

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 Main St, Blencoe, IA



ST JOHN

1009 13th St, Onawa, IA



ST JOSEPH

510 TIPTON ST, SALIX, IA

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 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.

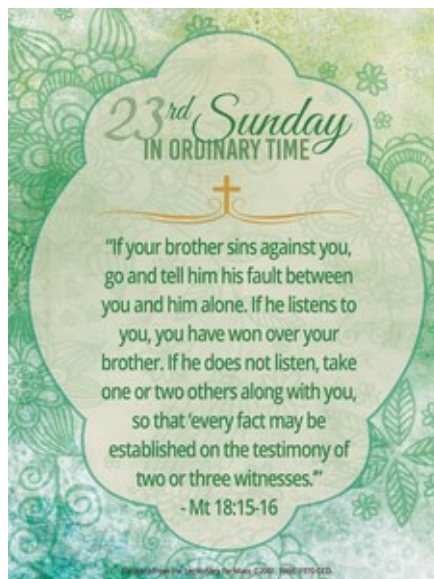
Questions of the Week

Adults: What have you been able to overcome because others patiently loved you?

Children: How can you help another person do the right thing?

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard.



But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those

who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times – frequently, perhaps – they simply are not.

— Father John Muir

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Parish
Monday	September 11		No Mass	
Tuesday	September 12	9:00 AM	Fran Mitchell	St. Joseph
Wednesday	September 13	9:00 AM	Wayne & Donnie Parks	St. John
Thursday	September 14	9:00 AM	David Menard	St. Joseph
Friday	September 15	9:00 AM	Fr. Harry McAlpine	St. John
Saturday	September 16	4:00 PM	Gloria Welte	St. Joseph
Sunday	September 17	9:00 AM	John, Marjorie & Robert Zink	St. John
		11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John & St. Joseph	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

September 15

Date Night at Sioux City Mater Dei

For All Couples - (Dating, Engaged or Married)

The topic for the Night - "Stuff No One Told You In Marriage Prep." Speakers will be - Danny and Ashley Swalve and Fred and Krystal Shellabarger

Social Hour Starts at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30, Speakers at 7:30 p.m. Location: Immaculate Conception Parish Center. \$50.00 per couple. Child Care will be provided at the Immaculate Conception School Gym for children ages 2+, dinner/snacks will be provided for the children. You can register online: <https://materdeisc.org/date-night>

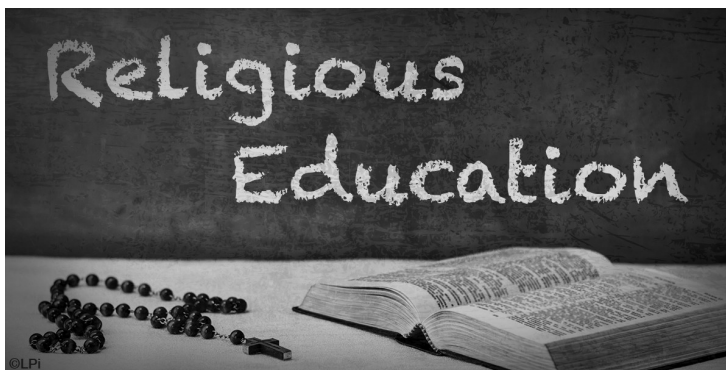
September 27

Trinity Heights, Sioux City - Trinity Heights will be hosting a rosary every fourth Wednesday of every month at 4 p.m. in the chapel. Participants will pray a "patriotic rosary" for the country. All are invited to participate.



Religious Education:
Helps to build a strong foundation

September	
13 th	First Class Night, 6:30- 7:30 p.m. (Onawa only) **No Class in Salix**
20 th	Classes 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
27 th	Classes 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



We have spots in both parishes for catechists and catechist aides, specifically the following classrooms:

St. John:

- First Grade

St. Joseph:

- Kindergarten
- Middle School (1)

If interested, please contact Michelle, 712-202-6641.

