

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

From Father Michael:

SUBLIMITY OF WORDS

Paul came to Corinth, Greece after literally being laughed out of Athens. In order to preach a new philosophy or religion in the Greek capital he had to gain a license from the "Court of Philosophers". It met on Mars Hill, opposite the Acropolis. He tried to preach Christianity in very philosophical terms. He was going fine until he spoke of the resurrection of the body. This was contrary to the lofty schemes of the intellectuals and they rejected him. In Corinth, he tried an entirely different, more spiritual approach and won many converts.

SALT OF THE EARTH

Salt was literally worth its weight in gold in ancient times. It was vital for preserving food before the invention of refrigeration. Also, people cooked food very quickly to preserve fuel. It did not acquire the taste that slow roasting would bring. Salt thus helped bring out the flavor of the meal. It was also used in the Kosher process, whereby excess blood was absorbed from meat. Once the salt had completely soaked up this fluid it was useless for anything except for drying icy or muddy roads. Jesus may have had several of these aspects in mind when he spoke of his followers as having to be "salt for the world."



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Questions of the Week:

Adults: When Jesus tells me that I am salt and light in this world, what new thing do I understand about myself and my fellow believers?

Children: How can I bring the light of Jesus to my family and my friends?

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 2020

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

MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon No Mass.....0:00 am
 Tue Dora Miller9:00am
 Wed Bob Bruns.....Blencoe).....7:30 am
 Thurs No Mass.....0:00am
 Fri Elmwood NH9:30 am
 Sat No Mass.....0:00 pm
 Sun Gene Zortman.....9:00am

CONFESSION: SUNDAY 8:30 AM–8:45 AM

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. John @ 6:45 PM

Stewardship	St. John 2/2/2020	St. Bernard
Envelopes/Loose building	\$ 1153.25	\$ 130.00
Candles	\$ 145.00	
E-offering	\$ 341.44	
Needy Fund	\$ 149.00	
Grain	\$ 2257.93	
Briar Cliff	\$ 70.00	

Total: \$ 4246.62

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 Agatha Tracy.....9:00am
 Fri No Mass.....0:00 pm
 Sat Erroll & Lavonne Brouillette4:00 pm
 Sun Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard...11:00 am

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

STEWARDSHIP St. Joseph 2/1–2/2

Envelopes:	\$ 3150.00
Loose:	\$ 288.27
Debt reduction	\$ 870.00
Candles:	\$ 41.00
E-offering:	\$ 220.00
Food Pantry	\$ 70.00
Building Fund	\$
Maintenance	
Mow & Snow	\$ 452.00
Briar Cliff	\$ 100.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00
TOTAL:	\$ 5196.27

St. Joseph Registered Families209
 St. Joseph Debt December 2019.....\$ 29,463.75
 St. Joseph Debt April 2017.....\$324, 880.66

ST. JOHN FEBRUARY 16

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
Bianca Derocher	Gracie Reicks	Pauline Zima– Elmwood	Larry & Amy Christensen	Mike Lage, Darin
ROSARY	Rosara Reicks	Mary Tramp Homebound	Greeters	Crawford,Daryl Reicks
Grace Fouts	Reed Reicks	Fran Tramp	Gary & Linda Ellis	Jim Niewohner

ST. JOSEPH FEBRUARY 15-16

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
15-AI Stuhrenberg	15-JT Dewald	15-Tom Becker	15–Pete & Marge Rinaldi	15-Bert Ullrich
16– Kathy Spohr	Joseph Dewald Jackson Dewald	Kathy Baker Doreen Becker	16–Ryan Willis Family	Aaron & Kelsi Skatges Marge Rinaldi
15–Rosary Dorothy Putnam	16-Savannah Selig	16–Judy Milos	15- Greeters Aaron & Kelsi Skatges	16–Ron & Margaret Wood
16–Mary Holzerland	Braden Hensley Joleigh Hensley	Joni Greder Pam Eliason	16– Eric & Victoria Eliason Familiiy	Robert Dandurand Family
Stewards ➡	Steve & Kathy Spohr	Homebound ➡	Pam Eliason Bev Weikel	Liturgy/ Word Margaret Wood

