

# 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

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 5, 2020**

## MASSES TO REOPEN

“June 27/28, parishes will open for Masses at the discretion of their pastors. Masses were originally suspended in an unprecedented move March 16 in response to the deadly and rapidly-spreading COVID-19 virus.

COVID data and metrics will be constantly monitored until such a time a vaccine goes onto the market. If it appears that new cases, hospitalizations and other metrics begin to increase substantially it is possible that diocesan churches and facilities will need to lock down once again.

Once the suspension lifts and public Masses begin under the discretion of the individual pastors, priests of the diocese and the faithful will be following specific protocols outlined in May by the COVID task force for attending Mass. The protocols will include spacing pews, mandatory face masks, availability of hand sanitizer at the entrances of church, and the use of social distancing.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed for Catholics in the Sioux City Diocese until the end of the calendar year. The elderly, more vulnerable and high-risk parishioners are reminded that although Mass is being offered it is recommended that they remain home at this time. However, Mass is open to all.

The June 27/28 suspension lifting by Bishop Nickless allows parishes, at the pastor's discretion, to authorize weekend Masses, weddings, funerals and events at parish halls and facilities as long as practices such as social distancing, use of face masks and proper sanitization are followed with guidelines as determined by state public health officials.

As of July 6, Bishop Nickless will allow parishes, with the pastor's discretion, to allow weekday public Masses two days per week. Also, churches may be open for two hours each day for five days per week, at the pastor's discretion.

As of July 20, at the pastor's discretion, parishes may return to their normal schedules.

## WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020

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

#### MASS SCHEDULE :

**Father continues to say Mass, privately. The Mass intentions for this week are:**

July 5 – Sunday John & Marjorie Zink  
 July 7 – Tuesday Gene Zortman  
 July 8 – Wednesday Mahlon Pekarek  
 July 10– Friday Irwin & Geraldine Niewohner  
 July 12 – Sunday Paulette Rice

Stewardship	St. John 6/21/2020	St. Bernard
Envelopes/Loose building	\$ 570.00	\$ 120.00
Candles	\$ .00	
E-offering	\$ 394.70	
Needy Fund	\$ 00.00	
Holy land	\$ 0.00	
Catholic Relief	\$ 0.00	
Retired/Infirm	\$ 0.00	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1084.70</b>	

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Father continues to say Mass, privately. The Mass intentions for this week are:**

July 5– Sunday Parishioners of Sts. Joseph, John, Bernard  
 July 9– Thursday Carl & Rita Bode  
 July 11– Saturday Parishioners of Sts. Joseph, John, Bernard  
 July 12– Sunday Steven “Bud “ Mareau

STEWARDSHIP	St. Joseph 6/21/2020
Envelopes	\$ 1265.00
Loose:	\$ .00 Cemetery \$ 00.00
Candles:	\$ 00 Ascension \$ 20.00
Cemetery PC	\$ 125.00 Peters pence \$ .00
E-offering:	\$ 298.00
Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Emergency	\$ 150.00
Food Pantry	\$ .00

**TOTAL: \$ 1858.00**

St. Joseph Registered Families .....209

DURING THIS TIME, THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MASSES. THE CHURCH WILL NOT BE OPEN DURING MASS TIMES FATHER WILL BE CHECKING HIS VOICEMAIL FREQUENTLY AND THE SECRETARIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM IF NEEDED.+

ACCORDING TO UPDATED GUIDELINES FROM THE DIOCESE, WE ARE TO KEEP THE CHURCH AND THE BUILDINGS LOCKED. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY IN THE SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE OF YOUR OWN HOME

ST. JOHN MARCH 29				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
ROSARY			Greeters	
ST. JOSEPH —MARCH 28-29				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
28–Rosary			28- Greeters	
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**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, 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

**A big Thank You to our parishioners who have continued to support our Church by sending their contributions in the mail ,online or just dropping them by the Church. Your support is greatly appreciated and very much needed. Thank you!!**

\_\_\_\_\_ *What Makes Us Laugh:* \_\_\_\_\_

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she charged. "You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs," said Eve.

Prayer to Our Lady for Vocations

(Pope St. John Paul II, Message for Vocations Sunday, 2001) *Most Holy Virgin, who without hesitation offered yourself to the Almighty for carrying out His plan of salvation, pour trust into the hearts of young people so that there may always be zealous pastors who are able to guide Christian people on their way of life, and consecrated souls who may know how to witness, in chastity, poverty, and obedience, to the freeing presence of your risen Son. Amen.*

**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, Glenda Ullrich, Stella Serviss, Gerrie Lamoureux. Darrell Lux, Richard Hentges & Paula Wagner. 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.

