

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor: Rev. Gabriel Anderson

Dear Parishioners,



Advent is a season of preparing the way of the Lord! As always, we will have our Advent Communal Reconciliation Service (Wednesday, Dec 6, 6:45 pm). A new Advent opportunity will be a Healing Service (Wednesday, Dec 13, 6:45 pm). A new Christmas experience for our parish includes holding the over-flow crowd for the Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Mass in Martin Hall. Once seats are filled upstairs, additional seating will be available in Martin Hall, so as to allow full participation in the Holy Mass through the use of a camera projecting the Mass on the screen in Martin Hall.

Advent Blessings upon you,

Fr. Gabriel

A Cornucopia of Sacraments

We are very thankful and blessed to welcome new people into our faith community and to help the young people of our parish grow in their faith!

We have seen many Baptisms in recent months with even more on the way! This is a tremendous blessing! As our faith community continues to grow, we want to thank you for making St. Joseph the Worker a welcoming and supportive place for these new Catholics!

If you or someone you know would like to schedule a baptism, contact Carol Lavenz at c.lavenz@dbqarch.org.

Our second grade students of our parish have begun the preparation process to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion for the first time! They received special recognition and a blessing on November 11-12 at mass. They also received a cross pin to wear during mass, so if you see a student with a cross pin, say a prayer for them!

Our Confirmation students are continuing their preparation to receive the sacrament on March 11, 2018. They celebrated their Call to Commitment on November 12 and are continuing their formation through class and service.

We especially want to thank the Confirmation students who helped with our 2017 Parish Mission: Happy are WE on November 12.

Please pray for everyone preparing to receive sacraments.

(Turn to page 2 to see more sacrament pictures.)



St. Joseph the Worker Church
 Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a welcoming Catholic community by building faith
 together through worship, faith formation, and service.

Octoberfest 2017

Thank you to everyone who helped make Octoberfest 2017 such a fun and successful event!

We especially want to thank the parish staff, those who donated money, the volunteers, those who came to participate, and the committee chairs of the numerous activities — from the dining room to the kid's corner and everything in between — who put in hours of planning and working to make sure the event went off without a hitch!

We also want to thank Tim Tranel for being the event chair this year!

This is an excellent way to get more involved with St. Joseph the Worker and to get to know some really great people! If you would like to be a chair for one of the activities next year, call the parish office at 563-588-1433.

**Total
Profits:
\$39,142.49**



More Sacrament Pictures



Above: Our Second Grade Students

Below: Our Confirmation Students



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Advent and Christmas at St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker Giving Tree

Begins November 24/Ends December 15
Pick an ornament from the tree in the back of church.

Communal Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 6, 6:45 pm

Advent Scripture Study

Wednesdays, December 13 and 20, 12:45-2:00 pm
Location: Martin Hall

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8
Mass Times: Noon and 5:30 pm

Family Healing Service

Wednesday, December 13, 6:45 pm
Location: Church
Ages: Middle School to Adult

Praying with Movement

Wednesday, December 20, 6:30-7:00 pm
Location: Martin Hall
Ages: 9 and younger (must be accompanied by parents)

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24
Mass Times: 5:00 pm (over-flow in Martin Hall) and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25
Mass Times: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Parish Office Closed

Monday, December 25

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

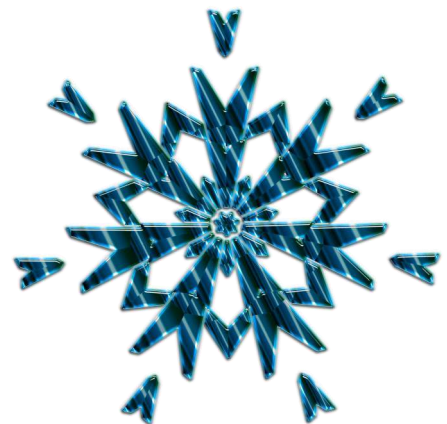
Monday, January 1
Mass Time: 9:00 am

Parish Office Closed

Monday, January 1

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6
Mass Time: 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 7
Mass Times: 8:30 am and 11:00 am



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Advent 2017

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS
FROM
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER!**

CEW 2018

Quench Your Thirst

Christian Experience Weekends 2018

"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.'" *John 6:35*

Women's Weekend: February 23-25, 2018

Contact Katie Bormann: 563-920-9627; pk4bormann@gmail.com

Men's Weekend: March 2-4, 2018

Contact Keith Weber: 563-557-2006; keithmweber@gmail.com

Look for CEW brochures/applications at the Information Station in church or at the parish office.

Please register at least one week prior to your weekend, so that we can send you information concerning what you will need to bring with you for the weekend.

There is a \$30.00 registration fee. Applications will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.