

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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7, 2022

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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

Inspiring Us to Live in the Holy Spirit

Adults: What are we teaching our children about real priorities in life? What do they learn from watching us?

Children: Do I thank God for all the gifts that he has given me? Am I aware that all gifts come from God?

The Pastor's Toolbox

THE NIGHT OF PASSOVER WAS KNOWN BEFOREHAND

Moses had declared a series of plagues. The tenth plague was known as the “Passover” because a messenger of death passed over the country, taking the first-born of the Egyptians. (Possibly only the eldest son of the Pharaoh.) This would result in freedom for the Hebrews. Jewish people still celebrate the meal which Moses commanded for that night. According to the Book of Wisdom, the Passover was foreseen by the patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. These men had lived many centuries before the event. They may not have known the specific details, but they had faith that God would rescue their descendants.

GIRD YOUR LOINS

This phrase occurs several times in the Bible. To understand it, you must know something about clothing in biblical times. Most people wore long tunics that stretched from the neck to the ankles. This was a useful style in the hot and dusty Middle East. It was not practical, though, if the wearer had to move quickly. In such a case the person would gather up the garment above the knees and tie up (or gird) the surplus with a rope or cloth belt.

Jesus uses the expression to suggest that His followers must be prepared for immediate action when God calls us. As disciples, we must act swiftly in service of God and our neighbor.

WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2022

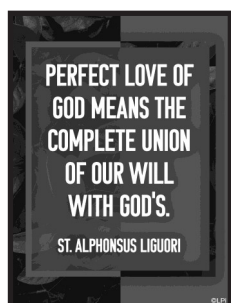
Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Parish
Monday	August 8		NO MASS	
Tuesday	August 9	9:00 AM	David Rounds	St. Joseph
Wednesday	August 10	9:00 AM	Midge Stanley	St. John
Thursday	August 11	9:00 AM	Pat Hiot	St. Joseph
Friday	August 12	9:00 AM	Joe Fouts	St. John
Saturday	August 13	4:00 PM	JessieWorrell Loring	St. Joseph
Sunday	August 14	9:00 AM	Joe & Mabel Hewitt	St. John
		11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John & St. Joseph	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge

College Students



To all of our parish college students, as you either prepare to return to college or begin your first year, please know of our continued thoughts and prayers for each one of you. In the words of a traditional Irish blessing: *May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind always be at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Religious Education

Religious Education Catechists: If you haven't already had your exit interview with Michelle, please schedule an interview with her. *Thank you.*

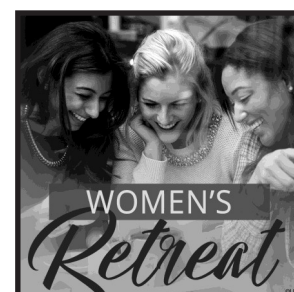
Walking With The Lord Celebration of the Sacraments

Marriage is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. For more information, contact Denise & Greg at (563) 920-9419 or drubner9419@gmail.com.

Upcoming dates: September 9-11 in Dubuque or November 18-20 in Holstein.

The Vineyard Around the Diocese

The Annual Diocesan Women's Conference will be held on **Saturday, August 13, at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll.** To learn more or register, go to <https://scdiocese.org/womens-ministry>.



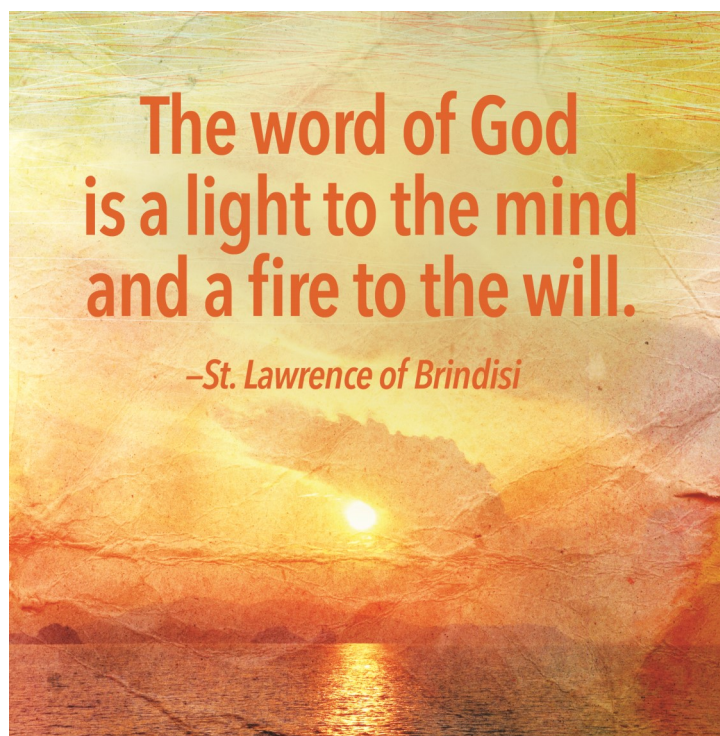
Feed Your Faith: 2022-23 Spiritual Enrichment Program

