

# 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**DEC. 22, 2019**

## From Father Michael:

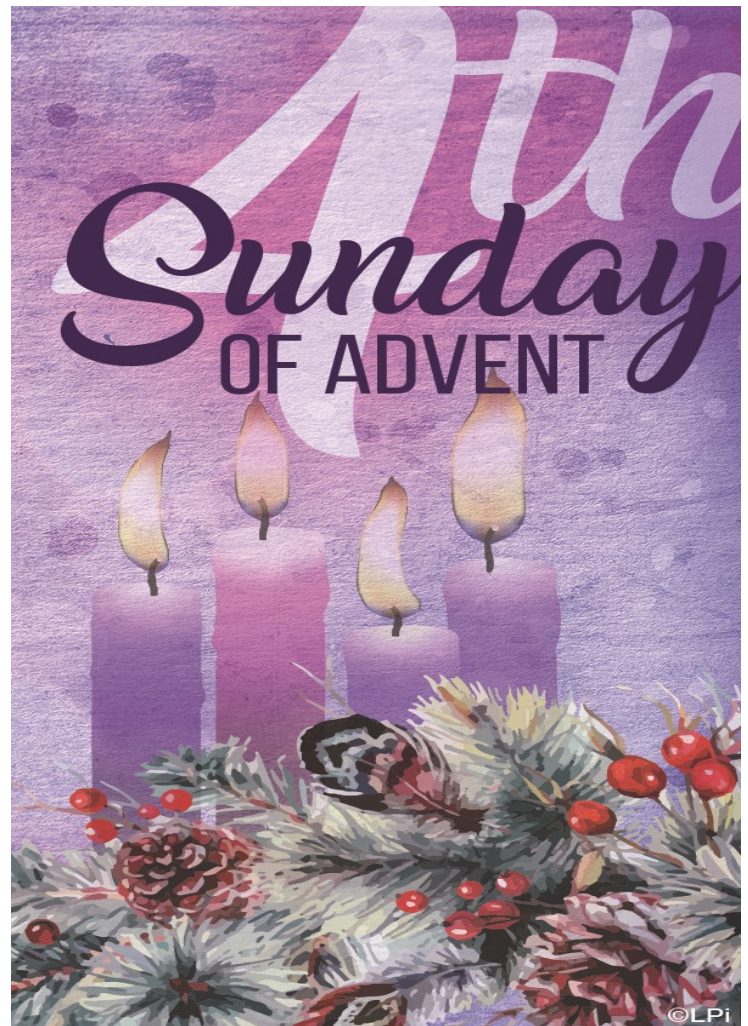
We love our heroes. Politicians, entertainers and sports figures often seem larger than life, moving us to collect autographs, buy expensive tickets or imitate their clothing.

In the Gospel of Matthew we find a different kind of hero, a principled man, faithful to his Jewish tradition, choosing compassion over legalism. One can imagine that Joseph felt betrayed by Mary. If he had divorced Mary publicly, she could have been stoned to death; instead, he chose to be compassionate. Even though he could not comprehend the implications of this dream, he responded with faith to the voice of God in the events of his life. Both Mary and Joseph sought to do the right thing, with the belief that God would be with them on their life journey.

Like Joseph, we are challenged to be faithful to the voice of God in the unfolding events of our lives. We are called to let go of past hurts and bitterness, and move to forgiveness. The voice of God within moves us to grow more fully human in our response to that call. Our faithfulness to God's call is best observed during a time of crisis. Do we act with compassion and respect? Do we live with the freedom of the beloved?

Joseph was not larger than life, but moved through life with largeness of heart.—

Judy Morris, Louisville, Kentucky



### Questions of the Week:

Adults: Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

Children: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

## WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 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	John & Marjorie Zink.....	6:00pm
Wed	Breynd Maule.....	9:00 am
Thurs	No Mass.....	0:00pm
Fri	Lee Christensen .....	9:00 am
Sat	No Mass.....	0:00 pm
Sun	John & Marjorie Zink.....	9:00am

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

#### Calendar of Events

##### Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass @ St. John @ 6 PM  
 -Please bring your bells for the children's processional

##### Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass @ St. John @ 9 AM

#### Stewardship St. John 12//19 St. Bernard

Envelopes/Loose	\$	\$
building	\$	
Ret. Rel	\$	
E-offering	\$	(The bulletin company is running on
Needy Fund	\$	holiday hours. This information was not
<b>Total:</b>	\$	available at deadline.)

