

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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH DEC. 29, 2019

From Father Michael:

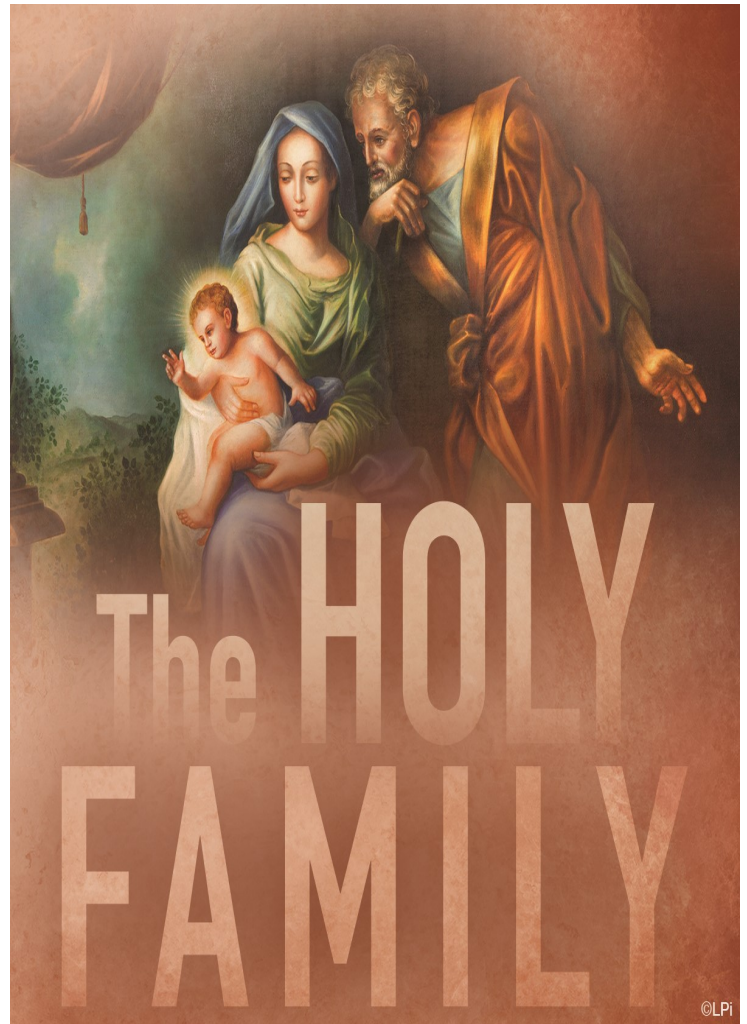
Every year right after Christmas, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. There is a reason for this. It's easy to think the "incarnation" means God took on a human body.

But there is much more to it than that. In Jesus, God unites himself to an entire human nature. He fully enters into human experience, with all its peaks and valleys. And a part of that human experience, with more than its share of peaks and valleys, is family.

Jesus spent over 90% of his years in the obscure nitty-gritty of family life. Though only a few chapters are devoted to this lengthy period, what they reveal is significant. First of all, despite the cuddly image of our nativity scenes, the original Christmas was anything but cozy. A woman nine months pregnant rides 75 miles on the back of a donkey over bumpy, dusty roads so she can have her baby in a stable full of dirty, smelly animals. Quickly after the birth they have to pick up and flee for their lives, seeking asylum in a foreign land. A few years later, the now adolescent son goes missing for several days, and there ensues a conversation characterized by no little emotion. Joseph is a saint, Mary is without sin, Jesus is God incarnate, yet there are still challenges, difficulties, tense moments, and opportunities for misunderstanding.

Welcome to real family life. It is a seminary of sorts. The word seminary means "seedbed." It is a greenhouse where, in a sheltered environment, vocations can develop till they can not just survive in the real world, but bear fruit there.

The family is the original seminary. In its soil is sown the call to share in Christ's holiness and mission. Ironically, tending to the seedlings causes the parent/gardeners to grow as well. So family, in God's plan, is a community where everyone has growing to do. Let us grow in our faith as a holy family in our parish.