Do you want to deepen your faith life by connecting with others who share the same desire? Consider joining us on-line one Saturday morning a month, 9:30 to 11:30, from September through April. We welcome interested men and women to gather, using Zoom, with Sister staff members to share prayer and a facilitated group dialogue about the selected reading. Our selected book is *The Seeker and the Monk: Everyday Conversations with Thomas Merton*. As part of this program you will also be able to schedule a personal silent retreat, with two overnights, at our Benedictine Peace Center in Yankton. Register by August 24. For more information, please visit our webpage, <https://yanktonbenedictines.org/spiritual-enrichment-program/>. Register or contact us at 605-668-6292 or benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org.

ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering	
July 24, 2022	
Registered Families: 185	
Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1161.00
E-Offering	\$294.70
Building Fund	
Hall Rental	
Needy Fund	
Grain	
Catholic Communications	
Candles	\$100.00
St. Bernard	\$160.00
Peters Pence	
Total for July 24, 2022	\$1715.70

Please pray for the sick of our parishes: Margaret Hansen, Pam Turner, Loretta Simoff, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Florence Ibsgaard, Gina Mortensen, Judson Bramow, Anita Gerum, Dana Herman, Denis Herman, and Eddie & Ann Womack. 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, contact Colleen at the parish office, 423-1004.



ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering	
July 23-24, 2022	
Registered Families: 209	
Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2098.00
E-Offering	\$310.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Maintenance Fund	
Emergency Fund	
Candles	\$35.00
Food Pantry	
Peters Pence	
Aid to Domestic Church	
Ascension of the Lord	
Stained Glass Windows	
Cemetery Fund	
Total for July 23-24 2022	\$2443.00

Remember to pray for the sick of our parish: Doreen Becker, David Bogenrief, Christian Case, Vincent Choquette, Kathy Clayton, Ben Cooper, Linda Donnelly, Colleen Ebner, Mike Franken, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Bryson Harder, Sophie Helvey, Richard Hentges, Roger Huot, Elliott Johnson, Sue La-Croix, Gerrie Lamoureux, Justin Lamoureux, Brian Mareau, Helen Martin, David Menard, Fran Mitchell, Tristan Parks, Mark Rinaldi, Mary Lue Schneiders, Frances Schulte, Stella Serviss, Nick & Ally Spohr, Kathy Stahmer, Connie Wagner, Paula Wagner, Brady Worrell, and Cal Worrell. For all who travel, those who grieve, those in the tary, veterans and their families, and our nation's leaders.

St. Joseph Minister Schedule for August 13-14		
Ministry	Saturday, August 13	Sunday, August 14
Altar Servers	Hudson, Landen & Lawson Schuetz	Jaxton & Vivian Johnson Joleigh Hensley
EMHC	Paula Olson	Tom Becker
Lector	Al Stuhrenberg	Mary Herbst
Greeters	Pete & Marge Rinaldi	Eric Eliason & Family
Gifts	Paula Olson Monica Kavanaugh	Tom & Doreen Becker
Ushers	Bert Ullrich, Monica Kavanaugh Pete & Marge Rinaldi	Tom & Doreen Becker John & Heather Hensley
Communion to the Homebound: Mary Lander & Pam Eliason		
Stewards, Monday, Aug. 15: Mary Lander & Deanna Smith		

God Laughs

German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are renowned as a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speedbird 206.

Speedbird 206: "Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of active runway."

Ground: "Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven."

The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"

Speedbird 206: "Stand by, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."

Ground (with quite arrogant impatience): "Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?"

Speedbird 206 (coolly): "Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark, and I didn't land."

Franciscan Common Venture Service Trip

There are still openings for a FCV team to The Wild Rose Center in Busby, MT. The dates are **September 4 - 10, 2022**, with arrival on Sunday the 4th and departure on Saturday the 10th. Located on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation and bordering the Crow Indian Reservation, this unique setting offers a safe and quiet place where women of all races, cultures and spiritual beliefs are welcomed. The types of service needed include, but are not limited to: painting, quilting, sewing, cleaning, preparing buildings for winter, and organizing. Open to men and women 20+ years of age. Fee of \$125 to help cover costs. Due date to apply is August 8, 2022. Download an application from our webpage (<https://bit.ly/3OqVg2Q>) or contact Sr. Shell at balekm@osfdbq.org for more information.

