

# 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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 4, 2021**

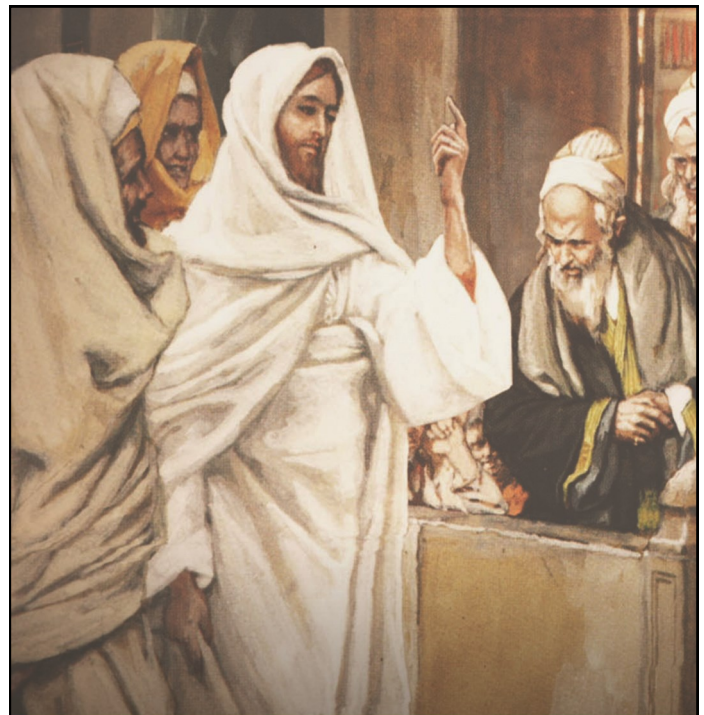
## FROM FR. MICHAEL

### ***A THORN OF FLESH WAS GIVEN ME***

*There are sections in Paul's letters in which he seems to be boasting of his accomplishments. The true braggarts were a group of conservatives who were hounding him during his missionary tours. Paul mimics their braggadocio to illustrate the shallowness of their claims. Lest anyone think that he is truly conceited, he adds a self-mocking reference to a "thorn of flesh" that afflicted him. No one knows the nature of this pain, but there have been suggestions that Paul suffered from Malaria. He may have contracted this disease in the swamps of south Turkey.*

### ***A PROPHET HAS BEEN AMONG THEM***

*Many people wrongly believe that the job of a prophet is to predict the future. Actually, prophets only occasionally make predictions, some never predicted anything. The word that is usually translated "prophet" is the Hebrew word "nabi" which means "one who sees". In the biblical sense "seeing" means understanding, as in "Oh, I see!" Prophets are simply deeply sensitive people with a strong faith. They can "see" a connection between what is going on around them and the ideas of God. We might call them interpreters of God's sign language.*



## **14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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### ***Questions of the Week:***

***Adults:** What is one thing I can do this week to grow in confidence that God guides my life?*

***Children:** What is one thing I can do this week to help a classmate grow in his or her self confidence?*

## WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021

### ST. JOHN / ST. BERNARD

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#### MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon No Mass..... 0:00 am  
 Tue No Mass.....0:00am  
 Wed Margaret Lenz.....9:00 am  
 Thurs No Mass .....0:00pm  
 Fri Carl & Margaret Lenz.....9:00 am  
 Sat No Mass.....0:00 am  
 Sun Andrew Benjamin.....9:00 am

#### Stewardship June 27

Envelopes/loose \$ 771.34  
 building \$ 100.00  
 Retired/infirm \$  
 E-offering \$ 254.70  
 Needy Fund \$  
 Grain \$  
 Flowers \$  
 Peters Pence \$ 5.00  
 Easter Offering \$  
**St. Bernard \$ 110.00**  
**Total: \$ 1251.04**

St. John Registered Families.....185

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon No Mass.....0:00am  
 Tue Eileen Topf.....9:00am  
 Wed No Mass.....0:00pm  
 Thurs Loretta Prince,.....9:00 am  
 Fri No Mass.....0:00 am  
 Sat Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard...4:00 pm  
 Sun Carl & Rita Bode.....11:00 am

#### STEWARDSHIP JUNE 27

Envelopes \$ 2590.00  
 Loose: \$ 103.00  
 Candles: \$ 65.00  
 Cemetery PC \$  
 E-offering: \$  
 Maintenance \$  
 Emergency \$  
 Food Pantry \$  
 Mow & snow \$  
 Hall Rental \$  
 Peters Pence \$ 195.00  
 Palm Sunday \$  
 Mothers Day \$  
**TOTAL: \$ 2670.00**

St. Joseph Registered Families .....209

ST. JOHN				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
		Elmwood		
ROSARY		Homebound	Greeters	
ST. JOSEPH —				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
—Rosary			14- Greeters	
Stewards		Homebound		<u>Liturgy/ Word</u>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:**

Father Patrick O'Kane, Midge Stanley, Madonna Dodd, Pam Turner, Loretta Simoff, Pete Mortensen, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, 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, contact Colleen @ office 423-1004

Due to foot surgery on Thursday, June 24th, the Church office will be closed for 4-6 weeks. I, (Colleen) will be working from home, so if you have any questions, please call my cell phone # 712-574-1027 and I will do my best to help you. Father will be in the office as his schedule allows. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sign Up sheets are in the back of the Church for those who can Lector, be an Eucharistic Minister or Altar servers. Than you for your service to our parish and to our Faith.

