

# 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

**THE MASS OF THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUG. 25, 2019**

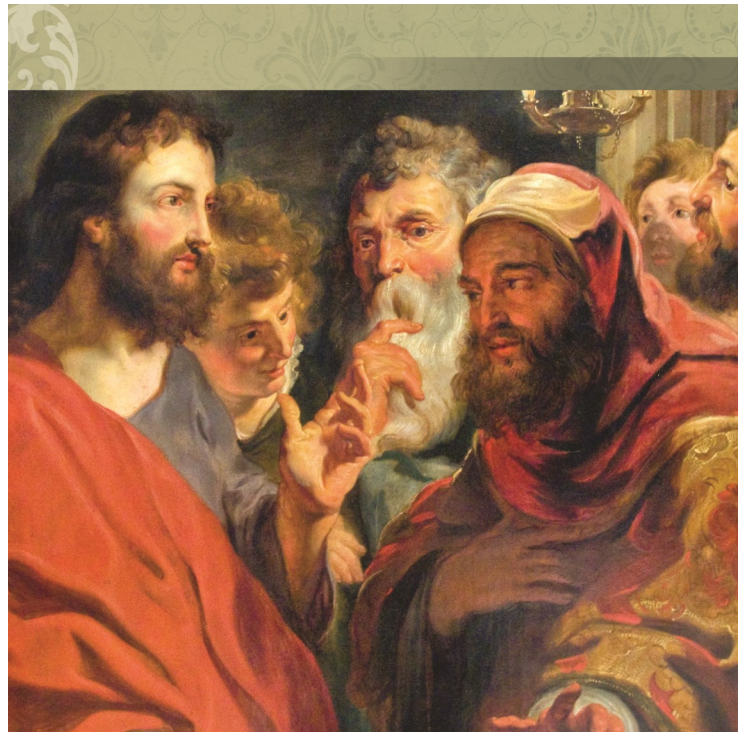
## From Father Michael:

### A Blessing of Students

As the month of August winds down, students and teachers all over the country are preparing to return to school. For some students, it will be to the school they attended last year. For others it will be a brand new experience in a brand new school; the first year in middle school or high school, for example. For others, it will be a more symbolic beginning—the beginning of college and the first-time experience of being away from home. The Introduction to the Order of Blessing of Students and Teachers, from the Book of Blessings, chapter 5, reminds us that "it is appropriate that students and teachers alike acknowledge that all human wisdom and knowledge have God as their source."

In the midst of these life experiences, the Church provides blessings to help experience these events in the context of our faith. Whether the child is leaving for college or for day school, the family may gather around him or her. After making the sign of the cross and perhaps proclaiming an appropriate reading of scripture, the mother or father may pray the blessing in the name of all the family. In this way the Church recognizes and celebrates the comings and goings of those of us who follow Jesus, the one true teacher.-

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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### Questions of the Week:

**Adults:** *What daily choices are you making that will allow you to be recognized at the doorway of the Reign of God?*

**Children:** *What good habits are you practicing in order to be a good Christian?*

## WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2019

### ST. JOHN / ST. BERNARD

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 7am -Noon 4pm-8:30 pm Wednesday 7am-11am Friday

#### MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon	No Mass.....	0:00 am
Tue	Irwin & Geraldine Niewohner.....	9:00am
Wed	Gene Zortman.....(Blencoe).....	7.30am
Thurs	NO Mass.....	0:00am
Fri	Virgil hedges.....	9:00 am
Sat	No Mass.....	0:00 pm
Sun	Gene Zortman.....	9:00am

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

#### Calendar of Events

**Sunday, August 25 TODAY**  
 Knights of Columbus Exemplification starting at 1 PM  
**Sunday, September 8**  
 KC P.I.D. collection (Tootsie Roll Drive)  
 Knights of Columbus food booth open for Ventures  
**Sunday, September 15**  
 Knights of Columbus annual Chicken Dinner 11-2

<b>Stewardship 8/18/19</b>	<b>St. John</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>
Envelopes/Loose	\$ 1247.00	\$ 1317.00
Hall Rental	\$ 100.00	
Retired Relig.	\$ 100.00	
E-offering	\$ 267.13	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3031.13</b>	

**St. John Registered Families.....185**

### ST. JOSEPH

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon	No Mass.....	0:00am
Tue	No Mass.....	0:00am
Wed	No Mass.....	0.00am
Thurs	Walter & Pauline Scott.....	9:00am
Fri	No Mass.....	0:00 pm
Sat	Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard.....	4:00 pm
Sun	Karen Worrell.....	11:00 am

**Confession: Sat. 3:30pm–3:45pm / Sun. 10:30 am– 10:45 am**

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Weekend of September 7-8**  
 Knights of Columbus 2nd collection for P.I.D.  
**Sunday, September 22**  
 Bazaar & Chicken Dinner

