

St. Joseph the Worker



JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES:
"BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN
THE TIME WILL COME.
WHAT I SAY TO YOU,
I SAY TO ALL: 'WATCH!'"
- Mk 13:33, 37

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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November 30, 2014

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

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St. Joseph the Worker's website:

www.theworker.org

Question of the week:

Adult: What habits and spiritual practices do you need to develop in order to be ready for Jesus' arrival?

Child: How will you pay special attention to being like Jesus this Advent?

MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 and 11:00 am

Weekdays: See Mass Times next page

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrated during the 8:30 and 11:00 am

Mass on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 11:30 am

Tuesday & Thursday 7:40 AM or by
appointment with the pastor

Baptism: Pre-baptismal program required.

Call the office for information
regarding Baptism.

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Readings for the Week of November 30, 2014

Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you would like to be a parishioner here at St. Joseph the Worker, the next evening registration time will be **Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 pm** in the parish office meeting rooms. Call the office to register (588-1433).



Monday, December 1, 2014

Noon – Tyler Lattner ☩

Tuesday, December 2

8:00 AM - Steve Howard ☩

Wednesday, December 3

Noon - George Helle ☩

Thursday, December 4

8:00 AM – Honor Florentine Driscoll ☩

Friday, December 5

Noon – Jake Wolter ☩

Saturday, December 6

5:00 PM - Tom Roling ☩

Sunday, December 7

8:30 AM - For the Parish

11:00 AM – Thomas Ball ☩

Monday, December 8 Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass times Noon and 5:30 PM

FROM THE PASTOR FR. GABRIEL ANDERSON

Dear Parishioners,

On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus says to us, "Be watchful! Be alert!" In other words, the distractions and illusions of worldliness can roll us into a spiritual slumber, a stupor! Stay awake with personal prayer and holy action in accord with God's design. Be prepared for His return!

With the early bird Advent special, be sure to receive Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Dec 3, Wed, St. Columbkille, 6:00 PM for First Confessions and 6:30 PM for big sinners.
 - Dec 4, Thurs, St. Columbkille School, 9:00 AM; Everyone is welcome!
 - Dec 10, Wed, St. Joseph The Worker, 6:45 PM; Everyone is welcome!
 - Any Saturday, 3:00 PM St. Columbkille and 3:30 PM St. Joseph The Worker!
- The best preparation for Christmas is to make a good Advent Confession!!

God's eternal blessings upon you,
Fr. Gabriel

LITURGY NOTES

CANDLES OF THE DECEASED may be picked up after mass today. After today, they can be found on the counter in the sacristy until December 20th. Please pick yours up today.

CHRISTMAS AVAILABILITY SHEETS AND SCHEDULES FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS & COMMENTATORS will be available in the Sacristy beginning Nov 29th. Please stop and fill it out, if you are available to help during the Christmas season. We need to have them back by Dec 15th. There will be a box on the counter in the sacristy to return your form or you can bring it to the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes resume Wednesday, December 3. (6:30-7:45 pm)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Joseph the Worker meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm in the Parish Meeting room. All are welcome! Call the parish office with questions.

PARISH LIBRARY

Our parish library is located in Martin Hall. We also have a rolling library located in the vestibule of SJW. Stop and visit either, as it is now stocked with Advent reading material. If there is something specific you are searching for, call Carol Maas @ 588-1433. She can tell you if it is in our library.

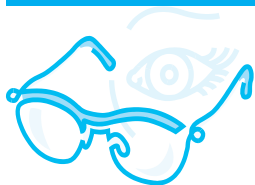
*We extend a warm welcome
to the newly registered
members of St. Joseph the
Worker parish community.*

**Kayla & Noah Johnson
& family**

**Jacob & Kelly Kohlhaas
& family**

**Vernon & Rose Marie
Ambrosy**





FOCUS ON FAITH

MOMS GROUP

The SJW Moms Group will be meeting again on Sunday, December 7 at 5pm at L May Eatery at 1072 Main Street. Newcomers are always welcome!

ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

Two Advent Scripture Study sessions will be held this season! Join us on Wednesday, December 3rd and December 10th after the noon daily Mass. We will gather in the Parish Office around 12:45pm to study the Gospel Nativity stories and finish by 2pm. Come to one or both and enjoy a cup of tea and the company of others this Advent!

ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS

The Advent "Little Blue Books" of daily reflections will be available in the church entryways beginning on Thanksgiving. Look inside the front cover for a special intention we ask that you remember in prayer during the Advent season. You can find out more about the group you are praying for by going to theworker.org and clicking on "Advent Intentions."

CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT AT AMERICAN MARTYRS RETREAT HOUSE

Meeting God Within - Recognizing God Without

Opening to Intimacy & Community in the Silence of Our Hearts

December 5-6, 2014. We welcome all those who have a love for silence and prayer and those who would like to learn more about centering prayer. A short introduction to centering prayer will be provided for those new to praying without words at 5:00 pm. The retreat formally begins at 5:45 p.m. Friday evening with prayer before dinner and concludes by 3:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. For more information and to register, contact Juli Rowell at 319-232-6835. Cost for the retreat is \$80.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Give thanks for religious! A parishioner writes, "We thank God today and every day for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs but also to love God." Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously on December 6th & 7th for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

COURAGE/ENCOURAGE MINISTRY TO CATHOLICS WITH SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

"Courage" was founded in 1980 to help Catholics with same-sex attraction to live chaste lives in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church.

"EnCourage" is the affiliate support group for family members (e.g. parents and siblings), spouses, and friends of men and women with same-sex attraction. Based on Catholic teaching, EnCourage members support one another and their loved ones through prayer, fellowship, discussion and sacrifice. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has cited Courage and EnCourage as examples of ministries whose principles are in accord with Catholic teaching, and Archbishop Jackels supports and approves the presence and work of these ministries in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. An EnCourage group is being formed for our archdiocese. For further information (meeting time and place, etc.), please contact Fr. Jerry Kopacek at (563) 556-1054 or by email at DBQSPXSD@dbq.arch.org.



OWN A PIECE OF WAHLERT SPORTS HISTORY!

Holy Family is holding an online auction for all athletic championship banners. New banners were hung in the remodeled gym in 2013, and now you have the chance to purchase the original championship banners. The original banners might make the perfect Christmas gift for that special Golden Eagle in your life! All auctions will end on Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. All proceeds benefit Wahlert Catholic High School and Holy Family Catholic Schools. Visit our website or <http://www.iraiberauctions.com/auctions/view.php?id=4> to begin bidding now.

HALL OF HONOR NOMINATIONS

It is that time of year again. Holy Family is currently accepting nominations for the 2015 Hall of Honor! This year's celebration will be held on January 23rd at Wahlert Catholic High School. A reception for the recipients will begin at 6:30 with the awards ceremony during halftime of the men's varsity basketball game. Visit our website for more information and to nominate someone today!

ROCK THE RAFTERS

On February 15, the Wahlert Catholic dance team is offering a "Rock the Rafters" day camp for children kindergarten through fifth grade. The camp includes a day camp where they learn dances to perform, food, a t-shirt and a performance at the end of the evening. The camp runs from 1-3:30 p.m. and concludes with a 4:00 p.m. performance by all dancers. Please contact Wahlert Catholic High School for more details.



THIS WEEK'S FEATURED ADVERTISER:

**VISION HEALTH
CENTER, P.C.**

Thank You!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parish is looking for volunteers to be available as back up for snow removal on the sidewalks and stairs of the parish grounds. Duties could include hand shoveling and operating the parish's lawn tractor with the snow blower and/or broom attachments. Training in operation of the lawn tractor and switching attachments will be provided. Contact the parish office at 588-1433 if you are able to help!

MARCH FOR LIFE

Attention all students – 8th grade and higher! You are invited to join Dubuque County Right to Life on a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. in January 2015 for the Annual March for Life. We will march in Washington D.C. to show our support for all life, from conception to natural death. We leave Dubuque on Tuesday, January 20th and return on Saturday, January 24th. Cost is \$360 per student. Fundraising opportunities are available. For more information, please contact our office at 563/556-5960 or email Trina at trina@dcrtl.org.

SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER

WINTER BREAKFAST: Entering Advent & Winter with a Heart Full of Expectation - Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7:00 - 8:00am, Mass at 8:15am - Presenter: Dorothy Schwendinger OSF. Come treat yourself to a delicious breakfast and some reflections that might move us to wax and wane more gracefully with the lunar cycles and the sacramental seasons. Offering: \$9. To register, call 563/582-3592 by Dec. 1.

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS IN A NEW WAY: Dinner, Sharing and Prayer for Those Who Have Lost a Spouse or Significant Other - Thursday, Dec. 4, 5:00 - 7:30pm - Facilitators: Barbara Meloy Callahan and Marci Blum OSF. Offering: \$23, includes festive meal and Advent Taize Prayer Hour. To register, call 563/582-3592 by noon, Dec. 1.

