

# 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

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 18, 2024**

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**St. Joseph:** [www.stjoesalix.com](http://www.stjoesalix.com)

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** 30 min. before Mass or by appointment

**Baptism:** **St. John** – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

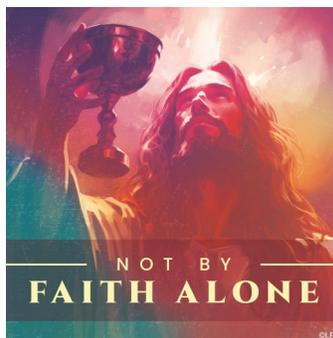
**St. Joseph** – Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

**Baptism Class:** Contact Father Shinoj Jose

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

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the “bread of life come down from heaven.” Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to “eat my flesh and drink my blood” (John 6:54). The real presence of



Jesus’ body and blood – he himself, truly, really, substantially – has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist.

– Father John Muir  
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# WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2024

## Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

| Day       | Date      | Time     | Mass Intentions                                       | Location   |
|-----------|-----------|----------|---|------------|
| Monday    | August 19 |          | No Mass   |            |
| Tuesday   | August 20 | 9:00 AM  | Bud & Ilene Mareau †                                  | St. Joseph |
| Wednesday | August 21 | 9:00 AM  | Marge Parks †   | St. John   |
| Thursday  | August 22 | 9:00 AM  | Richard Wruble †                                      | St. Joseph |
| Friday    | August 23 | 9:00 AM  | Father Patrick O'Kane †                               | St. John   |
| Saturday  | August 24 | 4:00 PM  | Bert & Ella Ullrich †                                 | St. Joseph |
| Sunday    | August 25 | 9:00 AM  | Louis Benjamin †                                      | St. John   |
|           |           | 11:00 AM | Parishioners of St. Joseph, St. John, and St. Bernard | St. Joseph |

## GROWING IN OUR FAITH

### Seeds of Faith

#### Religious Education

**Save the date!** St. Joseph students, K–10, begin classes on September 4th, and St. John students, K–12, begin on September 11th! St. Joseph parishioners can visit our website or Facebook page for online registration.



#### Catechists

**Help us grow!** We have spots available in both parishes for catechists and catechist aides. To inquire, please contact the office.

#### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly known as RCIA) is for any person, 17 years of age or older, who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact either office. Lessons will begin the week of September 9.

#### Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Jesus warns us that unless we eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, we do not have life within us. The Eucharist is the wellspring of our Christian life, in every place and in every moment. Let us always remember that where there is no Eucharist, there is no life.

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## CONFIRMATION

Our parishes will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop R. Walker Nickless on **Sunday, October 20, 2024, 9:00 AM** at St. John Church.

The curriculum we use in our Religious Education Program, *Word of Life*, offers catechesis for the preparation of the sacraments. Therefore, students who *consistently* attend class on Wednesday evenings receive catechesis to prepare for the reception of the sacraments. However, there are still details which the parish needs to communicate. Therefore, a brief presentation on the state of Confirmation will be built into the Religious Education Parent meetings. Please plan to attend one of these meetings:

- St. Joseph:** Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 PM \*
- St. John:** Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 PM \*

\*Please note the revised dates at both parishes\*



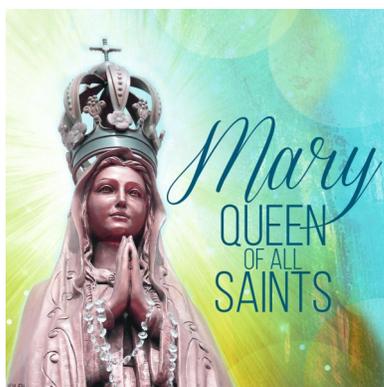
Our parish offices will be closed on **Monday, September 2, 2024** in observance of Labor Day. We will resume our normal office hours on Tuesday, September 3rd.

## ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

### St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

August 4, 2024

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Envelopes and Loose Giving      | \$1367.00        |
| E-Offering                      | \$134.70         |
| Building Fund                   | \$145.00         |
| St. Bernard                     | \$140.00         |
| Needy Fund                      | \$30.00          |
| Candles                         | \$10.00          |
|                                 |                  |
| <b>Total for August 4, 2024</b> | <b>\$1826.70</b> |



As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: **Her Queenship is a share in Jesus' Kingship.** In Revelation 12, Mary is described as both Queen and Mother, representing both herself, as Mother of the Redeemer, and the Church, in her continuing battle against the Evil One.