Questions of the Week:

Adults: *What can you do this week to help someone in your family feel more secure and loved?*

Children: *What good thing will you do this week to show your love for a parent or grandparent?*

WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 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 **No Mass.....0:00pm**
 Wed John & Marjorie Zink5:30 am
 Thurs No Mass.....0:00pm
 Fri @ Pioneer Valley Nursing Home.....10:00 am
 Sat No Mass.....0:00 pm
 Sun Darlene Ellis.....9:00am

CONFESSION: SUNDAY 8:30 AM–8:45 AM

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday, January 1: Mass: Mary, Mother of God @ 5:30 PM

Stewardship St. John 12/15/19 St. Bernard

Envelopes/Loose	\$1,310.00	\$320.00
Flowers	\$100.00	
Immaculate Concept.	\$25.00	
Candles	\$13.00	
Needy Fund		
Total:	\$ 1768.00	

St. John Registered Families.....185

ST. JOSEPH

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon No Mass.....0:00am
 Tue Daryl Hecht 6:30pm
 Wed No Mass.....11.00am
 Thurs Errol & Lavonne Brouillette9:00am
 Fri @ Pioneer Valley Nursing Home.....10:00am
 Sat Maurice & Gloria Welte & Lynn Boyle.....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
 (time permitting)

Calendar of Events:

Tuesday, December 31: Mass: Mary, Mother of God @ 6:30pm

STEWARDSHIP 12/14–12/815—ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes:	\$3602.00	Loose:	\$146.00
Debt reduction	\$1080.00	Candles:	\$118.00
E-offering:	\$390.70	Maintenance	\$10.00
Flowers	\$50.00		

TOTAL: \$5396.70

St. Joseph Registered Families209
 St. Joseph Debt December 2019..... \$ 52,000.00
 St. Joseph Debt April 2017.....\$324,880.66

ST. JOHN JANUARY 5

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
Amy Maule	Reed Reicks	Larry Derocher- Elmwood	Joe & Stacey Mcminamen	Jerry Menke, Chuck
ROSARY	Gracie Reicks	Bianca Derocher Homebound	Greeters	Orsini, Matt Beatty
Theresa Niewohner	Rosara Reicks	Dave Hausman	J. Samson & L. Oliver	Volunteer

ST. JOSEPH JANUARY 4-5

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
21-Kathy Baker	21-Kaitlyn Skatges	21-Kathy Baker	21-Pete & Marge Rinaldi	21-Bert Ullrich
22- Mary Herbst	Hudson Schuetz Lawson Schuetz	Michelle Mareau Paula Olson	22-3rd Grade CCD Class	Pete & Marge Rinaldi Landen Schuetz
21-Rosary Kathy Baker	22-Luke Willis	22-Linda Adkins	21 - Greeters Pete & Marge Rinaldi	22-3rd Grade CCD Class
22-Mike & Lori Donnelly	Grace Lewis Teagan Murphy	Brenda Hinrickson Mary Parker	22- 3rd Grade CCD Class	
Stewards →	Mary Lynn Nelson Mary Parker	Homebound →	Mary Lynn Nelson Mary Parker	Liturgy/ Word Lisa Willis

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, Carl & Margaret Lenz & 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 10/22/19 we have received a total of \$5540.00 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. We are truly coming Together As One to meet our goal! Thank you in advance for your generosity and your contribution to keeping our Catholic community strong.

There are no Religious Education Classes starting December 18 until January 8.. Please enjoy your Christmas break and take the time to reflect on the remaining weeks of Advent and prepare for the joy of the Christmas season..

Please remember to bring your bells for Christmas Eve mass!

SAVE THE DATE: February 22, 2020: Wine Tasting Party @ St. John's Church. Details coming soon.

Just For Laughs

Sign on Amish vehicle being pulled by a horse:
"Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

St. Joseph Announcement begin here:

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 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.

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 2nd & 4th 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 Lazarewicz, Donald Brabby, Lynn Brabsa, Buck & Corrine Goodwin, Rene Goodwin, Bud Brassfield, Tom Brennan, Deceased members of the Brouillette, O'Meara & Johnson family, Cory Loreth, Ellis family and the Parker family, Ed & Esther McKenna, Ed & Evelyn McKenna, Leo & Faith McKenna, Walter & Flora Harmon families, Deceased Members of the Tabernacle Society.



The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ, whom Christians see as the Lord, Son of God. It is celebrated by the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church on 1 January, the Octave (8th) day of Christmastide.