#### STEWARDSHIP 8/17–8/18—ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes:	\$ 2195.00	Loose: \$ 499.75
Debt reduction	\$	Candles: \$ 99.00
E-offering:	\$ 40.00	Maintenance: \$
Cemetery	\$	Assumption: \$2.00

**TOTAL: \$ 2835.75**

**St. Joseph Registered Families .....209**  
**St. Joseph Debt May 2019.....\$109106.00**  
**St. Joseph Debt April 2017.....\$324, 880.66**

### ST. JOHN SEPTEMBER 1

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
Jeff Pratt	Addalyn Lahr	Jeff Pratt- Elmwood	Terry & Anita Madsen	Chuck Orsini, Darin,
<b>ROSARY</b>	Brooklynn Pekarek	Amy Maule- Homebound	<b>Greeters</b>	Crawford, Daryl Reicks
Theresa Niewohner	Maggie & Mollie Lage	Glen Coble	Grace Fouts & K. Skelton	Jim Niewohner

### ST. JOSEPH AUGUST 31 -SEPTEMBER 1

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
<b>31-Kathy Baker</b>	<b>31-J.T. Dewald</b>	<b>31-Michelle Mareau</b>	<b>31-Fred &amp; Deb Craig</b>	<b>31-Bert Ullrich</b>
<b>1- Mike Donnelly</b>	Jackson Dewald Joseph Dewald	Kathy Baker Paula Olson	<b>1-Ryan Willis Family</b>	Fred & Deb Craig Landen Schuetz
<b>31-Rosary</b> Kathy Baker	<b>1-Luke Willis</b>	<b>1-Linda Adkins</b>	<b>31- Greeters</b> Fred & Deb Craig	<b>1-Ron &amp; Margaret</b> Wood
<b>1-Mary</b> Holzerland	Grace Lewis Tegan Murphy	Brenda Hinrickson Mary Parker	<b>1- Robert Dandurand</b> family	<b>Don &amp; Carla</b> Cleveland
<b>Stewards</b> ➡	Mary Johnson Deanna Smith	<b>Homebound</b> ➡	Mary Lynne Nelson Mary Parker	<u>Liturgy/ Word</u>

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

Father Patrick O'Kane, Midge Stanley, Mavis Ryan, Madonna Dodd, Shirley Turner, Esther Mac Clure, Loretta Simoff, Doe Walker, Maryann Muller, 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

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

We are in need of a few religious education teachers. We know everyone is busy and we all have too much to do. There is not enough time in the day to accomplish all we need to do. Ask yourself, just what is more important than the religious education of our children? What is more important than teaching them about our Catholic Faith and God's love and mercy? Please think about this and consider giving a couple hours a week to this worthwhile cause. It will amaze you how much YOU will learn!!! Please contact Colleen for more information.... Thanks for considering this.

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**EXEMPLIFICATION FOR KNIGHTS- TODAY 8/25**

It is the *Formation and Knighthood degrees...2nd and 3rd degrees. Ceremony begins at 1:00. Registration by 12:30 in the lower level of St. John. We are also offering a 1st Degree (Admissions degree) at 11:00 for men who wish to join the knights in Room #10. A light lunch will be served at 12 Noon for all participants*

**THE KNIGHTS' ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER IS SUNDAY, 9/15**

from 11 - 2pm. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BUY TICKETS AND COME ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL SERVED BY THE KNIGHTS! Catered by Staley's.) IF YOU WANT TO BE EVEN MORE INVOLVED, YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING SALADS OR DESSERTS OF ANY KIND. WE ARE ALWAYS RUNNING SHORT OF THOSE ITEMS SO WHATEVER YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE WILL BE APPRECIATED. AT THE CHICKEN DINNER THERE IS ALSO THE COUNTRY STORE. YOU CAN HELP WITH DONATIONS HERE AS WELL. ANYTHING CANNED (JAMS, JELLIES, PICKLES), ANY PRODUCE (CORN, TOMATOES, CARROTS, ETC.), ANY CRAFT ITEMS (PAINTED, CARVED, KNITTED OR CROCHETTED). THE PROCEEDS BENEFIT FR. JOHN (FROM AFRICA) WHO HAS VISITED OUR PARISHES IN THE PAST. OUR ASSISTANCE HELPS HIM SERVE FOUR ARCH-DIOCESES AND SCORES OF SEMINARIANS.

**Person of Month:** Annette Linden for her contributions to our parish as Eucharistic Minister, cleaning altar linens, decorating church and working funeral dinners.

**Family of Month:** Reicks family: Daryl, Anita, Reed, Rosara & Gracie for their combined contributions with CCD and Totus Tuus and Mass servers.