First Night – Registration and Parent Night: The Religious Education Year will kick-off with a welcome of students and parents. Following the brief welcome, the students will dismiss to their classrooms and parents will remain for a meeting and registration. In order for Fr. Erpelding to be present at both parishes, we will stagger our First Night of classes:

- **September 13th:** St. John, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- **September 20th:** Both parishes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

August 27, 2023

Registered Families: 185

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1037.00
E-Offering	\$304.58
Building	
St. Bernard	\$140.00
Retired Religious	\$200.00
Total for August 27, 2023	\$1681.58



The St. John Chicken Dinner is Sunday, Sept. 24.

This event is sponsored by the parishioners of St. John and underwritten by the Knights of Columbus. All proceeds stay with St. John Church. Parishioners are asked to participate in all phases: buying tickets, serving, delivery, cleanup; and, especially, making desserts & salads to feed 250 guests.

Desserts and salads are needed...Lots of them! A donation of your time and recipes is wanted. Amy Christensen (712-490-4484) is your contact person. Please let her know what you will donate to the dinner.



Volunteers are needed for the Annual Knights of Columbus Highway Clean-up west of town. We will meet at the Church @ 10:30 AM on Sept. 23rd. A minimum of 8 volunteers are needed.

With 8 volunteers, we only have 1 mile each. Please think about volunteering for this community project with your family. It could be a wonderful way to show your children the joy of giving back.



ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

August 26-27, 2023

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2235.00
E-Offering	\$513.00
Knights of Columbus	\$601.75
Candles	\$68.00
Emergency/Maintenance	\$80.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$30.00
Total for Aug. 26-27, 2023	\$3527.75



The St. Joseph Bazaar and Chicken Dinner is **Sunday, September 17, 11am-2pm**. Raffle prizes are on display in the hallway between the church and the Parish Center. Stop by and check out the huge assortment of prizes! Drop your tickets in the bucket for your chance to win. You can choose what prizes you have a chance to win. All prizes have a minimum value of \$100 and we have over 30 prizes to give away! Need tickets? Stop by the office or purchase tickets on the day of the event. Winners will be drawn and announced at 2pm. Need not be present to win. All winners will be contacted on Monday, September 18.

The dinner will feature broasted chicken catered by Staley's, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, rolls, homemade salads and pies/desserts. You don't want to miss out on a delicious meal. Tickets are only \$12/Adult, \$6 kids 6-10 years, and FREE for kids 5&Under. If you don't have your tickets yet, they can be purchased the day of the dinner.



The St. Joseph Bazaar will once again feature a Country Store. We are in need of homemade items to sell. Homemade items such as baked goods (pies, cakes, cookies), crafts, jams, jellies, canned goods (pickles, tomatoes, beans, etc.), homegrown fruits and veggies are all items that can be donated to this fundraising event. Share your talents and your goodies to stock the shelves of our Country Store.

God Laughs

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients, when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a gasoline station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned.

Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm turning Catholic."



Iowa-99 County Bible Reading Marathon

Once again we are making arrangements for Monona County's participation in the Iowa-99 County Bible Reading Marathon for 2023, as designated by Governor Reynold's Proclamation. The marathon will be held on the Monona County Courthouse's lawn on Monday, September 11 and Tuesday, September 12. The reading time will be anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The bible will be read by multiple individuals, simultaneously as assigned, until the entire book is completed.

We previously, have had very good response and anticipate the same for this year. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn at 712-433-2373.

American Legion BREAKFAST



American Legion Post 662
901 Topaz Dr, Sergeant Bluff, IA

Sunday, September 10, 9:00am-Noon

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Fresh Fruit, Beverage

Legion Auxiliary Ladies will be holding a bake sale during the breakfast.

**Our desire
for God
can only
grow when
we place
ourselves in
His presence.**

-Pope Francis



Eucharistic Adoration

- * **Sunday, September 10, 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)



This week, we begin the 2023 **Together As One** Annual Appeal. TAO is our opportunity as members of the larger Catholic community to have an impact on the physical and spiritual lives of our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Sioux City. Join

us today in support of TAO with a gift or pledge through a brochure that will be mailed to you next week or by giving online at scdiocese.org/tao.