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

TOGETHER AS ONE: WE ARE ONLY A LITTLE OVER \$2000.00 SHORT OF MEETING OUR GOAL!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

A Lenten bible study will be offered to all parishioners, starting Sunday, March 8th, from 10-11 am. (immediately after Mass). The series is Catholicism by Father Robert Barron, and will be facilitated by Jim Bosanek and Shannon Kennedy. Refreshments will be provided. Please join us on our Lenten journey. Any questions, call 420-5321

THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT

FEAR: GOD IS ON MY SIDE. IN HIM I AM MORE THAN A CONQUEROR. (SEE ROMANS 98)

THE NEED TO PLEASE EVERYONE: I CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE ANYWAY. THERE IS ONLY ONE I NEED TO STRIVE TO PLEASE.

ENVY: I AM BLESSED. MY VALUE IS NOT FOUND IN MY POSSESSIONS, BUT IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY HEAVENLY FATHER.

IMPATIENCE: GOD'S TIMING IS THE PERFECT TIMING.

SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT: THE WORLD DOES NOT OWE ME ANYTHING. GOD DOES NOT OWE ME ANYTHING. I LIVE IN HUMILITY AND GRACE.

What Makes Us Laugh

Recently, when a customer went to McDonald's and observed on the menu that she could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 chicken nuggets. She asked for a half dozen nuggets. "We don't have half dozen nuggets," said the teenager at the counter. "You don't?" she replied. "We only have six, nine, or twelve," was the reply. The customer said, "So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?" "That's right," was the reply. So, she shook her head and ordered six nuggets.

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 La-Croix, 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.

The Youth Group is hosting a Date Night on Friday, February 14th, note the date change. Cost is \$15 per person, Dinner starts at 6:00pm, Come for an evening of a delicious meal, fellowship, followed by a Movie & Snacks. Youth Group will be selling tickets after both masses.

TOGETHER AS ONE GOAL IS \$18,737, LET'S MEET OUR GOAL THIS YEAR, TO DATE WE ARE AT \$15,411.00, 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. WE ARE \$3,326 SHORT OF OUR GOAL, LET'S GET THIS ONE DONE!!!!

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

CONFIRMATION PARENTS & STUDENTS OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH:

We invite you to attend a parent information session on Wednesday, February 12 @ 6:30 pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall. The meeting will inform you about the program, but will also offer ideas and tools for you to confidently engage your son or daughter during their Confirmation preparation.

On February 14, 2020 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the Stoney Creek Hotel, in Sioux City, IA, we will be bringing back an old tradition: Marriage Date Night!

For \$80.00, a couple may enjoy a buffet dinner of brisket, chicken, and (of course) luscious dessert followed by an enlightening talk from Father Brad Pelzel "The Symbolism and Meaning in the Rite of Marriage and What It Means for You". There will also be a cash bar available. If you happen to be traveling far for this event, consider staying a night at the Stoney Creek Hotel for a reduced rate. Just mention that you are attending the date night event.

Please address any questions to Darby Young, Assistant Director of Marriage and Family Life at: 712-233-7561 or darbyy@scdiocese.org.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS | Did you know BCU has several \$29,500 scholarships that you are uniquely qualified for? Bishops Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors from Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Sioux City. The deadline for this scholarship and all BCU scholarship is February 6, 2020. You are eligible to make your degree more affordable. Visit briarcliff.edu/scholarships to apply today!

Join Our Lady's Mission on Saturday, February 15th at the LeMars Convention Center in LeMars, Iowa for a one day Lenten retreat with Fr. Lou Guardiola of the Fathers of Mercy. To register, please visit the webpage at ourladysmission.com. You may also call 712-786-2612 or 712-546-7572.

"Christians have a duty to be politically active, to register and vote, to lobby and educate candidates and elected officials, and to speak up about the issues that affect the common good. The Church does not set up the voting booths, but when we go into the voting booths, we don't cease to be members of the Church! If we don't shape public policy according to moral truths, why do we believe that moral truth at all?"

Fr. Frank Pavone, Director, Priests for Life

