Easter Reflection:

What is different about the peace that Jesus offers us?
How is it different from the peace we try to find in the world?
FROM THE PASTOR FR. GABRIEL ANDERSON

Dear Parishioners:

In this beautiful month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the blessings of Jesus Christ are extended to your gardens, fields and farms. May the new growth of God’s creation fill the world with nourishment and good health to the Glory of God! The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph created a peaceful home for Jesus to dwell. May 1 is the memorial feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

God is at work. We are at work. Jesus is working in us to renew, rebuild and refresh His Kingdom in the world through our hearts, our relationships and the Church, our spiritual home. Jesus is the Master Builder, calling us to work. Home improvement is a spiritual construction project directed by the Holy Spirit so that our work is done in the Divine Will.

Let us build a house where Love can dwell. If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labor. If we do not let God work in our life, we are a disaster waiting to happen! This is why First Holy Communion is such a wonderful celebration!! May the Body and Blood of Jesus keep you and your family ever close to Him, now and forever!

Easter Blessings upon your family!
Fr. Gabriel

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER'S WEBSITE: www.theworker.org

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 2
Noon – Ed Skelton & Frank Ehrlich
Families 🙏

Tuesday, May 3
8:00 am - Bob Hinds 🙏

Wednesday, May 4
Noon – Charles Allen 🙏

Thursday, May 5
8:00 am - Catherine & Jim Griffin 🙏

Friday, May 6
Noon – Joseph Mousel & Terry Hensel 🙏

Saturday, May 7
5:00 pm - Dick & Gertie Oberbroeckling 🙏

Sunday, May 8
8:30 am – Helen Sisler 🙏
11:00 am – For the Parish 🙏

PASTORAL COUNCIL RECOGNITION & UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Please join us in recognizing and showing our gratitude for the service of our current members of the Pastoral Council:

Glen Gassman, Kathy Runde, Mike Lattner, Dan Brosius and Rick Merfeld

These members have been instrumental in supporting and encouraging our Grace Series and the reorganization of our parish leadership structure and revised vision. The council will continue to play a vital role as we move forward with our technology upgrade and additional enhancements to our Sunday Experience, Missionary Zeal, Compelling Faith Formation, and Community Faith Sharing initiatives. A number of our current reps will be completing their 3-year terms in May. If you are interested in being a part of this exciting time in our parish history and serving on the Pastoral Council, please contact a current member. Rick Merfeld can be reached at rickmerfeld@yahoo.com or 563.580.0355 or call the Parish office for more information.
FOCUS ON FAITH

TREASURES LUNCHEONS
Treasures Luncheons will continue on May 3rd! Parishioners over the age of 50 are welcome to attend this free lunch and speaker series on Hope & Healing. Deacon Bill Maus from Stonehill Care Center will share what he has learned about hope while providing spiritual care to people in the second half of life. We begin with lunch at 11:30 am and finish at 1:00 pm. Call the parish office to register!

2016 ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
CAVE QUEST: FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF JESUS
July 11-15, 2016 (9 am - Noon each day)
This exciting week of fun is open to kids ages 4 to 11. Cost: $25/child
Our week of underground exploring will include: Spelunder Sports and Games - Cavern Café - Kid Vid Cinema -Imagination Station - Deep Bible Quest Middle school and high school youth are needed to serve as crew leaders. Adults are also needed to serve as station leaders. Register at: www.theworker.org (Click on Religious Education. Click on Vacation Bible School.) Contact Julie Hill to volunteer (J.Hill@dbqarch.org; 588-1433). Space is limited!

ROSARY AND REFRESHMENTS!
Devotions held in the Catholic Church during the month of May to honor Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth have been taking place since the 13th century! All are welcome to join in praying a ‘live’ rosary in the church on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm. This time of prayer will be followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Reflection Garden. All students who received their First Communion this spring are welcome to join us in their First Communion attire!

CHURCH GOLF OUTING/CO-CHAIR NEEDED
The St. Joseph the Worker/St. Columbkille Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, August 7th at the Bunker Hill Golf Course. Mark your calendar and please plan to attend. We need a person to co-chair the committee from our parish and are also looking for people to serve on the committee. Call the parish office (563-588-1433) if you are willing to serve. More information on the event will be coming out soon. This event has been a really good fund raiser for the parish and your support is needed.

Liturgical Ministers May 7 and May 8, 2016

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ATTENTION LAY FORMATION ALUMNI
Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your faith and grow in holiness? Mark your calendar for the next Lay Formation Alumni Retreat July 15-16 at Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center near Cedar Rapids. Using the writings of Fr. Michael Casey, we will explore practical ways to live a life of holiness in a world that often pulls us away from God. The weekend will include opportunities to experience different styles of prayer and to enjoy God’s creation on the beautiful grounds of Prairiewoods. For more information or to register, please contact Theresa Alt at 319-447-1132 or alt.theresa@yahoo.com.
PASTORAL CARE/SOCIAL JUSTICE

Parish Twinning – Thanks to all who in February or March contributed to our sister parish St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Gonaives, Haiti. We recently sent $3,500 contributed by parishioners and/or outside sources to our friend and pastor, Fr. Paul, who is extremely appreciative of our generosity. A reminder that Deacon Jerry Temeyer is matching up to $1,000 per month toward the completion of the parish rectory/guesthouse.