**Food Pantry is open at St. Joseph's from 9am to 1pm Monday thru Friday or after hours call 490-1911 or 281-0107 to schedule a time. If you know of anyone in need let them know we are here to help those who are struggling. Thank You.**

**Bazaar is still on for September 27th, there may be some changes we will let you know as it gets closer if social distancing stays seating will be cut down may be a longer wait time. More carry outs may be seen.**

**First Communion will be on Sunday, July 12th, Congratulations to the Class of 2020, Ione Dirksen, Addison Goodin, Holly Guntren, Sophia Hansen, Allyson Harpenau, Seth Simonds, Kinsley Worrell and to Paula Olson their teacher for all her hard work.**

## From Father Michael

At athletic contests, we claim to be different kinds of animals. We are dolphins, horses, rams, and assorted birds (maybe cardinals, falcons, or eagles). We are bears and bulls and a very large collection of ferocious felines. (Apologies to the large array of teams whose mascots will not be mentioned here, especially to those who regularly face the ones that are mentioned.) We may be lightning or heat or a number of other weather conditions that hope to convince our opponents we mean business: We are carrying powers from heaven that our opponents will have to contend with! Beware! Be frightened of us!

This might seem like a silly reflection until you consider that grown-ups often go to a great deal of trouble to carry signs showing their mascots vanquishing their opponents. Even more passionate fans dress up with ornate costumes, body paint, and real feathers and fur. We then scream at regular intervals for a couple of hours. We are transformed. We are fierce. All this energy and preparation is meant to help the competitors on the field. (We are, of course, kept off the field when we act like this, and the players very much appreciate that.) If the same behavior came out at work (at most jobs, anyway), we'd be dismissed.

Is there a point here? Yes: We can be taken up by our symbols. We are serious about these allegiances.

We get so used to certain biblical images they lose their shock value. Zechariah describes a victorious conqueror who rides in triumph—on a little donkey. A humble conqueror? What could that possibly mean to the crowds?

Do you recognize this passage? In the middle of ordinary time, Zechariah asks us to ask what the crowds would be shouting about in Jerusalem, before the Passover.

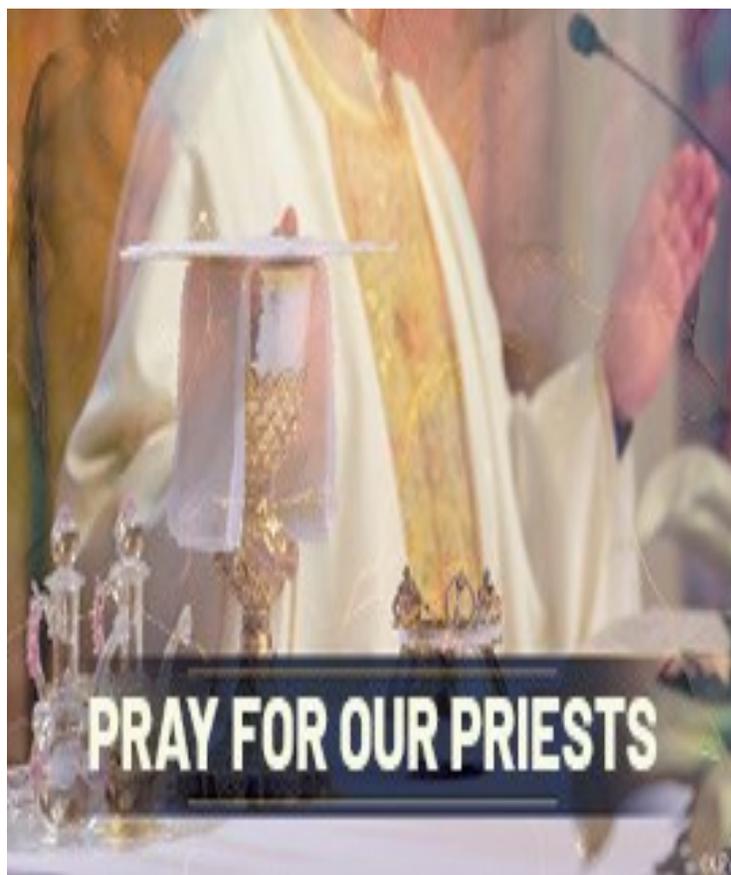
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### Questions of the Week:

**Adults:** *When has Jesus refreshed you when you felt burdened by problems?*

**Children:** *What burden do you need Jesus to help you carry?*



## 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” - Mt 11:28