Parish Mission Statement

Following the example of our patron, a righteous and just man, we, the members of St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Marion Illinois, a Eucharistic community formed by the Word, embrace as our mission the following goals:

- to promote evangelization, stewardship and community building.

Thomas D. Flach, V.F., Pastor
Alex Hendrickson, Music Director  ∙  Patty Lynn, Choir Director  ∙  LaVerne Williams, Secretary  ∙  Randy Barton, Maintenance

Sacraments

Celebration of Eucharist
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 am

Weekday Schedule
Monday through Thursday........ 7:45 Morning Prayer
                                        8:00 Mass
Friday .................................. 11:45 Midday Prayer
                                        12:10 Mass

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 pm, or as requested.

Baptism: Both parents must attend a preparation session.

Marriage: Make an appointment with the pastor as soon as possible. A year ahead of time is preferred. A minimum preparation period of four months is required.

Hospitalized and Homebound
Please notify the office at 993-3194, opt. 1.

Spiritual Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)
A preparation process for individuals interested in the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office.

Religious Education for Youth
Preschool-Grade 6 Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 pm
Sunday Night Youth Ministry-Grades 7-12 6:00-8:30 pm

Adult Programs and Bible Study
Announcements of programs as they are planned.

New Parishioners: Register in person or call the parish office.

General Information

Pastoral Council
Jenny Martin, President  ∙  Sue Humphrey
Joann Banwarth Vice-President  ∙  Matt Lees
Elizabeth Huhman Secretary  ∙  Sam Hood
Sarah Gordon  ∙  Cindy Yong

OLMC School Representative: Mary Belanger 997-9040

Women’s Guild: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm - September through May

Knights of Columbus Ladies’ Auxiliary: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 pm. Contact Joyce Steber at 889-6464.

Knights of Columbus
1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 pm KC Hall
Fourth Degree, 4th Wednesday, 7:30 pm KC Hall
Bingo Monday & Thursday 7 pm. Phone: (618) 997-6210

Parish Office
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Fri 8:30 am-12:00 pm

FAX  (618) 997-9391
CRE  (618) 993-3194 Opt. 4
E-mail:  pastorsjm@frontier.com  cressjm@frontier.com  secjsjm@frontier.com  maintsjm@frontier.com

Web Sites:
Parish  www.stjosephmarionil.com
Youth Ministry  www.stjosephmarionil.com
OLMC School  www.olmschool.net

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

Sat  July 25 Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -5:00 pm Parish Family
Sun  July 26 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -8:00 † Elmer McCabe -11:00 † Sheila Antonacci
Mon  July 27 Weekday -7:45 Morning Prayer (wk. 1, p. 718) -8:00 † Raymond Matesevac
Tues  July 28 Weekday -7:45 Morning Prayer (wk. 1, p. 728) -8:00 † Deceased Members of Bleyer Fam.
Wed  July 29 St. Martha -7:45 Morning Prayer (wk. 1, p. 738) -8:00 † Wilma Hopkins
Thurs  July 30 Weekday -7:45 Morning Prayer (wk. 1, p. 748) -8:00 † Faithful Departed
Fri  July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola -11:45 Morning Prayer (wk. 1, p. 759) -12:10 pm † Joseph & Florence Hefti
Sat  Aug. 1 Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -5:00 pm † Tiault, Finn & Wehrman Fam.
Sun  Aug. 2 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -8:00 † Helen Hoban -11:00 Parish Family

Pray for the Sick and Homebound

Remember all the sick and homebound of our parish especially: Debe Amaro, Maria Brooks, Dennis & Kay Darter, Evan Dubicki, Chuck Grant, Delores Henson, Debbie Hopkins, Randal Houston, Euline Kimmel, Alex Kloepfer, Pat Lucier, Laura Macier Marra, John Macier, Paul Mohr, Richard Mohr, Rev. James Neuman, Sharon Oliver, Ron Schuizer, Ken Sine, Herbert Soberg, Sean Spicer, Terri Stachovic, and Mary Venturo.

Pray for Those in the Military

We remember in prayer our parishioners, relatives and friends serving in the military, especially Derek Ian Horowitz Daniel Steber and David Wood. Pray for peace in the world.

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Readings for the Week of July 26, 2015

Monday:  Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:  Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

OUTREACH

It is being reported in the news that assistance with summer utility bills will not be as readily available as last year. This means that the Benevolence Committee will have an increase in requests for assistance. When you are making your Sunday offering, won’t you please consider making a check to the Table Fund. We will be getting a increase in requests very soon and any assistance you give us is appreciated.
**SHARE GOD’S GIFTS**

Donations for July 19, 2015

- **Weekly Budget Goal**: $87,891
- **Sunday Offering (113)**: $4,420
- **Loose**: $662
- **E-giving (7)**: $548
- **Total**: $5,350
- **Candles**: $40

“For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.” Lk 6:38

- **Children’s Offerings (2)**: $200

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**Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal CSMA**

*The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal...accept the challenge…*

Young people from parishes across the diocese renewed friendships, played together and prayed together at this year’s Diocesan Youth Conference. The event was sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry which is funded by The CSMA. Invest in our youth through your gift to this year’s Appeal – all contributions, in any amount, are appreciated!

So far, 94 households have responded and $17,091.10 (85%) has been pledged. Our parish goal is $20,100. Thank you for your consideration.