Great Give Day - On Tuesday May 3, 2016, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque is sponsoring the third annual Great Give Day, a 24-hour online giving event for Northeast Iowa nonprofits. Last year’s event raised $324,308.00 in just one day for the many Dubuque Area organizations benefitting from this event. The Social Justice Ministry at St. Joseph the Worker has been approved as a recipient of funds contributed to the event in our behalf. To make a contribution, go to www.greatgiveday.org, scroll down to Faith and Religion, and choose the St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church icon, listed as one of 6 recipients. All proceeds will be used to assist our sister parish, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, in Gonaives, Haiti complete its rectory/guesthouse and to meet the needs of people in this poor mountain area who are in need of assistance with food, clothes, and medicine. Thanks for your generosity in advance!

Please pray for all newly married couples, especially those married recently at St. Joseph the Worker

April 22, 2016
Jace & Molly (Murphy) Fecht

WELCOME

Patrick Hurm
& Anna Smith

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

CRAFT COMMITTEE

The Octoberfest Craft group is in need of barn boards or boards that are rough on one side and are between 8” and 16” wide by 4’ or longer. We also need 4x4’s that are 4’ or longer. We could also use plywood that is smooth on one side in various sizes. If you have any please call Valorie Schmitt at 582-6154. Thank You!

OCTOBEFEST 2016

Hello St. Joseph the Worker Community! Julie and Dan Neebel here. After reading the bulletin for many weeks and ignoring the request for an Octoberfest Chair, we finally heard the call and volunteered. We value the community building that happens at Octoberfest, so we decided to take on the role of Chairing Octoberfest, with the help of many. We really need someone to read this and realize they are hearing the call to be chair of Silent Auction. In addition, we are looking for new ideas to make the event even more fun for the entire community and for a few more co-chairs to help with some of the activities, such as the dining room, kitchen, candy & pop wheel, bingo, tractor pull, kids corner, or whatever else you think might be fun to add to Octoberfest. Thank you very much to those who have already volunteered to help. Looking forward 2 seeing the St. Joe’s community come 2-gether 2 have fun at Octoberfest on Sunday, October 2. We can be reached at danialn@msn.com or jneebel@msn.com or by phone at 563 495 2880 (Dan) or 563 557 8986 (Julie).

ENROLL NOW!

If you want an education for your child that’s innovative, progressive, effective and affordable, take a closer look at Holy Family Catholic Schools. There’s still time to schedule a visit and enroll for the 2016–2017 school year. Call (563) 582-5456, Ext. 289, or email admissions@holyfamilydbq.org today.

Holy Family Job Opportunities

Are you looking for full-time or part-time job opportunities? Holy Family is hiring in several areas from administrative assistants to early childhood lead teachers. Visit our website at www.holyfamilydbq.org/employment-opportunities for full job descriptions and application instructions.

Save the Date – Wahlert Golf Open June 13

Gather four friends for this 18-hole best shot at Thunder Hills Country Club to help support Wahlert Catholic activities. Registration begins at noon with lunch available for purchase. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. followed by dinner and program at 6:30 p.m. Stayed tuned for registration information and additional details.

Dubuque County Right to Life Mother’s Day Roses

Volunteers will be offering roses in honor of Mother’s Day following each Mass on Mother’s Day weekend. Minimum suggested donation is $2.00. All proceeds will go to Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. and be used for educational purposes.

This week’s featured advertiser:

Leonard Funeral Home & Crematory

Thank You!
Due to early publication, contributions will be published next week.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

To reach Marcy Mueller
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Quote of the week: Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat. ~Mother Teresa

MIDDLE SCHOOL
• Please note our next Middle School Night has been changed from May 13 to May 6 from 6:30-8:00pm. All are welcome so bring a friend!
• Keep your eyes peeled for information on the Middle School Serve N Slide this summer!

HIGH SCHOOL
• The high school summer service trip is headed back to David, Kentucky the week of July 17-23. We will do home repair projects for the people of Appalachia. The cost is $300. A deposit of $50 is due May 2nd.
• Interested in participating in a little city-wide competition? Resurrection is hosting an afternoon of Olympic games on May 22nd. Contact Marcy if you’re interested in joining the fun!
• Did you hear we’re having another Grace 2.0 series? We are looking for those interested in hospitality, music and technology. If you are interested in sharing your gifts at the next Grace 2.0 series in May contact Marcy.

UPCOMING EVENTS
• Religious Education Class Wednesday, May 4, 6:30-7:45 pm (last class of the year)
• Treasures Luncheon Tuesday, May 3, 11:30 am
• New Parishioner Mtg. Thursday, May 5, 6:30 pm
• Middle School Night Friday, May 13, 6:30-8:00 pm
• Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday, May 11, 2:30 pm

Fair Trade Word Search
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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE
Due to early publication, contributions will be published next week.