

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1, 2023

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Sacraments

Reconciliation: 30 min. before Mass or by appointment

Baptism: St. John – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

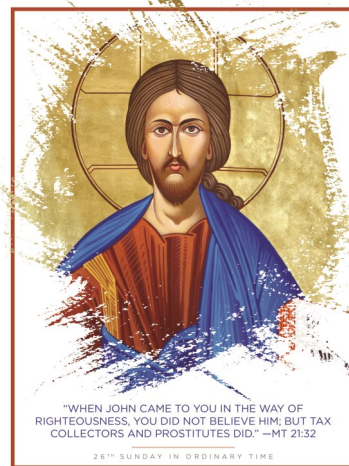
St. Joseph – Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

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.

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, “I can’t stand all these converts to the faith. They’re always rocking the boat.” It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of “us” and “them.” The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don’t we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus’ punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn’t get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then not. “Which did of his father?” Lord. Like so us, in identifying as the answer, the authorities manifest hypocrisy in to follow Jesus. like us – intuit rect path but won’t do it. The lectors and pros- are indeed fol- Jesus and thereby to work in the of God. Everyone is called to do God’s will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.



This week let’s reject the convenient but damaging categories of “insiders” and “outsiders.” Instead, let’s embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren’t them. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

— Father John Muir
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Questions of the Week

Adults: When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?

Children: Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2023

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Parish
Monday	October 2		No Mass	
Tuesday	October 3	9:00 AM	Rhonda Mareau	St. Joseph
Wednesday	October 4	9:00 AM	Joan Samson	St. John
Thursday	October 5	9:00 AM	David Menard	St. Joseph
Friday	October 6	9:00 AM	Mrs. John Yaneff	St. John
Saturday	October 7	4:00 PM	Bert & Ella Ullrich	St. Joseph
Sunday	October 8	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

Religious Education Schedule

October	
4 th	Classes 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
11 th	Classes 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
18 th	Classes 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
25 th	St. Joseph, Classes 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
	St. John, Special Event, 6:30–7:30 p.m.



CONFIRMATION

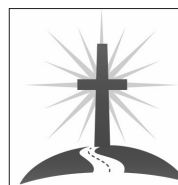
Confirmation 2023: St. Joseph and St. John Churches will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop R. Walker Nickless on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 6:00 PM** at St. Joseph Church.

- **Student/Parent Meeting:**
 - **St. John:** Sunday, October 1, 10:00 AM, Room 10
 - **St. Joseph:** Sunday, October 1, 12:00 PM, Parish Center
- **Rehearsal:**
 - Sunday, October 8, 12:00 PM, St. Joseph

If you are a high school sophomore, please contact Michelle, (712) 202-6641, for more information.

Confirmation 2024: St. Joseph and St. John Churches will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of 2024. The Office of the Bishop hasn't yet posted the schedule for Fall 2024; however, we will have a brief informational meeting on **Sunday, October 22, 2023:**

- **St. John:** 10:00 AM in Room 10; and
- **St. Joseph:** 12:00 PM in the Parish Center.



RCIA
...A Journey in Faith
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If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Michelle, Director of Faith Formation, (712) 202-6641.

Siouxland Youth Group

SIouxLAND YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH NIGHT

Gathering the youth in Siouxland around one goal: learning about and praising God on a deeper level

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Praise & Worship
- Personal Testimonies
- Activities
- And much more!

JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUP

OCTOBER 1, 2023
4:30pm - 6:00pm

Immaculate Conception Church
1212 Morningside Ave. Sioux City, IA

For More Information:

siouxlandyg.org
siouxlandyg@gmail.com

Age Range:
High School & College Students

ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

Registered Families: 185
September 17, 2023

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1739.00
E-Offering	\$244.58
Building	
St. Bernard	\$195.00
Food Pantry	
Total for Sept 17, 2023	\$2178.58



The Life Chain is a time to join hundreds of thousands of fellow Americans in prayer. Please plan to attend the life chain which will be

held on the sidewalk in front of the Monona County Courthouse from 2:00 pm-3:00pm today, Sunday October 1, 2023.



Thank you to all who have supported Together as One through prayer and meaningful gifts. This weekend we invite all those who have yet to make a gift to join their fellow parishioners in an expression of gratitude. Every gift, no matter how large or small, makes a difference. Our parish has currently committed \$1740. towards our goal of \$8987. Thank you for your generosity .



Thank you to all who helped with our Annual Chicken Dinner. A special thank you to the ladies of St. John & St. Joseph, for their salads and desserts. Thank you to those who worked, and all who came to share our meal, our community and our friendship. It is beautiful how well we work together for the good of our parish. Thank you to the Knights for sponsoring this dinner.



ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

September 16-17, 2023

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2154.00
E-Offering	\$373.00
Emergency	\$25.00
Candles	\$60.00
Maintenance	\$1000.00
Total for Sept 16-17, 2023	\$3612.00



The TAO parish goal for St. Joseph-Salix is \$12,481. Thank you to those who have generously committed to this year's campaign. We have already received \$1015 towards our goal.

The October issue of the Word Among Us is available at the back of church. Please take a copy to use for your daily meditation.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Steve Spohr and Bert Ullrich for freshening up the Religious Education classrooms with a little paint and color. We greatly appreciate the both of you sharing your time and talent.

**WELCOME,
NEW MEMBERS!**

We welcome to the parish this month, Terry and Cathy Hughes.

What do dentists call their x-rays?
Tooth pics!

Did you hear about the first restaurant to open
on the moon?
It had great food, but no atmosphere.

Memorial Mass

*for Miscarriage and
Infant Loss*



Parents who have lost children due to miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, abortion and other infant fatalities are invited to participate in a special "Memorial Mass". This Mass is scheduled each Fall at the Cathedral of the Epiphany, with a reception following. Join us as we come together for support and prayer remembering these children who passed away before baptism.

Monday, October 16, 2023

Mass: 5:30 PM

Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City

To register go to: scdiocese.org/memorialmass

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

-Pope Francis



Eucharistic Adoration

- * **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)



The 40 Days for Life commemoration for 2023 will be held from Sept. 27 to Nov. 5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please prayerfully consider signing

up for an hour a week (or whatever time you can) for the prayer vigil at 40daysforlife.com and select the Sioux City campaign.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays are the days Planned Parenthood is open and most important to fill for the prayer vigil, but any time you can give the cause is appreciated.

The Sioux City prayer chain will be held Oct. 1 at the corner of 19th Street and Hamilton Blvd. and the corner of Stone Avenue and Gordon Drive from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

