

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 Main St, Blencoe, IA



ST JOHN

1009 13th St, Onawa, IA



ST JOSEPH

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023

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Sacraments

Reconciliation: 30 min. before Mass or by appointment

Baptism: St. John — Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph — Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Baptism Class: Contact the Director of Faith Formation

Marriage: Arrangements at least six (6) months prior to marriage. Interview with the pastor is required before date for marriage can be given.

Questions of the Week

Adults: When I take an honest look at my life, how do I determine the major fault lines of division that keep me separated from other people and from God?

Children: How do I know that everyone belongs to one family, God's family?

The Pastor's Toolbox

The Sequence

Several times a year the Church adds extra texts to the Mass. These are placed between the Alleluia and the Gospel and are called "Tropes" or "Sequences". In the Middle Ages they developed as commentaries or reflections on the theme of the feast day. Because they had to be memorized, they were set to music. Eventually they included poems and material that had no official approval. Because of this, the Council of Trent reduced their number to four in the 16th century. (A fifth — the *Stabat Mater* — was later added.)

The Sequence for Pentecost is one of those texts. It is known as the "Golden Sequence" because of its sweetness and short length. It developed between the 11th and 13th centuries, possibly written by monks from Switzerland. Its Latin name is "*Veni Sancte Spiritus*". There are several musical settings of the original poem.

He Breathed On Them

When Jesus appeared to the apostles on Easter Sunday, he breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. In Hebrew the word for "breath" and "spirit" are the same, so there is an obvious connection. We might form an image of Jesus breathing on the group of them from a distance, but there is a more revealing analogy.

CPR or Cardiopulmonary resuscitation is a process by which an unconscious person may be helped to breathe. Part of CPR involves mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The person administering it clamps the victim's nostrils, making an airtight seal over his mouth and breathes into it about twelve times per minute. It has been called "the Kiss of Life". Jesus breathed a kiss of life into the souls of his followers. We still receive that kiss from God, the Holy Spirit.

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WEEK OF MAY 28, 2023

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Parish
Monday	May 29	8:00 AM	Emge & Ullrich Families	St. Joseph Cemetery
Monday	May 29	10:00 AM	All Military Veterans	Onawa Cemetery
Tuesday	May 30	9:00 AM	Leo Bousquet	St. Joseph
Wednesday	May 31	9:00 AM	Father Patrick O'Kane	St. John
Thursday	June 1	9:00 AM	Fran Mitchell	St. Joseph
Friday	June 2	10:00 AM	Msgr. Tom Donahoe	Pleasant View Nursing Home
Saturday	June 3	4:00 PM	Dennis O'Keefe	St. Joseph
Sunday	June 4	9:00 AM	Verla Benjamin	St. John
		11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John and St. Joseph	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Monday, May 29

8:00am at St. Joseph Cemetery-Salix
(coffee and doughnuts to follow)

10:00am at Onawa City Cemetery
(coffee and doughnuts to follow)



Holiday Office Hours

The parish offices at St. John's and St. Joseph's will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. We honor, remember and celebrate those who have served our great nation.

AID TO DOMESTIC CHURCHES

The Annual Collection for Aid to Domestic Churches will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 27-28. You are invited to participate in the special collection to benefit the Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Home Missions, Catholic Communications Campaign, CCHD, and the Military Archdiocese. Funds from this collection will help build parish and school buildings and train priests, religious, teachers, and catechists in those needy communities and dioceses. Your generosity will make a positive impact on efforts to build up the Church in the United States of America. Please use the envelope in your packet to contribute to this collection.



Silent Women's Ignatian Retreat
by Sharon Doran

Women of Hope Who Find God in All Things

August 24-27, 2023

Creighton University Retreat Center, Griswold, IA

Get away from the hectic pace of life and take time to deepen your relationship with God by engaging your heart, mind, body and eternal soul. Hear God speak to your heart in the community of silence. There will be 11 preached conferences by Sharon Doran who combines her love of Sacred Scripture with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Creighton University Retreat Center is 1 hour east of Omaha and 1.5 hours west of Des Moines. Cost for lodging, meals and retreat: \$425. Check-in between 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursday & concludes Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Register at creighton.edu/curc or by using this QR code:



Bread of Life Conference

For those unable to attend the 2023 Bread of Life Conference at Mater Dei Parish, the organizers have graciously shared the following link to the program:

<https://youtube.com/live/lnm7OrpEnNQ?feature=share>.

ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

May 14, 2023
Registered Families: 185

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1969.00
E-Offering	
Building	\$25.00
Tuckpointing	\$5000.00
St. Bernard	\$340.00
Total for May 14, 2023	\$7334.00

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

May 13 & 14, 2023
Registered Families: 208

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$3171.20
E-Offering	\$155.00
Candles	\$50.00
Maintenance	\$70.00
Total for May 13/14, 2023	\$3446.20

Jesus & Joe

We will offer coffee following daily Masses every Wednesday and Friday at St. John. For more information, please contact:

Michelle Rethman, 712-202-6641 or Colleen Maule, 712-423-1004.

Please consider joining us for fellowship, fun and

C.O.F.F.E.E.!

Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere!



Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to
Greg and Jane Heisterkamp
on your
50th Wedding Anniversary.

May God continue to bless you and grant you joy. May He deepen your love for each other and for Him. Thank you for all you do in our parish, particularly in the music ministry.



Deacon Peter Pham will be ordained to the priesthood Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Epiphany. The public is welcome to attend. For those who cannot attend, the Office of Vocations has arranged for the Mass to be livestreamed on the diocese's YouTube channel - [youtube.com/DioceseofSiouxCity](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofSiouxCity). Father Brent Lingle of Storm Lake St. Mary and formerly director of worship will provide commentary to best understand the traditions of this beautiful liturgy.



The parish office will be closed on June 6th and June 8th. In case of an emergency, please call Father at 712-423-2656 or call the parish office at St. Joseph and they will contact Father.

Thank you, Colleen

Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or "Pentecost" in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration.

It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multi-national crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples – and every baptized person – receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God.



God Laughs

An Iowan, a Minnesotan, and a Nebraskan are seated side-by-side at a bar. Each has a mug of beer in front of him. Simultaneously, three flies land in the beers, one in each mug. The Iowan looks at his beer, pushes it away and asks the bartender for a new one. The Minnesotan reaches his fingers into the beer, picks up the fly, throws it to the floor and drinks his beer. The Nebraskan reaches into the beer, picks up the fly, holds it over the glass and yells, "Spit it out, you idiot! Spit it out!"



Distribution of Holy Communion Under Both Species

As part of the ongoing Eucharistic Revival, the Diocese of Sioux City will reinstate the option to offer Holy Communion under both species beginning on June 11, 2023 which is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The Precious Blood may be offered to the faithful on the following occasions:

- Solemnities (including Sundays) and Holy Days of Obligation
- Special Masses such as Confirmations, Ordinations, First Communions
- Nuptial Masses for the bride and groom
- In order to maintain a sense of progressive solemnity, the Precious Blood should not be distributed at daily Mass.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SPEND TIME WITH OUR LORD IN EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- * **Sunday, June 4, 2023:** St. John, Onawa
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (in main church)
- * **Sunday, July 23, 2023:** St. Joseph, Salix
Noon to 2 p.m. (in daily Mass chapel)
- * **Sunday, August 6, 2023:** St. John, Onawa
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (in main church)
- * **Sunday, September 3, 2023:** St. Joseph, Salix
Noon to 2 p.m. (in daily Mass chapel)
- * **Sunday, October 1, 2023:** St. John, Onawa
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (in main church)
- * **Sunday, November 5, 2023:** St. Joseph, Salix
Noon to 2 p.m. (in daily Mass chapel)
- * **Sunday, December 3, 2023:** St. John, Onawa
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (in main church)

REMEMBER AND HONOR

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. Lord God, we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask that you bless the members of our armed forces.



Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples at Pentecost were given the grace to speak in tongues of many nations. When we engage with those who do not believe, who disagree with us, are we speaking the right language? We have to use the words they are able to understand — not just the words we want to say.