**Pregnancy Matters’ Anniversary Banquet**

Pregnancy Matters is celebrating its 35 year anniversary on Saturday, August 22, at the Blue Sky Winery. Tickets are $30 each, tables of 6 or 8 are available. To make reservations, please call 618-549-2794 or email: info@pregnancymatters.org. For more information, call Susan Sean at 889-8931.

**Child Protection**

This is just a reminder that there are some forms for Child Protection that need to be updated every few years. Jenny Martin will contact you, if you are one of those people that need to update their forms for the Diocesan Child Protection program. If you are interested in working and participating with the youth of St. Joseph Church in such events as VBS, mission trip experiences, retreats or any number of other things, and you have not been child protection trained, please contact Jenny Martin at 618-751-2160 for more information.

**Want to be Catholic?**

Anyone who is interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, please call Monsignor Flach (993-3194, opt. 3).

**Healing & Hope Novena**

*Tuesday, July 28-Wednesday, August 5*

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate invite you to bring the crosses you bear to the altar during the 72 Annual Healing and Hope Novena. Come and find God’s healing and mercy. Join us for any or all of these evenings as we seek God’s special blessing through the intercession of Our Lady. For more information, call 618-397-6700

**Spotlight on Our Advertisers**

Please support the advertisers of our Sunday Bulletin. This week we express our thanks to Larry Hughes, Funeral Director of Mitchell Hughes Funeral Home ○ 800 N. Market St., Marion ○ 997-5462.
Respect Life Corner

There is Hope After Abortion - “There is no grief like the grief that does not speak.” Henry Longfellow. The grief over an abortion experience is often so deep that it seems to be silent. Women and men may bear this burden for years thinking that there is no hope of forgiveness or peace.

Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Project Rachel and Project Joseph provide healing and hope to women and men wounded by abortion. To learn more, go to ProjectRachel@archstl.org or ProjectJoseph@archstl.org. All inquiries are kept confidential. Pray that all those wounded by abortion can begin the journey of healing and reconciliation.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois-Prisoner and Family Ministry would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous donation for the Homeward Bound Housing Program. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated by returning citizens in the Homeward Bound program of southern Illinois. With this donation we will be able to help them make their transition back into the community easier. As you may not know most of them come out with no support from family or friends. Your continued support and donation will touch the heart of many lives and give hope to those returning citizens in need of housing and let them know there is someone out there that cares. We couldn’t do what we do without the support and encouragement from people like you. We thank God that you are our partner in ministry.

King’s House Retreat and Renewal Center • Belleville

Men’s Retreat Schedule: November 6-8
For more information, call 1-800-779-7909

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In the second reading, St Paul tells us to live in a manner worth of the call you have received, having humility, gentleness and patience and to bear with one another through love. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is August 7 - 9. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

Project Rachel Weekend Retreat

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 7-9

This retreat is open to any woman who has been affected by abortion. Held in a private, home-like, non-judgmental setting, the focus will be on healing the mind, body, and soul. Cost is $175 with $50 due at registration; however, financial assistance is available. Please contact Marisol at 314-792-7451 or ihnpfaff@swbell.net with any questions or to register. Online registration is also available at https://archstl.org/respectlife/webform/project-rachel-retreat-registration

Weekend Retreat Offers Hope, Healing

Society may tell women that an abortion will solve their problems, but it is silent about the problems abortion creates. Women may feel anger, depression, guilt, or shame for years after the abortion experience - often silently because they feel ashamed or scared to share their pain.

Project Rachel offers hope and healing for women, regardless of how long it has been. A weekend retreat is being offered on August 7-9 in the St. Louis area. This retreat offers a chance for women to ponder God's great mercy and love. The retreat is held in a private, home-like setting. For more information or to register, please contact Marisol at ihnpfaff@swbell.net or at 314.792.7451.

Soup Kitchen

Volunteers are needed at the Marion Ministerial Alliance Soup Kitchen. If you would like to help in the soup kitchen, please contact Tony Sena at 889-8932. Tony will schedule all volunteers so that everyone will be able to lend a hand. St. Joseph is scheduled at the soup kitchen the week of August 24-28.

Home Bound and Hospital Visits

Please call if you or a family member would like to receive a visit from Monsignor Flach or one of the parishioners. Please call Rita Dutton at 889-7215 or call the office at 993-3194, opt. 1.
**Message from TDF**

Evangelization, Stewardship & Community Building

Do you have a family member, friend or neighbor who you would like to see as a member of our parish family? Have you ever asked him/her if he/she would like to be Catholic and a member of the St. Joseph Church? Someone is waiting for you to ask. In a few weeks the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team will begin the 2015-2016 process of instruction for those who wish to inquire about the Catholic faith and tradition. If you know someone who is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, please call me (993-3194, opt. 3) or the Parish Office (opt. 1).

What a nice article about the St. Joseph Church youth appeared in the *Marion Daily Republican* newspaper written by Harry Mosley. The article was about their local mission work. I have heard some wonderful things about their service of time and talent – painting, mowing, power-washing… I sincerely thank our youth and adult leaders who are witnessing to the joy of the Gospel in their mission work.

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.* (Psalm 98:4) This is the source of the name of our liturgical ensemble, *The Joyful Noise Players*. This group of musician and singers are rehearsing to lead our congregation in making a joyful noise, singing God’s praises. The group is currently rehearsing on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the church. If you would like to be part of the joyful noise, please contact Alex Hendrickson (organist) or Patty Lynn (choir director). St. Augustine of Hippo stated: “He who sings, prays twice.”