

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-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2020

From Father Michael

St. Monica (322?-387) - Feast Day is August 27

The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Monica's prayers and example won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his Baptism. Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact, she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted. When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead, he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan. In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter, 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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Questions of the Week:

Adults: Which Church leader has most influenced your personal faith?

Children: What has your pastor taught you about Jesus?

WEEK OF AUGUST 23 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon	No Mass..	0:00 am
Tue	Dayle & Darlene Ellis.....	9:00am
Wed	Mahlon Pekarek..Blencoe).....	7:30 am
Thurs	No Mass.....	0:00am
Fri	Donna Davis	9:00 am
Sat	No Mass.....	0:00 am
Sun	Paulette Rice.....	9:00am

Stewardship St. John 8/16

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 870.00.
building	\$.
Candles	\$.
E-offering	\$ 194.70
Needy Fund	\$
Holy land	\$
Catholic Relief	\$
Retired/Infirmary	\$
St. Bernard	\$ 220.00

Total: \$ 1284.70

St. John Registered Families.....185

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon	No Mass.....	0:00am
Tue	No Mass.....	0:00am
Wed	No Mass.....	0:00pm
Thurs	Sue Lamoureux.....	9:00am
Fri	No Mass.....	0:00 pm
Sat	Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard...	4:00 pm
Sun	Jessica Worrell Loring	11:00 am

STEWARDSHIP St. Joseph 8/15—8/16

Envelopes	\$ 2810.00
Loose:	\$ 2.00
Candles:	\$ 30.00
Cemetery PC	\$
E-offering:	\$
Maintenance	\$
Emergency	\$ 25.00
Food Pantry	\$ 75.00
Mow & snow	\$
Assumption	\$ 52.00
Ret. Religious	\$ 140.00
TOTAL:	\$ 3134.00

St. Joseph Registered Families209

ST. JOHN				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
		Elmwood		
ROSARY		Homebound	Greeters	
ST. JOSEPH —				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
—Rosary			14- Greeters	
Stewards ➡		Homebound ➡		Liturgy/ Word

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:

Father Patrick O'Kane, Midge Stanley, Madonna Dodd, Shirley Turner, Esther Mac Clure, Loretta Simoff, Doe Walker, Pete Mortensen, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Rosemary Kirby, Florence Ibsgaard, Gina Mortensen, Chris Metzger, Judson Bramow, & Sherry Wince. If you know of someone who is ill and needs our prayers, and would like to be listed, or if you no longer need to be listed, please contact Colleen @ office 423-1004

Thank you to all who have continued to give to the support of St. Johns and St. Bernards. Your help and dedication to our community is truly appreciated.

Happy Belated Birthday to Charlotte Zortman.

The first Class for Religious Education has been set for October 7. Parents, please check your mail as we have sent registration forms and letters out explaining the changes, and we will continue to update you as we progress through this year. Thank you

Any family with a first grader, please contact the office so I can send you a registration form.

Sunday, October 25th @ 1 PM, has been set as our date for our Mass of Confirmation. This will include grades 8,9,10. Please notify your sponsor. Due to Covid-19, this date is for St. John's only. St. Joseph will set their own date and have their own Confirmation so that each Parish can observe all social distancing guidelines.

Remember to pray for the sick of our Parishes. Father O'Kane, Fran Mitchell, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Mike Franken, , David Bogenrief, Linda Donnelly, Sue LaCroix, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Doreen Becker, O Roger Huot, Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner, Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell, Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Glenda Ullrich, Stella Serviss, Gerrie Lamoureux. Darrell Lux, Richard Hentges, Paula Wagner. & Carol Lux. For all who travel, grieve, those in the military, veterans their families and our nations leaders. The candles burning on the Blessed Mother's altar are for the military serving in foreign lands.

Food Pantry is now open daily from 9:00am to 1:00 pm if you or if you know someone who needs food we are here to help. After hours call 490-1991 or 281-0107 and we can come in and help you out. We are open to the Westwood area.

Bazaar is coming on Sunday, September 27th from 11am to 2pm, we hope you will be helping your solicitors out by having your check ready \$10 for raffle tickets, \$10 for the Chicken and your choice of a dessert or salad that you will bring that will feed 15 people. If you do not want them to come in let them know tape it to the door, put in mailbox this all helps them do their job during these times.

On the day of the Bazaar we will have two lines, one for carry outs, one for dining in, desserts will be in plastic containers, seating will be social distancing for 96 people and carry outs can pick out what they like and go home and eat. We will wear mask have hand sanitizers readily available and we will wash tables down between with soap and water as recommended by the CDC. Silverware and napkins salt and pepper will be wrapped securely for your safety. Hope to see you there and hope things are better yet by then, wear your mask when out social distance and we will get there.

CONFIRMATION will be held on Sunday, November 8th, at Mass at 3:00pm. Be sure your Sponsors name and your Saints name are in to Kathy Jo as this has to be recorded to the Diocese. Thank you

What Makes Us Laugh:_____

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'

Augustine was born in 354 AD in the municipium of Thagaste (now Souk Ahras, Algeria) in the Roman province of Numidia. His mother, Monica was a devout Christian; his father Patricius was a pagan who converted to Christianity on his deathbed. He had a brother named Navigius and a sister whose name is lost but is conventionally remembered as Perpetua.

