted Jesus during these 40 days, we learn more from Matthew. In his depiction, when the devil tempts Jesus for the third time, the devil has realized the divinity of Christ's humanity, how Jesus was more than human. The devil's lame attempt to play into that was to offer Jesus *"all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence"* (MT 4:8) (or glory). Glory is the biblical term for a manifestation of splendor or wealth. In this case, it is the allurements to prefer power and wealth to the fidelity of God's love. This temptation represents a desire for power and rule; an attachment to material possessions and wealth. The building of one's pride and ego. Our response to a temptation for accumulating possessions and wealth, should be as Jesus instructed: *"the Lord thy God shall we worship and Him alone we shall serve"* (MT 4:10). May God's love for us be reflected in your love as a couple.



To all women of St. Joe's:

Please join other St. Joe's women at **Coffee & Conversation**, which is held at Mr. Beans Restaurant on the 4th Friday at 9:30 AM. The date for February is **Friday the 23rd**. This is a good way to meet and make new friends. Please join us.

Guiding Star Cycle Show for Girls 9-12 Years Old

Friday, March 15, 2024 | 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

St. Mary Church, 1749 Racine Ave NE, Solon
(Parent presentation on 3/14 at 7PM)



GUIDING STAR
CYCLE SHOW

The Cycle Show is an educational, interactive, fertility awareness workshop presented by Linda Jacobs which helps girls have a healthy respect for their bodies as they move into their teenage years. The presentation for parents equips them with a thorough understanding of the themes presented to allow the conversation to continue at home with solid education and resources.



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St. Joseph School News

Our middle schoolers heard from Desi Payne last week, who talked to them about resiliency. Special thanks to Community 1st Credit Union for sponsoring her to come speak to us.

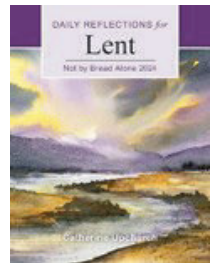
Lenten Encounter Night

Join the **Young Adults** as they host a **Holy Hour on Sunday, March 10 from 5:00-6:00 PM**. There will be Adoration of the 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. Join our Catholic brothers and sisters across the country at the feet of Jesus, humbly praying for a Revival of Eucharistic faith in our Church, our parish communities, and our own hearts. All are invited! A light meal will be served afterwards.

Lent is 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.



Legacy Corner

"Later" can be too late. Don't delay having your will drawn. Make sure your estate plans are in place so that your wishes will be carried out to benefit your family. Gifts you plan for St. Joseph Parish through your will can help your church continue to minister and serve. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to St. Joseph Parish 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.



ST. JOSEPH FOOD DRIVE

We are 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.



Pray that people recognize and affirm the dignity of human life, and that God leads each of us to take steps to defend life.

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 at 319-721-9730



CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

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. The men's weekend will be **February 23-25** 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. Cost is \$35. Register at <https://crcew.org/>.



DENTAL VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED at His Hands Clinic

Our patient waiting list continues to grow. Currently, it takes 3-6 months to be seen depending upon the service. The remedy is as simple as 2-3 hours per month at our clinic or yours. If interested or have questions, please contact Jody, Volunteer Coordinator, at jody@hishandsclinic.org OR go straight to our website: www.hishandsclinic.org to fill out a volunteer application.

Stipend incentive available for DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND ASSISTANTS. Please contact: Alex Trunnell, Executive Director via alex@hishandsclinic.org.

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 Pew Ministries, a Catholic apostolate with 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

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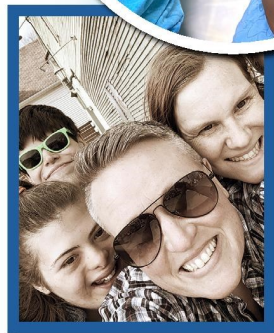
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Who We Support

Discovery Living provides services to adults (age 18 and older) with intellectual disabilities. We strive to be a provider for life, and have served many people for more than 30 years, adapting homes and vehicles as members' needs change over the course of their lives.



Services We Provide

Under the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid Intellectually Disabled (ID) waiver, we provide the following Supported Community Living Services (SCL):

- 24-hour daily supports in residential homes where 3-5 individuals live.
- Social, recreational, and sensory supports are provided at our centers.

**Supports are provided
in Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha and Marion.**

Who We Are

We are a local, private, non-profit 501c3 agency founded in 1977 by the **Knights of Columbus**.

Why Your Support is Needed and How it Will Be Used



Most of our income comes from Iowa Medicaid Enterprise to support the daily care and services we provide to adults in our programs. Iowa Medicaid, however, does not reimburse us for key expenses that are critical to our support services, including:

- Home purchases and modifications - We own over 25 homes, which we modify and adapt with hard surface flooring, ramps, railings, grab bars, lifts, egress windows, and other needed adaptations.
- Vehicle purchases and modifications - We own 50 vehicles that we purchase and modify to ensure that individuals can fully access their community.
- Adaptive equipment - for communication, eating, bathing, and mobility.

St. Joseph Parishioners,

Discovery Living, Inc., a non-profit organization founded by 4 local Knights of Columbus councils, has been supporting adults with intellectual and physical disabilities in Linn County for over 40 years. Thanks for taking time to learn more about our organization and the important work we do. If you want to learn more, please go to www.discoveryliving.org or call our office at (319) 378-7470 and ask for Bob or Monica. We'd love to share more about who we are and what we do.

Yours in Service,
Bob Hebl
Executive Director

This year St. Joseph Church
will be supporting
Discovery Living with
our Lenten Almsgiving.

Thank you for your generosity.

Beautification Symbolism Part 5



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 focus on the lower portion of center mural surrounding the Tabernacle. The top picture allows us to see the detail of the mural. The lower picture provides an overall view of the sanctuary showing the centralized Tabernacle placement.



On either side of the Tabernacle, we see two twisted tree structures. Each has grown upwards and includes a branch that grows toward the Tabernacle. These are grapevines, full of leaves and grapes. The grapes represent the wine that, once consecrated, becomes the Blood of Christ. Towards the center, there are also stalks of wheat. These represent the bread that, once consecrated, becomes the Body of Christ. These both surround the tabernacle in which the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved.

From Holy Scripture we have the following references to wheat and vineyards

John 12:23-26

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.** Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

John 15:1-2,5

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.



Transubstantiation is the terminology used to describe the change of the bread and wine into the Precious Body and Blood of Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

***1376** The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring: "Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called **transubstantiation**."*

***1377** The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. **Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species** and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ.*

Catechism 1379 describes the importance of the Tabernacle and its placement in our church.

***1379** The **tabernacle** was first intended for the **reservation of the Eucharist** in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the **Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration** of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be **located in an especially worthy place in the church** and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and **manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament**.*

As we recognize the true presence of Christ in Precious Body and Blood, let us close with this Prayer from Eucharistic Adoration:

Benediction - Closing Prayer

O God who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves the fruit of your redemption.
Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen.

For more information about St. Joseph Church's Faith in Our Future project, please visit stjoesmarion.org/faith-in-our-future.

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