

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

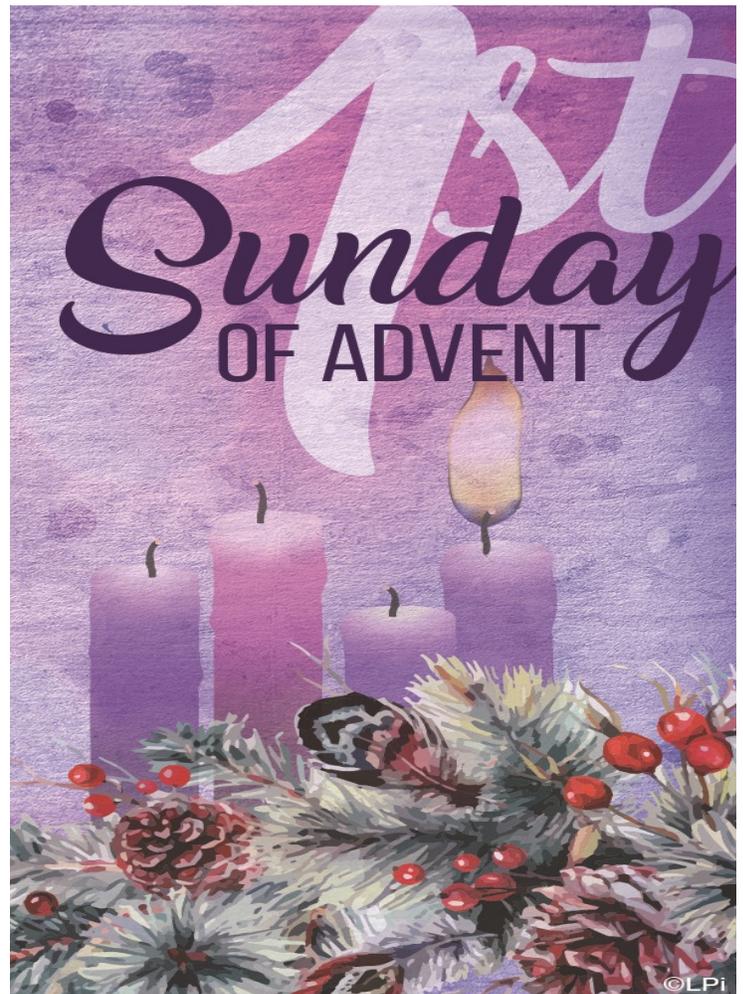
THE MASS OF THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DEC. 1, 2019

From Father Michael:

The Advent Wreath Explained:

The Advent wreath originated with the Lutherans of eastern Germany a few hundred years ago. The custom of lighting the wreath during the four weeks preceding Christmas took place only in the homes of believers. Gradually, especially in Roman Catholic parishes, this custom made its way into the church. The Book of Blessings (Chapter 47) tells us that the wreath “should be of a sufficient size on a stand. If it is placed in the sanctuary, it should not interfere with the celebration of the liturgy, nor should it obscure the altar, lectern, or chair.” The wreath is blessed only on the First Sunday of Advent, and is simply lighted on the remaining Sundays



Questions of the Week:

Adults: What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

Children: What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?

WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2019

ST. JOHN / ST. BERNARD

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Office hours: 7 am–2pm Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
 7am -Noon 4pm-8:30 pm Wednesday 7am-11am Friday

MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon	No Mass.....	0:00 am
Tue	Paulette Rice.....	9:00am
Wed	Paul & Maggie Gilhison.....(Blencoe).....	7:30am
Thurs	No Mass.....	0:00pm
Fri	Pioneer Valley NH.....	10:00am
Sat	No Mass.....	0:00 pm
Sun	Bill & Bonnie Kelley.....	9:00am

CONFESSION: SUNDAY 8:30 AM–8:45 AM

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, December 3

Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7 pm

Wednesday, December 4

Confessions open to Parishioners @ 7:30 pm

Stewardship St. John 11/24/19 St. Bernard

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 1035.00	\$ 145.00
building	\$ 25.00	
Ret. Rel	\$	
E-offering	\$	
Needy Fund	\$	
Total:	\$ 1060.00	

St. John Registered Families.....185

ST. JOSEPH

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon 2	No Mass.....	0:00am
Tue 3	No Mass.....	0:00am
Wed 4	No Mass.....	0.00am
Thurs 5	Souls in Purgatory	9:00am
Fri 6	No Mass.....	5:00 pm
Sat 7	Sister Dolores Ullrich	4:00 pm
Sun 8	Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard.	11:00 am
Mon 9	Sue Lamoureux, Feast of the Immaculate Conception	6:30 pm

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

STEWARDSHIP 11/23–11/24 —ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes:	\$ 5170.00	Loose: \$ 248.00
Debt reduction	\$ 1005.00	Candles: \$
E-offering:	\$ 218.00	Maintenance \$ 180.00
Cemetery	\$	
Food Pantry	\$ 50.00	
TOTAL:	\$ 6871.00	