BOX TOP FOR EDUCATION

Please save your Campbell Soup product labels and "Box Top for Education" labels for St. Columbkille School. We are able to turn in the labels for funds to purchase technology and instructional supplies and PE equipment. We also save pop can tabs and send them to Iowa City for the Ronald McDonald House. Place the labels and tabs in the basket in the main vestibule in the back of church. Thanks for your help!

TRIP TO QUITO, ECUADOR – WORKING BOYS CENTER FAMILY OF FAMILIES

Tim & Mary Moothart of Dubuque are organizing their 5th annual trip to the Working Boys Center Family of Families in Quito, Ecuador. The trip is mainly learning about the culture of Ecuador and what poor families are doing to pull themselves out of the grips of generational poverty. Accommodations are safe and comfortable, and costs are low. The group will leave on January 17th and return on January 26, 2015. Contact Tim Moothart 563-581-7690 to learn more. Also see www.c4wf.org

PASTORAL CARE/SOCIAL JUSTICE

Deacon Bill Biver, coordinator



Advent Giving Tree – The Social Justice Advent Giving Tree project will be set up again this year and run from November 30 through December 17. Ornaments placed on the tree indicate needs and Christmas wishes from members of more than 60 needy families in the Dubuque community. **Please return your gifts with the ornament attached to it by the end of Wednesday, December 17.** God bless you for your generous heart.

Blood Pressure Checks – We will be offering blood pressure checks after all the Masses on December 6-7.

Dubuque Rescue Mission Meal - Many thanks to **Mark and Crystal Schnee** for their many generous years of service coordinating the Dubuque Rescue Mission meals served by St. Joseph the Worker. Thanks to **Rick and Jenny Ginsterblum** for their willingness to take over this ministry. Our next meal is **SUNDAY, December 21** at the Dubuque Rescue Mission. Please call if you would like to make a salad or a dessert (Tom Burke 556-2567) or help serve (Rick & Jenny Ginsterblum 563-513-0704). **Excellent service opportunity!**

St. Patrick's Meal – Many thanks to Mary Timmerman for her many generous years of service in preparation of the St. Pat's Mission meals served by St. Joseph the Worker. Thanks to Helen Spielman for her willingness to take over this ministry. Our next meal is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2014. Salads, desserts, and people to help serve are needed. Call Sharon Frommelt (556-7606) **Excellent service opportunity!**

Thanksgiving Baskets – Thanks to all who have generously contributed general food items or turkeys to our parish food pantry for Thanksgiving. Together with St. Columbkille's, we distributed more than 60 Thanksgiving gift baskets to needy families in the two parishes and Dubuque community. We pay special thanks to the youth of St. Joseph the Worker and St. Columbkille for their part in collecting food for and filling the gift baskets. Those who received our gifts are most appreciative.

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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

To reach Marcy Mueller
call 588-1433, ext 210 or
email m.mueller@dbqarch.org

Quote of the week: Saying thank you is more than good manners. It is good spirituality. ~Alfred Painter

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Our next Middle School Night is December 12th from 6:30-8pm. It's a game night! Come prepared to play dodgeball and other games.
- Save the date: December 30th is the annual City-wide Middle School Lock-In. Come join in the fun from 9pm to 7am! Permission forms are found on the parish website under Middle School Ministry.

HIGH SCHOOL

Save the Date: The National Catholic Youth Conference is happening next November, but we need to start planning now! If you are interested in attending NCYC, please attend an informational meeting at the Church of the Resurrection on Sunday December 14th at 7pm

VOCATIONS

Advent is a time of watching and waiting. Are you open to the surprising ways God comes to you? Be attentive to God's call in the ordinary. (Mark 13:33-37)

Scan this QR code with your smart phone to access St. Joseph the Worker's website.



READ ABOUT THESE TOPICS AND MORE IN THE NOV. 30 ISSUE OF THE WITNESS

- Addresses of retired archdiocesan priests are printed for Christmas correspondence
- Area food banks and food pantries prepare to help those in need.
- Feed the world, safeguard the planet, pope tells international leaders.

NOTE FROM OPERATIONS MANAGER

In following IRS regulations, **if your contribution is not mailed and postmarked or received in 2014, it is not credited to that year. The date on the check is not the key.** Please keep this in mind over the next two months. If you would like to know the amount you have given to date, please call the parish office 588-1433.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Due to early publication contributions will be published next week.