

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



**ST BERNARD**

201 Main St. Blencoe, IA



**ST JOHN**

1009 13th St., Onawa, IA



**ST JOSEPH**

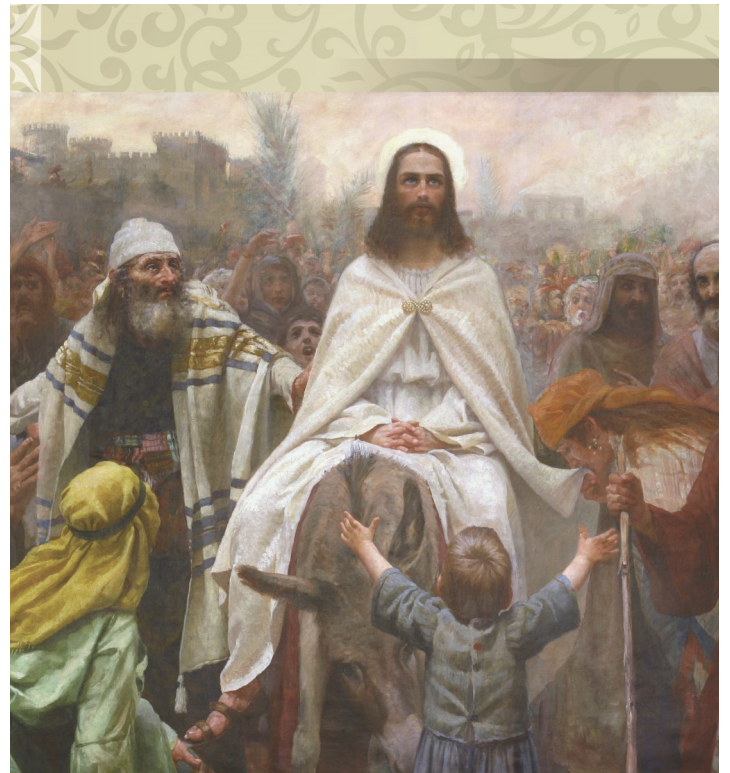
510 Tipton St., Salix, IA

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD APRIL 14, 2019**

## From Father Michael:

### The Use of Palms in the Church

The palm tree and palm leaves referred to in the Bible are the date palm. Solomon and Jeremiah used the palm tree to symbolize straight stature, and they referred to the City of Jericho as "the City of Palm Trees." The palm tree was considered in Biblical times as a princely tree and was used as a symbol of victory and well-being and also as temple decoration. Palm trees were used in the carved decorations of the temple, usually associated with Cherubims, lions, and open flowers. The palm tree was considered holy in Babylon and later was sacred to the Greek god Apollo. The palm found another meaning; the oasis of the desert was a welcome stop for both camel and traveler who first sighted the waving palm tops in the distance. Psalms provided food and shade; the oasis, water. So palm branches become the symbol of welcome, public homage, and journey's end. Among, both the Romans and the Jews the palm was carried in joyful or triumphant processions. In 293 B.C. victorious Roman soldiers bore palm branches when parading in Rome; and the palm was given as a victory emblem at public games. Palm branches were the conventional symbol of public approval and welcome by eastern people to conquering heroes, and were strewn and carried in triumphal processions. Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem when the people strew palm branches in His path and greeted Him with Hosannas (John 12:12-13), became a liturgical function on Palm Sunday in the 4th century. But already the palm was connected with martyrdom (Rev. 7:9) and was used to decorate grave markers and tombs in the catacombs as a sign of the triumphant death of the martyr. On mosaics and on sarcophagi it usually stands for paradise, and Christ is frequently portrayed amid palms in heaven. So also in early church art, the Lamb of God and the Apostles are depicted amid palms. The palm tree was embossed on ancient Hebrew coins, and the Romans celebrated the conquest of Judea by issuing a new coinage, still retaining the palm tree, but with an added inscription announcing the victory. Since the early days of the Christian Church, the palm blessed at Mass on Palm Sunday is carried home by the faithful as a symbol of Christ's presence among them. Before Ash Wednesday the blessed palm is burned, and its residue is used in the distribution of ashes as a symbol of penance during Lent.



## PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

foto from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### Questions of the Week:

**Adults:** When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

**Children:** When have you let someone down who trusted you? How did you feel?

## WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2019

### ST. JOHN / ST. BERNARD

**Pastor** Father Michael Erpelding..... 712-423-2656  
 stjohndparishhall@msn.com www.stjohnnonawa.com  
**Secretary / DRE** Colleen Maule..... 712-423-1004  
 stjohndparishhall@msn.com  
**Office hours:** 7 am–2pm Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
 7am -Noon 4pm-8:30 pm Wednesday 7am-11am Friday

#### MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon	No Mass.....	0:00am
Tue	Fred Servia.....	9:00am
Wed	Verla Benjamin.....(St. Bernard)...	7.30am
Thurs	No Mass.....	0:00am
Fri	Stations @ Elmwood.....	9:30 am
Sat	Ralph & Dora Miller.....	8:30 pm
Sun	Breynd Maule.....	9:00am

**CONFESSION: SUNDAY 8:30 AM–8:45 AM**

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

##### Wednesday, April 17

Stations of the Cross 7:30-8:00 PM

##### Good Friday, April 19

Walk with the Cross 9 am / Stations @ Elmwood 9:30 am

**Stewardship 4/7/19 St. John St. Bernard**

Envelopes/Loose  
 Building  
 Flowers  
**Total: Next Week**

St. John Registered Families.....185

### ST. JOSEPH

**Pastor** Father Michael Erpelding 712-946-5635  
 stjoseph@longlines.com WWW.STJOESALIX.COM  
**Secretary** Mary Lynn Nelson ..... 712-946-5635  
 stjoseph@longlines.com Cell 712-281-0107  
**DRE** Kathy Jo Mitchell ..... 712-212-3867

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon	No Mass.....	0:00am
Tue	No Mass.....	0:00am
Wed	No Mass.....	0.00pm
Thurs	Sue Lamoureux.....	7:00pm
Fri	Good Friday service.....	3:00 pm
Sat	No Mass.....	0:00 pm
Sun	Parishioners of Sts. Joseph, John & Bernard.....	11:00am

**CONFESSION: SAT. 3:30PM–3:45PM / SUN. 10:30 AM– 10:45 AM**

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wednesday– April 17**

Religious Ed 6:45-7:45 PM

#### STEWARDSHIP 4/6—4/7—ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes: Loose:  
 Church/Europe \$  
 E-offering  
 Easter Flower \$  
 Ash Wed.

**TOTAL: Next Week**

St. Joseph Registered Families .....209  
 St. Joseph Debt December 2018 .....\$157000.00  
 St. Joseph Debt April 2017.....\$324, 880.66

### ST. JOHN APRIL 21

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
Mary Black	Casey Mcmimamen	Fran Tramp– Elmwood	Ron & Cindy Hausman	Churck Orsini,Darin
ROSARY	Nathan Mcminamen	Glen Coble– Homebound	Greeters	
Grace Fouts	Jaci Mcminamen	Mary Tramp	Randy & Jeanne Botorff	Jim Niewohner

### ST. JOSEPH APRIL 21

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
20-	20-	20-	20-	20-
21- Kathy Spohr			21-Ryan Willis Family	
20-Rosary	21-Joshua Brady	21–Judy Milos	Greeters	21–Robert Dandurand family
21–Mary Holzerland	Braden Hensley Joseph Gengler	Joni Greder Deanna Smith	21– Eric & Victoria Eliason Family	Ryan Willis
Stewards ➡	Steve & Kathy Spohr	Homebound ➡	Pam Eliason Deanna Smith	<u>Liturgy/ Word</u> Mary Brady