St. Joseph Registered Families209
 St. Joseph Debt September 2019.....\$64,450.00

ST. JOHN DECEMBER 8

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
Bridget Beck	Damien Orr	Annette Linden- Elmwood	Vance & Annette Linden	Mike Goslin, Matt
ROSARY	Andrew Orr	Beth Kirby Homebound	Greeters	Beaty, Chuck Orsini
Grace Fouts	Jordan Orr	Gabe Madsen	Randy & Jeannie Bottorff	Jerry Menke

ST. JOSEPH DECEMBER 7-8

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
7-Al Stuhrenberg	7-Hudson Schuetz	7-Kathy Baker	7-Pete & Marge Rinaldi	7-Bert Ullrich
8- Greg Sample	Eli Gehling Kaitlyn Skatges	Paula Olson Michelle Mareau	8-Ryan Willis family	Mike & Sharon Clayton Landen Schuetz
7-Rosary Kathy Baker	8-Holly Skinner	8-Pat Folsom	7- Greeters Pete & Marge Rinaldi	8-Eric & Kyle Eliason
8-Mike & Lori Donnelly	Charlie Clayton, Kylee McDermott	Kathy Jo Mitchell, Bev Weikel	8- Robert Dandurand Family	Don & Carla Cleveland
Stewards ➡	Mary Lander Julie Case	Homebound ➡	Kathy Jo Mitchell Bev Weikel	<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, 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

Thank you to those who have already made a gift to the 2019 Together As One campaign. Your gift will make a difference in someone's life. As of 11/6/19 we have received a total of \$6825.00 in gifts and pledges. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Prayerfully consider a gift. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant. .

Rosary Society: Will be assembling cookie trays for the nursing home and home bound parishioners on Monday, December 9th. Please have your cookies, bars, etc here by 1:30 pm on the 9th. All help is appreciated.

Christmas Breakfast—hosted by the Knights of Columbus , December 15 after the 9 am Mass.

Father O'Kane's address.
St. John Vianney Retirement Center
7323 Shirley St Apt # 208
Omaha, Ne 68124-1739

For Parishioners of St. Joseph:

Church Debt is now down to \$64,450.00 we are getting there need to reach our DAA goal and money coming back to our Parish would help pay off the debt. Thanks to all who are helping get this paid off.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:

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, 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. 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.

TOGETHER AS ONE GOAL IS \$18,737, LET'S MEET OUR GOAL THIS YEAR, TO DATE WE ARE AT \$10,885.00 LET'S GET THIS ONE DONE !!!!! HIT OUR GOAL AND THE DIOCESE WILL RETURN TO ST. JOSEPH'S, \$8,075 AND WE COULD USE THIS TO HELP PAY THE DEBT OFF.....

CHOIR PRACTICE IS ON WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:45PM ALL SINGERS WELCOME SEE YOU THERE.....

YOUTH GROUP meets the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm See you There!!!!

YOUTH GROUP is looking for scrap lumber for a craft project. Call Greg 712-444-4833 for questions/ or drop off. Thank you.

CHURCH DECORATING The decorating committee will be working on Christmas decorations and need your help. We will be putting decorations together every Sunday afternoon from 2:00 pm to 5:00pm in one of the classrooms downstairs. Starting Sunday November 10th through December 22nd, Margaret Wood (251-3834) will have projects that require many hands to prepare. This is a great opportunity to get volunteer hours for Confirmation students or if you just want to be a part of the preparation. Stop by for an hour or join us every Sunday—the help would be much appreciated. Thanks Margaret.

THANK YOU, to Don Mohning for all his work behind the main altar, many, many hours spent, really looks beautiful and to his assistants Kenny Miller and Denny Brouillette. Don worked very hard and did a fantastic job to help keep our church from deteriorating for years to come. Thanks again from all of us at St. Joseph's.

EXPERIENCE PEACE AND LOVE

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.

WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE AND BEAUTIFUL ASPECTS OF CATHOLICISM. JESUS CHRIST, IN HIS ABUNDANT LOVE AND MERCY, ESTABLISHED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION, SO THAT WE AS SINNERS CAN OBTAIN FORGIVENESS FOR OUR SINS AND RECONCILE WITH GOD AND THE CHURCH. THE SACRAMENT "WASHES US CLEAN," AND RENEWS US IN CHRIST.

"JESUS SAID TO THEM AGAIN, 'PEACE BE WITH YOU. AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, EVEN SO I SEND YOU.' AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE BREATHED ON THEM, AND SAID TO THEM, 'RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT. IF YOU FORGIVE THE SINS OF ANY, THEY ARE FORGIVEN; IF YOU RETAIN THE SINS OF ANY, THEY ARE RETAINED'" (JOHN 20:21-23).

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at St. John on Wednesday, December 4th & at St. Joseph on Wednesday, December 11. There will be 2 extra priests to help Father. The religious Ed students will be receiving the sacrament from 6:45 until approximately 7:30.. At 7:30 all parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