St. John Registered Families.....185

### ST. JOSEPH

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon	No Mass.....	0:00am
Tue	<b>Brent Weikel</b> .....	4:00pm
Wed	<b>Stanley Johnson</b> .....	11:00am
Thurs	<b>Daryl Hecht</b> .....	9:00am
Fri	No Mass.....	0:00 pm
Sat	<b>Daryl Hecht</b> .....	4:00 pm
Sun	Parishioners of Sts. Joseph, John & Bernard. 11:00 am	

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

#### Calendar of Events

##### Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass @ St. Joseph @ 4 PM

##### Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass @ St. Joseph @ 11 AM

#### STEWARDSHIP 12/–12/ –ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes:	\$	Loose:	\$
Debt reduction	\$	Candles:	\$
E-offering:	\$	Maintenance	\$
Cemetery	\$		

**TOTAL:** \$ (The bulletin company is running on holiday hours. This information was not available at deadline.)

St. Joseph Registered Families .....209

St. Joseph Debt December 2019..... \$52,000.00

St. Joseph Debt April 2017.....\$324,880.66

### ST. JOHN DECEMBER 29

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
Phil Hubert	Ava Stangel	Pauline Zima– Elmwood	Todd Messerole Family	Chuck Orsini, Darin
<b>ROSARY</b>	Kaci Miller	Mary Tramp- Homebound	<b>Greeters</b>	Crawford, Daryl Reicks
Grace Fouts	Abby Wessel	Fran Tramp	Darin Crawford Family	Jim Niewohner

### ST. JOSEPH DECEMBER 21–22

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
21-Kathy Baker	21-Eli Gehling	21-Michelle Mareau	21–Pete & Marge Rinaldi	21-Bert Ullrich Landen Schuetz
22- Pat Folsom	Dylan Waite, Kaitlyn Skatges	Paula Olson Kathy Baker	22–Laura Lewis Family	Pete & Marge Rinaldi
21–Rosary Kathy Baker	22-Joshua Brady, Holly Skinner	22–Pam Eliason	21 - Greeters Pete & Marge Rinaldi	22–Ryan Willis Family
22–Mary Holzerland	Jaxton Johnson	Greg Heisterkamp, Pat Folsom	22- Laura Lewis Family	John & Heather Hensley
<b>Stewards</b> →	Mike & Gina Norgelas	<b>Homebound</b> →	Bev Weikel Pam Eliason	<u>Liturgy/ Word</u> Kathy Spohr

**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. . Please remember to bring your bells for Christmas Eve mass!

**ST. JOSEPH ANNOUNCEMENTS BEGIN HERE:****REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:**

Remember to 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 Dailley, 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.

**Just For Laughs**

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

**Christmas Eve Mass:**

**SERVERS** Kaitlyn Skatges, Lydia & Zach Harpenau  
**COMMUNION** Deb Harpenau, Tom & Doreen Becker  
**GREETERS** Jacob & Sheli Goodin family  
**LECTOR** Michelle Mareau  
**GIFTS** Jacob & Sheli Goodin family  
**USHERS** Bert Ullrich, Pete Rinaldi, Tom & Doreen Becker

No Rosary, Hymns before mass.

**CHRISTMAS DAY AT 11:00 VOLUNTEERS PLEASE**

BSA TROOP 269 is having a Christmas Tree Pick-Up Fundraiser. Trees should be left by the curb and will be picked up starting at 10:00am on Jan 4, 2020. Please text or call Laura at 712-574-7530 to make arrangements. This will take place in Salix, Sloan and Hornick.

TOGETHER AS ONE GOAL IS \$18,737, LET'S MEET OUR GOAL THIS YEAR, TO DATE WE ARE AT \$11,585,00, LET'S GET THIS ONE DONE !!!!! HIT OUR GOAL AND THE DIOCESE WILL RETURN TO ST. JOSEPH'S \$8075 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm See you There!!!!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** have been donated in memory of Dean & Josie Prather, Charles & Florence Lucas, Deceased members of the Mareau family, Stephen Olson, Lawrence Topf, Mary Trudeau, Donald Domsch, Joe Baker, Earl & Helen Putnam, Agnes Wickencamp, Nick & Lucy Topf, Nick Steinhoff, Bill & Bobby Welter, Larry Calhoun, Ray Calhoun, Thelma Hansen, Roland Hansen, Catherine & Walter Hansen, Stanley Johnson, Harold & Mae Handke, Doris & Everett Black, Dolores & Archie Worrell, Jessie Loring, Connor Michael Norgelas, Donald Lampman, Tiny & Snowball Johnson, Gene Hejhal, Helen Lazarowicz, Donald Brabby, Lynn Brabsa, Buck & Corrine Goodwin, Rene Goodwin, Bud Brassfield, Tom Brennan, Deceased members of the Brouillette, O'Meara & Johnson family, Cory Loreth.

**CHRISTMAS IS LIKE A KISS**

POPE JOHN XXIII ONCE SAID  
“ CHRISTMAS IS LIKE A KISS.”

HOW TRUE! IT IS THE NIGHT  
THAT JUSTICE AND PEACE KISSED,  
MERCY AND KINDNESS EMBRACED,  
GOD AND MAN BECAME ONE.

CHRISTMAS IS A LOVE THAT  
EMBRACES THE REAL WORLD OF  
DISEASE AND DESPAIR,  
DESTRUCTION AND DEATH,  
SIN AND SORROW.

CHRISTMAS WANTS TO  
GATHER US ALL TOGETHER AS ONE  
GREAT HUMAN FAMILY  
TO GIVE US THE  
GREETING OF GOD  
AND THE KISS OF HIS CHRIST

Jesus said to him,  
I am the way, the truth,  
and the life. No one comes to  
the Father except through me. –  
John.

May You feel God’s presence  
in the candles, that softly  
spread their glow at Christmas  
and may you experience  
the wonder of  
His abiding love,  
as He guides you,  
through each day  
of the coming year.

