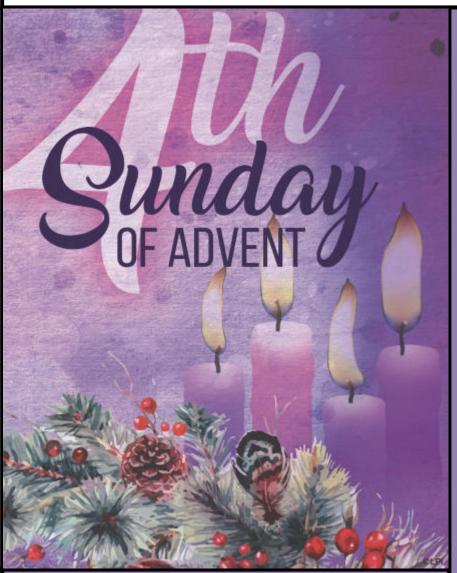


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Liturgies

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Monday, December 24, (No morning Mass) Weekday Mass: 4:00 PM Gym and 4:00 PM Church

6:30 PM Church and 9:00 PM Church

Tuesday, December 25 9:00 AM Church

Wednesday, December 26, 8:15 AM

Thursday and Friday 7:30 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday, December 29, 3:30 - 4:00 PM

Adoration: No Adoration on December 24 or 31

## **December 23, 2018**

Rev. David O'Connor, Pastor d.oconnor@dbgarch.org

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**New to the Parish:** *Welcome!* Please call the office to make an appointment to register at 377-4869.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Call the office and make an appointment with the priest or deacon.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Dawn at 377-4869 or d.feltman@dbgarch.org.

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: Theresa Alt, 319-447-1132 or <a href="mailto:alt.theresa@yahoo.com">alt.theresa@yahoo.com</a>, Jean Randolph, 319-377-0497 or <a href="mailto:mr926722@mchsi.com">mr926722@mchsi.com</a>, Deacon Dennis Ternes, 319-377-4869 or <a href="mailto:d.theres@dbqarch.org">d.ternes@dbqarch.org</a> and Deacon Ken Bauer, 319-377-4869 or <a href="mailto:k.bauer@dbqarch.org">k.bauer@dbqarch.org</a>.

**Feed My Sheep:** The Marion Food Pantry requests cake, bar, and cookie mixes. Please place your offering in the basket on the altar or ask an usher to take it to the front.

**Pilgrim Virgin Statue**: Honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by gathering from **December 23 - 28**, to pray the Rosary at the home of Dan and Diana Richardson, 1200 19th Street NW, at 7:00 PM each evening. All are welcome.

Infant Baptism: The next baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019, in the St. Joseph Room of the parish offices from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Contact Deacon Dennis Ternes at <a href="d.d.ternes@dbqarch.org">d.ternes@dbqarch.org</a> or 377-4869 to register and learn more.

### **Pastoral Associate Position**

St. Joseph Church, Marion, IA, a two thousand family parish, is seeking a full time Pastoral Associate. Responsibilities include ministering to and working with senior citizens, homebound, sick, dying, bereaved, at wakes and funerals and overseeing and providing support for volunteer team ministers. The Pastoral Associate must be a faithful, practicing Catholic. A BA degree in theology, pastoral ministry or a related field and experience in ministry is preferred but not absolutely required. Please go to: <a href="mailto:stjoesmarion.org/employment">stjoesmarion.org/employment</a> to review the job description, retrieve an application, and send the completed application for employment with cover letter and resume to: <a href="mailto:jobs@stjoesmarion.org">jobs@stjoesmarion.org</a> or Search Committee, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1790 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Marion, IA 52302, by January 4, 2019.