We are looking for a few teachers for our CCD/Religious Ed program, Please pray on this and consider volunteering . We have second grade available and High school. It will be the most rewarding hour that you will spend on a Wednesday evening. Any questions? Call Colleen at 712-574-1027

The Knights of Columbus will operate their food booth during the Monona County fair, July 14-17.

Volunteers are needed.....Family members and parishioners are welcome. Call or text 712-431-6368 to volunteer...Thank you

—————Just For Laughs—————

An Oklahoma sheriff stops at a ranch in rural Oklahoma and talks with an old farmer. He tells the farmer, "I need to inspect your ranch for illegal grown drugs." The old farmer says, "Okay, but don't go in that field over there." The sheriff verbally explodes saying, "Mister, I have the authority of the Sheriff's Department with me." Reaching into his rear pant pocket and removing his badge. The officer proudly displays it to the farmer. "See this badge? This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish, on any land. No questions asked or answers given. Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?" The old farmer nods politely and goes about his chores. Later, the old farmer hears loud screams and spies the sheriff running for his life and close behind is the farmer's bull. With every step the bull is gaining ground on the officer. The sheriff is clearly terrified. The old farmer immediately throws down his tools, runs to the fence and yells at the top of his lungs..."Your badge! Show him your badge!

**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, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Doreen Becker, O Roger Huot, Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner, Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell, Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Gerrie Lamoureux. Darrell Lux, Richard Hentges, Paula Wagner. Mary Lue Schnieders, Brian Mareau, & Vincent Choquette. 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 Basement windows are now completed and look fabulous, thank you to all who helped pay for this project which will make our basement much warmer and cooler and so much more light in to make it so much brighter down there. Thanks Again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Exterior project on the Stained Glass Windows will begin next week and weather permitting should not take too long to complete. Once again Thank You for your support on this project.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW FUND DRIVE HAS BEGUN ENVELOPES IN YOUR PACKET OUR GOAL IS \$125,000 I WILL HAVE OUR GOAL SIGN AND WHERE WE ARE AT IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH SO YOU CAN ALL SEE HOW WE ARE DOING. YOUR LETTER IN THE MAIL HAS TOLD YOU ABOUT THE PROJECT. ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO STOP BY THE OFFICE WILL TRY TO ANSWER THEM OR GET THE ANSWER FOR YOU. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS TOWARD THE BIG GOAL.

THANK YOU to Kenny and Mary Kay Miller for cleaning up after the wind took down many big branches on the church property. Really great to have such fabulous volunteers. Thanks again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Born on October 16 1890 in Corinaldo, in the Ancona Province in Italy, her farmworker father moved his family to Ferrier di Conca, near Anzio. When he died of malaria, Maria's mother had to struggle to feed her children. Maria's mother, brothers, and sisters worked in the fields while she cooked, sewed, kept the house clean, and watched her youngest sister Teresa. Though the family's circumstances were extremely difficult, they were very close and loved God. On July 5, 1902, Maria was sitting outside the steps of her home sewing. As she concentrated on her sewing, Alessandro surprised her and grabbed her from her steps. When he tried to rape her, Maria cried that it was a mortal sin and warned he would go to hell. When Alessandro persisted, she fought him and screamed, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" At her words, Alessandro began to choke her and she said she would rather die than submit. Upon hearing her words, Alexander pulled out a knife and stabbed her eleven times. When she attempted to reach the door, he stabbed her three more times then fled. Her family quickly took her to the nearest hospital in Nettuno, where she underwent surgery without anesthesia. Unfortunately, her wounds were beyond the surgeon's ability to help. Halfway through the surgery, the man asked her, "Maria, think of me in Paradise." She said, "Then I will think gladly of you." She also mentioned concerns for her mother. The next day, Maria forgave Alessandro and said she wanted to see him in Heaven with her. She died that day while looking upon an image of the Virgin Mary and holding a cross to her chest. Alessandro remained unrepentant for his actions until he had a dream that he was in a garden. Maria was there and gave him lilies, which immediately burned in his hands. When he woke, he was a changed man. He repented his crime and living a reformed life. When he was released 27-years-later, he went directly to Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness, which she gave, saying, "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness?" Maria Goretti was beatified by Pope Pius XII in a ceremony at Saint Peter's Basilica on April 27, 1947. Three years later, on June 24, 1950, Maria was declared a saint and Alessandro was present in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization. He later became a laybrother of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, where he lived in a monastery and worked as its receptionist and gardener until his death. Saint Maria is called a martyr because she fought against Alessandro's attempts at sexual sin; however, the most important aspects of her story are how she forgave her attacker - her concern for her enemy extending even beyond death - and the miracle her forgiveness produced in his life.