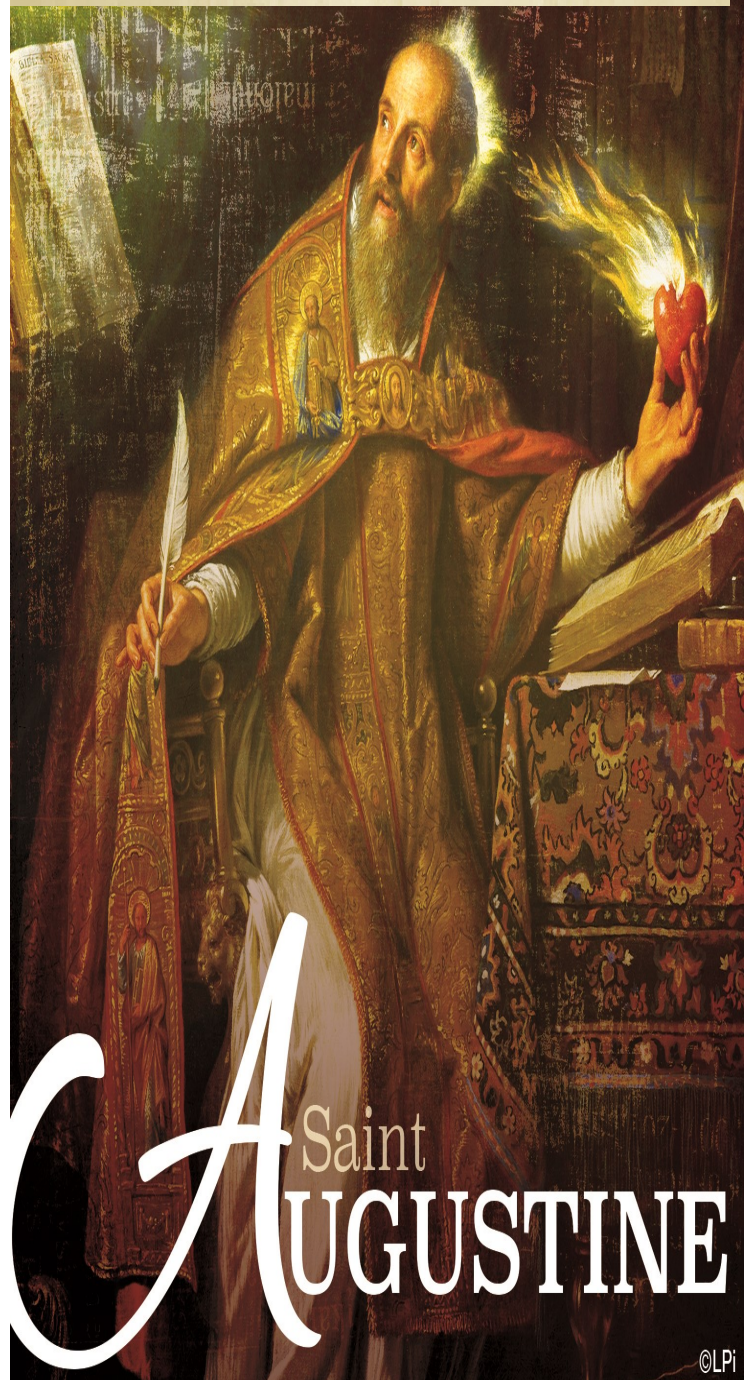
Augustine arrived in Milan and visited Ambrose, having heard of his reputation as an orator. Like Augustine, Ambrose was a master of rhetoric, but older and more experienced. Soon, their relationship grew, as Augustine wrote, "And I began to love him, of course, not at the first as a teacher of the truth, for I had entirely despaired of finding that in thy Church—but as a friendly man." Eventually, Augustine says he was spiritually led into Catholicism. Augustine was very much influenced by Ambrose, even more than by his own mother and others he admired. In his Confessions, Augustine states, "That man of God received me as a father would, and welcomed my coming as a god bishop should." Ambrose adopted Augustine as a spiritual son after the death of Augustine's father.

According to his contemporary, Jerome, Augustine "established anew the ancient Faith". In his youth he was drawn to the major Persian religion, Manichaeism, and later to Neoplatonism. After his conversion to Christianity and baptism in 386, Augustine developed his own approach to philosophy and theology, accommodating a variety of methods and perspectives. Believing the grace of Christ was indispensable to human freedom, he helped formulate the doctrine of original sin and made significant contributions to the development of just war theory. His thoughts profoundly influenced the medieval worldview. The segment of the Church that adhered to the concept of the Trinity as defined by the Council of Nicaea and the Council of Constantinople, closely identified with Augustine's "On the Trinity."

Augustine was canonized by popular acclaim, and later recognized as a Doctor of the Church in 1298 by Pope Boniface VIII. His feast day is 28 August, the day on which he died. He is considered the patron saint of brewers, printers, theologians, and a number of cities and dioceses. He is invoked against sore eyes.

Love
IS THE
Beauty
OF THE
Soul.
— ST. AUGUSTINE

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