## December 24 - December 30 Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

Christmas Eve - Parish Office Closed						
4:00	PM			Vince & Virgene Irlbeck		
4:00 6:30 9:00	PM PM PM	MASS - Church	Ť	Jean Schuttloffel Robert Bradley For the People		
Tuesday, December 25						

Christmas Day - Parish Office Closed
9:00 AM MASS † Bob Browm

Wednesday, December 26

8:15 AM MASS † Jerry & Shirley Ottaway

Thursday, December 27 6:00 AM Men of A

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6:00 AM Men of Action, Church Hall
7:30 AM MASS † Mary Jane Feldman
9:30 AM Crestview † Ann Tack

Friday, December 28

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7:30 AM MASS † Jim & Joyce Recker 9:30 AM Bickford † For the People

6:30 PM Silent Prayer, Church

Saturday, December 29

3:30 PM Reconciliation 4:30 PM MASS † Irene Kula

Sunday, December 30

8:00 AM MASS † For the People 10:30 AM MASS † Wayne & Maxine Stein

### **MASS Intentions**

Please see Dawn Feltman in the Parish Office

St. Joseph Parish Office Hours 8:00 - 12:00 PM and 1:00 - 5:00 PM Monday - Friday

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, December 29, 4:30 PM	Sunday, December 30, 8:00 AM	Sunday, December 30, 10:30 AM
Sacristan	George Cleppe	Darwin Schuttloffel	Moe Ryan
Altar Servers	Olivia Blais Alexander Conrad Cooper Buol	Alex Frericks Addison Bisinger Logan Otting	Kale Leymaster Charles Bostwick Virginia Bostwick
Lectors	Jennifer O'Brien Elinor Remington	Marcia Schmidt Richard Dorff	Steven Freemon Diane Kula
Ministers of Holy Communion	Jim Wilson Karen Wilson Lea Gentzler Pauline Soukup Douglas Hoeger Christine Hoeger Michelle Brock	Terry Wiebel Renee Wiebel Jeffrey Schussler Janice McCusker Linda Randklev Kenneth Bodensteiner Margaret Bodensteiner	Becky Bostwick Jane Schlegel Jerry Dilger Dolores Dilger Joseph Trapani Darlene Schmidt JoAnn Starr
Ministers of Hospitality	Jerry Fetzer Darrell Holub Kenneth Baragary Timothy O'Brien James Ickes	Robert Gruenloh Greg Van Gorp Marjorie Spoden Douglas Smith Roger Bonlander	Barbara Wright Stephen Wright Mark Fejfar Kate Fejfar Norbe Boettcher
Children's Liturgy	n/a	n/a	Rhonda Shaffer Madison Shaffer
Door Greeters	Jeremy Vinluan Dawn Barnes Marjorie Jensen Joyce Wright	Michelle Soyer Kelly Zimmerman Dale Dugenske Cindy Dugenske	Matthew Schlegel Scott Schlegel Meghan Mather 1 Open
Master of Ceremonies	Doug Brock	Patrick Soyer	Aidan Bostwick
Music Ministry	Spirit Choir	Patty Kelly Joseph Ellis	Theresa Alt Barbara Sullivan



Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially **Mary Lowe**, mother of Sheryl Lowe; **Robert Mefferd**, husband of Mary, father of Robin Jurgens, and William (Therese) Mefferd, grandfather of Richard and Laura Jurgens and Brennen and Mallory Mefferd; and **Starr Jean Potter**, sister of David (Cindy) Wroblewski, aunt of Kayla.

### **Women's Connection**

Women's Connection offers widows from the parish the opportunity to share experiences, solve problems, support each other emotionally and spiritually and have fun, all while developing true and lasting friendships. Gatherings are the second Thursday of each month, 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the school. Next meeting: **January 10**. For more information, please contact Sally Wilkinson at 373-5484.

### **Pietra Fitness Classes**

Join for gentle stretching and strengthening of the body combined with prayer and Christian meditation. Wednesdays, in the St. Joseph Room, from 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Suggested offering of \$5 per class. Holiday schedule: **No** class on **December 26** or **January 2**.



St. Joseph Quilting Ministry

The Quilting Ministry meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (next meeting is **January 8**) in the Church Hall from 1:00 - 3:00 PM where they make quilts for various charities throughout the greater Cedar Rapids area. For more information, please contact Lynn Mitchell at 377-6166.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** 

Compassion and knitting/crocheting combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort. Contact Sharon at 373-2810. Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first Wednesday of the month, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM, in the St. Matthew Room. Next meeting, **January 2, 2019.** 

### Women's Book Club

We will be reading "Rooted In Love: Our Calling As Catholic Women" where O'Boyle will show us that being a faith-filled Catholic woman does not mean being perfect. She highlights how the sacraments, the virtues, prayer, Mary and the Saints, the works of mercy and various devotions and practices all offer women grace and guidance for their lives. We will begin Wednesday, **January 16** - **February 13**, (5 weeks), in the St. John Paul Room, cost of the book is \$10. If you would like to join us, please let Dawn know at 377-4869 or d.feltman@dbqarch.org by Friday, **January 4**.

