

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 3, 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.

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified.

But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.



Questions of the Week

Adults: What has it meant to you to take up your cross and follow Jesus?

Children: When has it been hard to be a follower of Jesus?

— Father John Muir

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Parish
Monday	September 4		No Mass	
Tuesday	September 5	9:00 AM	Ed Lamoureux	St. Joseph
Wednesday	September 6	9:00 AM	Isaac & Josh Pueppke	St. John
Thursday	September 7	9:00 AM	Glenda Ullrich	St. Joseph
Friday	September 8	9:00 AM	Mavis & Dwayne Ryan	St. John
Saturday	September 9	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John & St. Joseph	St. Joseph
Sunday	September 10	9:00 AM	Peggy Morrow Richardson	St. John
		11:00 AM	Mary Lue Schneiders	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

September 9

The Little Way: Retreat Day with St. Therese of Lisieux Mater Dei Immaculate Conception Parish Center - 10 AM - 2 PM. Lunch will be included. This retreat is provided at no cost to you! You can register online: <https://materdeisc.org/the-little-way-retreat-day-with-st-therese-of-lisieux>.

September 15

Date Night at Sioux City Mater Dei

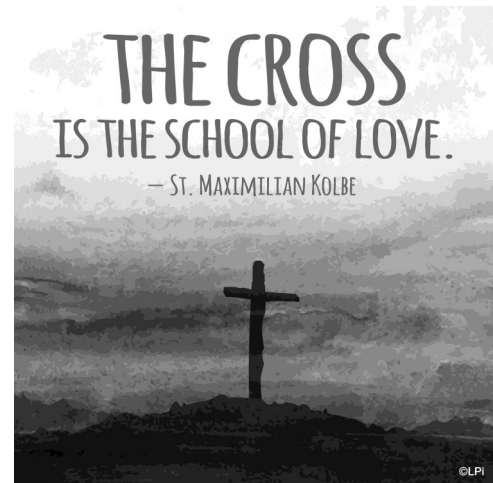
For All Couples - (Dating, Engaged or Married)
The topic for the Night - "Stuff No One Told You In Marriage Prep." Speakers will be - Danny and Ashley Swalve and Fred and Krystal Shellabarger
Social Hour Starts at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30, Speakers at 7:30 p.m. Location: Immaculate Conception Parish Center. \$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.



Our parish offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th to observe Labor Day. We will reopen for business on Tuesday, September 5th.



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

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 6th:** St. Joseph, 6:30 — 7:30 PM
- **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 20, 2023 Registered Families: 185

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1816.00
E-Offering	\$243.58
Building	\$87.00
St. Bernard	\$546.00
Total for August 20, 2023	\$2692.58



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. More details to follow.

Take a fresh look at your Marriage. Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and enrich your lives together. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. For more information call 563-920-9419.

Upcoming dates: April 12-14, 2024 in Epworth; September 27-29, 2024 in Dubuque; and November 8-10, 2024 in Holstein.



ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering August 19-20, 2023

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$3388.00
E-Offering	\$155.00
Assumption of Mary	\$248.00
Candles	\$66.00
Retirement for Religious	\$70.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$20.00
Total for Aug. 19-20, 2023	\$3947.00



St. Joseph Bazaar and Chicken Dinner is Sunday, September 17. 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. Need tickets? Stop by the office or purchase tickets at the Bazaar and Chicken Dinner, Sunday, September 17, 11am-2pm. Winners will be drawn and announced at 2pm. Need not be present to win. All winners will be contacted on Monday, September 18.



It's a joy and pleasure to welcome these new members to our parish family.

- Kayla Salyer
- Rachel & Lance Zeleny and their children, Jack, Faith and Hope



Our next funeral committee to serve is chaired by Mary Herbst and Monica Kavanaugh. They are assisted by Julie Case, Carla Cleveland, Joan Crawford, Jeanne Davis, Niki Dewald, Sharla Dicks, Lori Donnelly, Mary Doyle, Pamela Eliason, Victoria Eliason, Mary Fischer, Emilee Gehling, Deborah Gemberling, Joan Gengler, Theresa Helmrich and Dawn Teal. Funeral committees provide and serve funeral luncheons. Thank you for providing salads, desserts and service in this ministry.

God Laughs

THE SIN OF LYING:

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17.

Every hand went up.

The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."



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.

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)



St. Mary Parish in Storm Lake is hosting a program sponsored by the Diocese of Sioux City.

Real Love & Real-Life Chastity Education

For parents and 7th & 8th graders

Saturday, September 9, 2023

8:30am-4:30pm

Family Honor Inc. is also facilitating a one day retreat for adults to understand what it means to be created as male and female, speaking the truth in love about today's moral issues and discover what the Catholic Church teaches us.

Understanding the Human Person

Saturday, November 18, 2023

9:00am-7:30pm

The retreat will be held at St. Mary Parish in Storm Lake. It is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Sioux City and Family Honor .

Learn more about Family Honor at familyhonor.org. For more information on these programs contact info@familyhonor.org.



Together as One: Our Diocesan Annual Appeal (TAO) campaign will be kicking off next weekend. TAO is a diocese wide effort that supports the pastoral services of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sioux City. You can give by returning the pledge card that will be mailed to you the week of Sept. 11th or by giving online at scdiocese.org/tao.