

# 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

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 4, 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 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:** How intently do you search for Jesus? What motivates you to look for Jesus?

**Children:** When you feel tempted to do wrong, how do you remain strong in your faith?



Since my college days I've loved a song called "Dance with You" by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: "I've tasted all the wines/ a half a billion times/ came sickened to your shore/ you showed me what this life is for."

These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus' words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God's gift of manna -bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people – like us – must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

We will get to the Lord's teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you'll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for.

—Father John Muir

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# WEEK OF AUGUST 4, 2024

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

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	August 5		No Mass	
Tuesday	August 6	9:00 AM	Bert & Ella Ullrich †	St. Joseph
Wednesday	August 7	9:00 AM	Bill & Joan Samson †	St. John
Thursday	August 8	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph & the Flood Victims	St. Joseph
Friday	August 9	9:00 AM	Loretta Simoff †	St. John
Saturday	August 10	4:00 PM	Margaret & Wally Hansen †	St. Joseph
Sunday	August 11	9:00 AM	John, Marjorie & Bob Zink †	St. John
		11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph, St. John, and St. Bernard	St. Joseph

## GROWING IN OUR FAITH

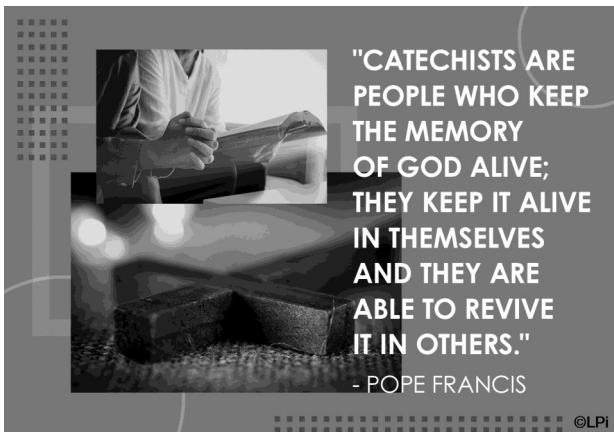
# Seeds of Faith

### 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!

### Religious Education Catechists

We have spots available in both parishes for catechists and catechist aides. To inquire, please contact Michelle, 712-202-6641.



### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is for any person, 17 years of age or older, who would like to know about the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know would like to know more, please contact Michelle, 712-202-6641.



# CONFIRMATION

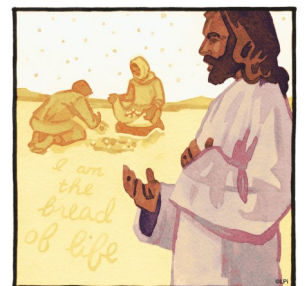
Our parishes will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop R. Walker Nickless on **Sunday, October 20, 2024, 9:00 AM** at St. John Church.

The Diocese of Sioux City has also announced Confirmation dates for 2025. Our parishes will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, September 21, 2025, 11:00 AM** at St. Joseph 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

Jesus reminds his followers: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." We are so often distracted by the world before us, by the here and now. Let us not forget what is eternal. We were made for what is eternal. ©LPI



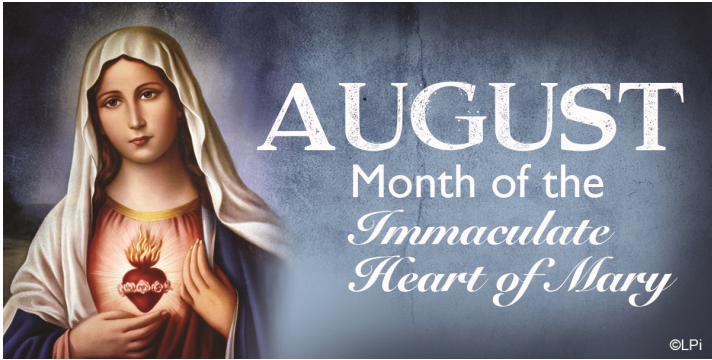


# ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering July 21, 2024	
Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$831.00
E-Offering	\$134.70
Building Fund	25.00
St. Bernard	\$35.00
<b>Total for July 21, 2024</b>	<b>\$1025.70</b>

# ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering July 20-21, 2024	
Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$3281.50
E-Offering	\$240.00
Candles	\$35.00
Emergency Fund/Maintenance	\$10.00
Cemetery Perpetual Fund	\$105.00
<b>Total for July 20-21, 2024</b>	<b>\$3671.50</b>



# Parish FUNDRAISER

**New Name!  
New Structure!  
New Cash Prizes!**

The committee organizing our annual dinner and fundraiser has been working hard and creatively to make this event one you won't want to miss. What is new this year? First of all the name! It will be called "St. Joseph's Famous Chicken Dinner." St. Joseph's holds a long tradition of a delicious broasted chicken dinner with a wide range of salads and desserts. We no longer host a full fledged bazaar or festival so that aspect is being dropped from the name. What is new this year is the TYPE and AMOUNT of the raffle prizes. Instead of having an assortment of prizes, it will be an ALL CASH raffle. And the NINE prizes will be BIG!!!

**\$1000, \$500, \$250, \$250, \$100, \$100, \$100, \$100, \$100**

Tickets will still be \$10 for a book of 10 tickets. This year we will be securing sponsors for the cash prizes and to help underwrite the cost of the dinner. What this means is that we **will not** be asking each family to donate \$10 to cover the chicken cost. We WILL still need your help as volunteers, to purchase raffle tickets and supply a salad or dessert.

Look in next week's bulletin for information on how you can become a sponsor! And don't forget to mark your calendar for Sunday, September 15!

In the Catholic Church, each month of the year is dedicated to a particular devotion - **in August it's the Immaculate Heart of Mary**. In addition to the Assumption of Mary, other feast days devoted to Mary in August include Our Lady of the Angels on Aug. 2; Saint Mary Major (Santa Maria Maggiore, also known as Saint Mary of the Snows) on August 5; The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) on August 15; and The Queenship of Mary on August 22. In the month of September, we celebrate The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8, also known as Marymas.



Please remember that you can support our Parish even when you are traveling. Just go to our web page at [stjohnonawa.com](http://stjohnonawa.com), scroll to the bottom

of the page, and click on **Donate Now**. It will take you through the steps needed, and you won't miss an opportunity to give your support.



**Prayer of Generosity**



*Oh God, whose generosity cannot be outgiven, mold my heart to mimic Yours.*

*Teach me what it means to be giving, knowing that whatever I have is a gift, from Your abundance. Blessed be Your name. Amen.*

## God Laughs

"Did you hear about the hawk sitting on the church steeple?"



"He was real bird of **pray**."



Church steeples are made to inspire us to look to heaven. In the olden days, they were the highest points in a city, and the first things spotted from far away.

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# DID YOU KNOW?

THE AIM OF THE DEVOTION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY IS TO UNITE HUMANKIND TO GOD THROUGH MARY'S HEART.



## Diocese of Sioux City's 2024 Seminarian Appeal 2024 Colecta para Seminaristas



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Support our Seminarists

### Support the Seminarian Appeal

Help support our shepherds for the 21st Century-our seminarists - through your financial gift to the Seminarian Appeal. Give by mail or online by scanning the QR code or go to [scdiocese.org/giving](http://scdiocese.org/giving). Thank you for your support of our young men in seminary for the Diocese of Sioux City.

Thank you to **Siouxland Catholic Radio 88.1 FM** for visiting our parishes this past month. Check out their special event coming up in September!

### Dinner with Johnnette & Jack

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Country Celebrations Event Center

5606 Hamilton Blvd, Sioux City, Iowa


Private Reception: 4-5 p.m.

Social: 5-5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Program

Go online for more info:

[siouxlandcatholicradio.com/dinner-with-johnnette-and-jack](http://siouxlandcatholicradio.com/dinner-with-johnnette-and-jack)



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**Sr. Josephine Garrett (Topic - The Choice)**  
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**Saturday, September 28 Wells Fargo Arena**