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Registration is now open for the Catholic **Men's Conference** to be held at Xavier High School on March 16, 2019. You can register at: https://www.catholicmenonline.com.

**Evangelization training workshops** – Our current meeting options are on Mondays from 7:45 - 8:45 PM or Wednesdays from 10:35 – 11:30 AM. The last week for the workshops to be offered at these two times will be the week of January 15. Watch the bulletin for what day and time of the week these workshops will be offered next. All are invited to attend, and meetings are held in the St. Joseph Room. For a detailed outline of topics in these Evangelization Workshops, visit our website and click on "Evangelization" under the "Get Involved" or "Grow in Faith" buttons.

**Our YouTube Channel**. Just type "St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion" into YouTube and you should find our channel. Make sure you subscribe and click the BELL icon so that you are notified when we upload a new video. Among other things, we will be producing faith-sharing/testimony videos of parishioners. If you have an experience of something God has done in your life, and would like to share that with others in a short 5 to 10 minute video, contact Sean McVeigh.

**RCIA –** If you have an interest in becoming Catholic, but have not yet signed up, be sure to contact Sean McVeigh. We'd love to have you as part of our program!



The holidays are coming! Give your spouse the perfect gift, the gift of quality time with you for an entire weekend. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends allow couples private time to focus on their relationship and rediscover the one they fell in love with. Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below. Upcoming dates: **March 8-10** in LaCrosse, WI; **April 12-14** in Ankeny, IA; and **May 3-5** In Dubuque, IA. For more information visit our website at: <a href="mailto:jowa-wwme.org">jowa-wwme.org</a> or call 563-608-3305 or email: <a href="mailto:jljwwme08@gmail.com">jljwwme08@gmail.com</a>.

### Advent Reflections

God we call upon your Holy name,
Awaken your mighty power to save us.
Stir the Spirit within us to rise up and meet you,
With open hearts and our faith filled consent.
Amen

### Coffee and Doughnuts

Enjoy coffee and doughnuts, the 4th Thursday of the month, following 7:30 AM Mass in the church hall. Next coffee and doughnut date: **December 27, 2018**. Sponsored by Men of Action



### To the St. Joseph Parish Community

Thank you for your prayers with the passing of my father, James Bauer. Words do not adequately express how much your cards, notes and prayers helped ease the sorrow of our loss. We are comforted through the support and prayers of so

many. Knowing many of you were thinking of our family is a blessing. We are privileged to be part of such a supportive community. May God grant His abundant blessings upon our parish community. St Joseph pray for us.

Deacon Ken and Rosemary Bauer

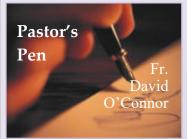
### St Joseph Quilt Ministry Year:

Thank you to the committee and the many parishioners who sewed kits and donated fabric and batting. A record 147 quilts were distributed, 76 tops and backs were donated and many, many items were made for the Country Store for Fun Days.



Ministry Schedule	Mon. December 24, 4:00 PM Gym	Mon. December 24, 4:00 PM Church	Mon. December 24, 6:30 PM Church
Sacristan	n/a	Robyn Ginther	Laurie Schill
Altar Servers	Chase Decker Charles Bostwick Virginia Bostwick	Molly Genskow Ethan Walz Kaeden Ginther Marlowe Ginther	Alexander Stephens Carter Pickar 1 Open
Lectors	Erin Seymour Rory Bostwick	Elinor Remington Diane Kula	Michael Wobbe 1 Open
Ministers of Holy Communion	Joyce Helmick Kimberly McAleer Stephen McAleer Rebecca Miller Marguerite Bowen Abbi Westhoff Michelle Nielson Becky Bostwick Judy Block 2 Open	James McDonald Catherine Walz Douglas Hoeger Christine Hoeger Lea Gentzler Jennifer O'Brien Pauline Soukup	Jean Kacick Cathy Wobbe Daniel Pickar Janice McCusker Phyllis Koschmeder Michael Cira 1 Open
Ministers of Hospitality	David Bowen Howard Schiffer 4 Open	Darwin Schuttloffel Carole Dzingle Dolores Dilger 2 Open	Kossivi Thomedonou 4 Open
Door Greeters	n/a	Gunnar Black Mary Jo Adams 2 Open	Mary Hauschildt Gaylord Hauschildt 2 Open
Master of Ceremonies	n/a	Adrien Perreault	Jerry Cleveland
Music Ministry	Patty Kelly JAM	Carla Lansing Harmony Choir	Patty Kelly Theresa Crumley