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:**

Father Patrick O'Kane, Midge Stanley, Madonna Dodd, Shirley Turner, Esther Mac Clure, Darlene Ellis, Loretta Simoff, Doe Walker, Maryann Muller, Pete Mortensen, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Rosemary Kirby, Gina Mortensen, Chris Metzger, Judson Bramow, Sherry Wince, & Susie Brink. 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

**Have you or someone you know been affected by the flooding? If you have and you need help, contact the FEMA helpline @ 1-800-621-3362 or their website @ Fema.gov**

It is not too late to do your part and give to the St. John 2018/2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal :

Thank you for your generous response so far to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We have collected \$11785.00 toward our parish goal of \$13915.00. That means we only need \$1930.00 to meet our goal.

\*\*\*\*\*  
*Thank you to all who helped with and /or attended our Fish Fries. Your support, dedication and hard work is appreciated!*

\*\*\*\*\*

Mark your Calendars:

*The Rosary Society will meet on Wednesday, April 24th @ 5 PM @ St. John's*

*First Communion Sunday April 28 at 9 am Mass*

*Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, May 7 @ 7 PM @ St. John*

*Senior breakfast and Mass May 12*

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:**

Father O'Kane, Fran Mitchell, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Mike Franken, Loretta Prince, David Bogenrief, Linda Donnelly, Sue LaCroix, Pam Dailey, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Doreen Becker, Kathy Spohr, Glenda Ullrich, Roger Huot, Stanley Johnson, Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner, Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell, Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Carter Lucas, Deb McLarty, Stella Serviss, Gerrie Lamoureux. 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 .

Mater Dei Parish in Sioux City is bringing well known George Weigel to Sioux City on May 10th at 7pm, tickets are \$10 you can purchase at the door or call 712-274-0497 to reserve tickets. This is at 1212 Morningside Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa.

*Religious Education is on Wednesday, April 17th from 6:45pm to 7:45pm for all classes.*

DAA GOAL IS \$17,581, TO DATE WE HAVE COLLECTED \$14,571.00 WE NEED \$3010 TO REACH OUR GOAL, WE HAVE ALWAYS REACHED OUR GOAL THOSE WHO HAVE NOT GIVEN PLEASE GIVE AND SHOW THAT ST. JOSEPH'S CAN MEET THEIR GOAL. THANK YOU SO MUCH. DAA money is used to help the Tribunal Office work with parishioners who are seeking annulments, also supports Marriage preparation and Marriage resolution and each year Nullity Workshops are held throughout the Diocese thanks to the money collected for DAA.

"YOUTH GROUP @ St. Joseph

will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month at 6:30PM  
Greg 712-444-4843 or Keri Beth 712-204-2805

**Just for Laughs**

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The religious sister made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples.

## Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, April 16  
Mass @ Onawa @ 9 AM

Wednesday, Apr. 17  
Mass @ Blencoe @ 7:30 AM

Wednesday, Apr. 17  
Stations of the Cross @ Onawa 7:30-8:00 PM All are welcome!

Holy Thursday, April 18  
Mass @ Salix @ 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 19  
Walk with the Cross @ Onawa.....  
Be at Parish Center by 9:00 AM

Stations of the Cross @ Elmwood NH @ 9:30 AM

Good Friday Service, April 19 @ 3:00 PM @ Salix

Easter Vigil Mass, April 20 @ Onawa @ 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday Mass, April 21 @ Onawa @ 9:00 AM

Easter Sunday Mass, April 21 @ .....  
Salix @ 11:00 AM

\*\*\*\*\*

Mark your calendars and save the dates.  
The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. You are encouraged to participate with private prayer on Friday –Saturday. Beginning on Easter Monday, April 22 through Saturday April 27, public novena prayer will be offered at Trinity Heights Queen of Peace Marian Center each evening at 7:00. Copies of the novena prayer are available at your church or through Trinity Heights or at [www.divinemercy.com](http://www.divinemercy.com) On April 28<sup>th</sup>, Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration will be hosted by Holy Cross Parish at Blessed Sacrament Church beginning at 1:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

# THE EASTER TRIDUUM