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH-**

**ES:** Father O'Kane, Fran Mitchell, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Mike Franken, David Bogenrief, Linda Donnelly, Sue LaCroix, Pam Dailey, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Doreen Becker, Kathy Spohr, Glenda Ullrich, Roger Huot, Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner, Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell, Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Deb McLarty, Stella Serviss, Gerrie Lamoureux, Rita Brassfield, Darrell 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. Please pray for Carter Holzerland & Andrew Donnelly.*

Bazaar, Solicitors will be out for the Bazaar please be generous also sign up sheet for the Bazaar is in the back of church. Please everyone sign up we need everyone to make this a success. Thank you.

RCIA will begin in September, anyone interested please contact Father or Bev Weikel, 712-428-3707 or Greg Heisterkamp, 712-251-0563. If you know of anyone who is interested In becoming a Catholic please share this information with them.

Our Parish is hosting the PRIEST DINNER that will be held the evening of Tuesday, October 8. If you are interested in helping, please call or text Jodi Nelson at 712-490-0286.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Verla Carroll who was buried from our Parish last week, may her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Solicitors are out for the Bazaar, please welcome them and give your chicken donation and buy tickets and we need desserts and salads so please be generous, want to thank the two men who solicited you were great and really appreciate your help. Solicitors are a very important part of the Church dinner so once again welcome them with open arms. Thank you.

**PARTY ON THE LAWN!** Yep that's what's happening. On Bazaar Sunday, Sept 22nd, we are once again hosting a great selection of crafters and direct sales reps on the front lawn from 10-2pm. Come check out all the cool gift ideas, home décor, food storage, fashion accessories and much, much more! We have 20+ Vendors bringing their wares for your shopping pleasure. Stop out and browse before or after that amazing chicken dinner. We will be ready for you! PS. I have room for a couple more vendors. Locals preferred, but unique required. Contact Mary Herbst at mherbst31@icloud. Com or text to 712-389-7466.

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**National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**

**A solemn prayer service will be held to commemorate the more than 61 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us at Trinity Heights, Queen of Peace 33<sup>rd</sup> & Floyd Blvd in Sioux City at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. All faiths, all ages welcome.**

On Sept. 7th & 8th, the Knights of Columbus will take a second collection at St. John, Onawa & St. Joseph Salix. This is our P.I.D. drive (Tootsie Rolls). Help the Knights help the Crossroads of Western Iowa and help sponsor the Special Olympics.

**P.I.D.= Persons with Intellectual Disabilities**

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Shortly after he had baptized Jesus on the banks of the Jordan, John the Baptist had denounced Herod, the tetrarch of Galilee, to his face. His latest crime: Herod had divorced his own wife and married Herodias, the wife of his elder brother Philip. None dared to speak out. None, that is, until this John, known as the Baptist, and believed by many to be a prophet – if not indeed the Messiah. For proclaiming the truth, John was imprisoned. Herodias's daughter, Salome danced for Herod. Her performance so pleased Herod that he promised her whatever she should ask for, even if it be half of his kingdom, Salome requested the head of John the Baptist on a platter. A guard was sent to behead John in prison. Thus, the "voice crying in the wilderness" was silenced. After his martyrdom, his name was covered with glory. Our Lord said that no man born of woman was greater than he. It is impossible to have a higher praise or more honorable glorification. But this glory had as its foundation his most profound humility.

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*Saint Monica (AD 322–387), also known as Monica of Hippo, was an early Christian saint and the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. She is remembered and honored in most Christian denominations, albeit on different feast days, for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly the suffering caused by her husband's adultery, and her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, who wrote extensively of her pious acts and life with her in his Confessions. Popular Christian legends recall Saint Monica weeping every night for her son Augustine.*

*+++++ Saint Augustine of Hippo was a Roman African, early Christian theologian and philosopher from Numidia whose writings influenced the development of the Western Church and Western philosophy, and indirectly all of Western Christianity. He was the bishop of Hippo Regius in North Africa and is viewed as one of the most important Latin Church Fathers of the Latin Church for his writings in the Patristic Period. Among his most important works are The City of God, De doctrina Christiana, and Confessions. According to his contemporary, Jerome, Augustine established anew the ancient Faith." After his baptism and conversion to Christianity in 386, Augustine developed his own approach to philosophy and theology, accommodating a variety of methods and perspectives. Believing that the grace of Christ was indispensable to human freedom, he helped formulate the doctrine of original sin and made seminal 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 is recognized as a saint in the Catholic Church, and as a preeminent Doctor of the Church. He is also the patron of the Augustinians. His memorial is celebrated on 28 August, the day of his death. Augustine is the patron saint of brewers, printers, theologians, the alleviation of sore eyes, and a number of cities and dioceses*