Mary is not the wife of the King Jesus. She is just his mother! A closer look at Scripture, however, shows us that **it is precisely from a Biblical perspective that Mary's queenship makes perfect sense.** For in ancient Israel, it was the king's mother who reigned as queen, not the king's wife.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.



## ST. JOSEPH NEWS

### St. Joseph Weekly Offering

August 3-4, 2024

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Envelopes and Loose Giving        | \$4324.76        |
| E-Offering                        | \$588.00         |
| Candles                           | \$55.00          |
| Emergency                         | \$80.00          |
| Food Pantry                       | \$50.00          |
| Tabernacle Dues                   | \$45.00          |
|                                   |                  |
| <b>Total for August 3-4, 2024</b> | <b>\$5142.76</b> |

### St. Joseph's Famous Chicken Dinner

**SPONSORS:** The St. Joseph Parish family has gathered, worshiped, and held this dinner as a tradition for over 100 years! For 2024, we have some wonderful sponsors that have stepped up to help underwrite this event. A huge thank you to PRESENTING Sponsor: Goodin Insurance and MAJOR Sponsors: Nelson Farms, Steinhoff Construction, Trademark Enterprises, and Walker Brothers Roofing. We are seeking support from parishioners and local businesses as well. Your donation will help cover event costs and our \*NEW\* ALL Cash Raffle! This year our raffle prizes will include \$1000 (1 prize), \$500 (2 prizes), \$250 (4 prizes), and \$100 (10 prizes). Tickets prices remain at \$10 for 10 chances!

If you would like to offer your support, please complete the form found on the table in the entryway and mail it to the church or drop it in the collection basket BEFORE September 6. Donations of \$100 or more will have their name displayed on our THANK YOU board at the event. Checks can be written to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We are in need of your help on September 15! A volunteer board is available at the back of church for you to sign up.

**COUNTRY STORE:** The Country Store will be back and we need your help filling the shelves! Homemade goodies, canned fruits, veggies, jams, jellies, fresh veggies and crafts are all needed for our Country Store at the St. Joseph's Famous Chicken Dinner!

**SOLICITORS:** Dinner and raffle tickets are now available for purchase. Solicitors will be available after weekend masses selling tickets and taking sign-ups for volunteers. Each family is asked to:

- purchase 2 books of raffle tickets for \$20
- bring a salad or dessert to serve 15 people

If you miss the sign up after a weekend mass, a solicitor will call on you at home. Please help out by taking care of this after mass.

## God Laughs

"Why did the pope want a Swiss Guard?"



"He heard how **hole-y** their cheese was."



The Swiss Guard are a specialty armed force who protect the pope, and they've been doing so since 1506. The historic full-dress uniform is a fan-favorite of visitors to the Vatican.

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"Of all his virtues, Christ specifically commends one to us, *humility*. 'Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart.'"

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux

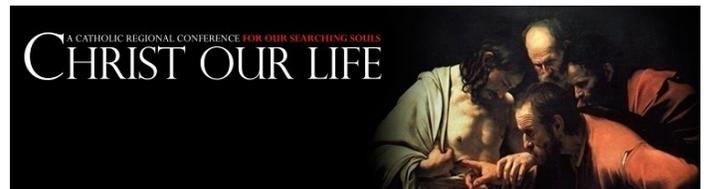
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We will have a second collection the weekend of August 24-25 at both St. John Church and St. Joseph Church for the Knights of Columbus CPID collection (Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities), formerly known as the Tootsie Roll Collection. Please be generous with your donation to this very worthy cause. Thank you.



The Sisters of the Divine Savior, also known as Salvatorian Sisters, live out our mission to make known the goodness and kindness of Jesus on five continents in 27 countries. We were founded in 1888 in Tivoli, Italy by Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan and Blessed Mary of the Apostles. Today, there are nearly 1,100 professed members and many more in formation worldwide. Salvatorian Sisters minister to their local people, and empower them to develop their own resources. They depend on us for financial support. Thank you to Sr. Betty and Sr. Mirjam for visiting our parishes and sharing your mission!



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### CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

**September 28 & 29, 2024**

**Meet one of the Speakers: Jason Evert**

Over the past 25 years, Jason Evert has traveled to six continents sharing the message of purity with millions of people. He leads "The Chastity Project," and his TV appearances include Fox News, The BBC, EWTN, and MSNBC. Jason hosts the podcast "Lust is Boring," and has authored 20 best-selling books, including *Saint John Paul the Great* and his most recent book, *Male, Female or Other?*



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