Ministry Schedule	Monday, December 24, 9:00 PM Church	Tuesday, December 25, 9:00 AM
Sacristan	1 Open	Moe Ryan
Altar Servers	Wayne Montgomery William Montgomery Wyatt Montgomery	Claire Vasey Aiden Kuennen 1 Open
Lectors	Emily Logan Steven Freemon	Roger Konzen Jeffrey Alt
Ministers of Holy Communion	Peggy Detweiler Michele Brock James Ford Kenneth Bodensteiner Margaret Bodensteiner 2 Open	George Cleppe Sandra Alt Patti Zessin Rosemary Newton Kent Sodawasser Lola McAreavy Joan O'Connor
Ministers of Hospitality	Mary Nurre Richard Nurre David Van Gorp 2 Open	Verna Klostermann Michael Alt Donald Klostermann Marilyn Platner Allen Platner
Door Greeters	Dawn Barnes 3 Open	Sandra Osbon Jim McPartland Kathy McPartland 1 Open
Master of Ceremonies	Brian Logan	1 Open
Music Ministry	Handbells	Patty Kelly Jubilation



<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>—This weekend, the emphasis of Advent shifts as the Mass helps us to make immediate preparations for Christmas. Throughout the week since December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Church has chosen scriptures for Mass that speak of the events immediately preceding and preparing for the birth of Jesus.

Today's gospel recounts the beautiful meeting between cousins: The elderly Elizabeth pregnant with John the Baptist—for nothing shall be impossible for God—and Mary, the young teen who is carrying Jesus, her son. These pregnant women, Elizabeth

perhaps representing the Old Covenant made by God with his people, and the Blessed Mother, the New Covenant made through the gift of Jesus, joyfully meet as both have been graced by God. The old and the new come together in God's perfect plan for our salvation. I wish I could have been there to witness the event!

The words spoken by Elizabeth to Mary echo through the ages, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." How trusting of God the Blessed Mother was to consent to be the Mother of Jesus. She would be vulnerable to the backlash of society, her religious Tradition and Joseph for having done so. She saw beyond all of that, not as a naive teenager, but one who had a solid trust in God. The word of God is good, true and eternal. What God says shall be and Mary was confident in the surety of eternal word of God.

I don't think I'll ever stop marveling at Mary's trust in God or reflecting upon what it means. I hope to realize the same thing in my life, that I believe what God has spoken to me will be fulfilled. It is hard to embrace when so much is happening in the world and in my life. Throw in the negative and sinful, and that becomes a formidable obstacle. Satan, the deceiver, sprinkles doubt that God tells the truth, or if he does, that there would be some loophole to compromise his trustworthiness. But, God is God and I/we are not. It takes a while to accept and believe that it is so and his word is ever true and will never fail. It does boil down to trusting in him.

<u>Christmas Greetings</u>—on behalf of the priests, deacons, parish and school staff, I'd like to extend to you all greetings for a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

The angels told the shepherds at Bethlehem about Christ's birth and invited them to go and see him. The Magi (the three pagan kings) journeyed from far off lands to see Jesus and returned home by another route. They, like the shepherds, were moved and affected by what and who they saw. Now, as you commemorate and celebrate the birth of Jesus this week, go out and tell people about Jesus whom you met at Christmas. The world is starving for the good news Jesus bears and the freedom he brings through the forgiveness of sins. Tell others about him. Be the bearers of the good news as were the shepherds and the Magi.

<u>Christmas Mass Schedule</u>—to assist your planning about which Mass you will attend, here's the complete Mass schedule with comments about historical data regarding attendance:

Christmas Eve, December 24

- 4:00 PM in the church—usually very full
- 4:00 PM in the school gym—some room to full
- 6:30 PM in the church—half to three-quarters full
- 9:00 PM in the church—half full

Christmas Day, December 25

• 9:00 AM in the church—usually three-quarters full

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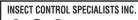
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