

# 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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JUNE 26, 2022**

## Parish Staff

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## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** 30 min. before Mass or by appointment

**Baptism:** St. John – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.  
St. Joseph – Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

**Baptism Class:** Contact the Director of Faith Formation

**Marriage:** Arrangements at least six (6) months prior to marriage. Interview with the pastor is required before date for marriage can be given.

## The Pastor's Toolbox

### *Prayer for the Holy Spirit*

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts  
I received in my Baptism and Confirmation.  
I want to receive the fire of Your love  
as Your disciples did at Pentecost.  
Come with wonder and awe,  
with wisdom, understanding, and counsel,  
with courage and faith in You.  
Holy Spirit, may my actions witness  
to Your presence in my life.  
Help me to see the ways my strengths  
can serve others in their weakness.  
In all my interactions, I want to radiate  
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
Breathe new life into the world through me.  
Amen.

## **Questions of the Week**

*Inspiring Us to Live in the Holy Spirit*

**Adults:** What do I know I must do but have been postponing? When will I begin to do it?

**Children:** What good thing is God calling me to do for someone today?



## WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2022

### Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Parish
Monday	June 27		No Mass	
Tuesday	June 28	9:00 AM	Pat Hout	St. Joseph
Wednesday	June 29	9:00 AM	Pete Mortensen	St. John
Thursday	June 30	9:00 AM	Sue Lamoureux	St. Joseph
Friday	July 1	10:00 AM	Pleasantview NH	St. John
Saturday	July 2	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John & St. Joseph	St. Joseph
Sunday	July 3	9:00 AM	Darrell Hewitt	St. John
		11:00 AM	Angie & Raymond Rounds	St. Joseph

## GROWING IN OUR FAITH

**Parish Offices Closed:** The parish offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day. Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

### Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge New! Program for High School Students



#### Mountain Climbers

**All young adults entering high school, college, or the "real world":** If a physical move looms in your future, whether a dorm room, an apartment, or a different room in your parents' home, then this talk is for you!

Join us on **Sunday, June 26, 6:30 PM, St. John Church.** Our speaker, Lexi Ricke, will share her wisdom about being a good roommate. Lexi, the middle of three daughters and a former Resident Assistant (RA), has valuable life experience on this topic which she would love to share with you! Lexi graduated from Benedictine College in 2021 with a degree in Theology, and she currently serves as Campus Minister at Bishop Heelan High School. So, whether your future residence is a dorm, apartment, or living with your parents, we can all benefit from learning how to be better roommates! Please RSVP by the end of the business day on Friday, June 24, 2022 to Michelle Rethman, Director of Faith Formation, at [stjoseph6712@gmail.com](mailto:stjoseph6712@gmail.com), or text her cell, 712-202-6641. We look forward to seeing you on June 26<sup>th</sup>!

### The Eucharistic Revival

#### Meet Blessed Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis was born on May 3, 1991 in London, England to Italian parents. During his childhood, the family returned to Italy, settling in Milan. Carlo was an engaging child, and at a very early age, he exhibited a radical love for his Catholic faith, especially for the Eucharist. Carlo said, "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan." Carlo attended daily Mass most of his life. At the age of 15, Carlo became ill with what his family initially thought was influenza. Several of his classmates and friends were also home from school with illness. However, when his condition didn't improve within a week, his mother took him to the doctor. Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia, and he would succumb to the disease within one week of the diagnosis, on October 12, 2006. As he lay dying, Carlo bravely said, "I'm happy to die because I've lived my life without wasting even a minute of it doing things that wouldn't have pleased God."

A first-class relic of Carlo Acutis kicked off the Eucharistic Revival last Sunday on the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi. The relic will make a three-year journey to every diocese in the United States. Let's ponder Carlo's radical love of the Eucharist, and may the same be said of each one of us.

#### EXPOSITION OF THE SACRED RELICS

Siouxland Catholic Radio and Holy Cross Parish-Blessed Sacrament Church welcome you to a presentation and exposition of over 150 Sacred Relics by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross on **Sunday, June 26, at 1 PM.** This is spectacular, so don't miss it!



## ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering	
June 12, 2022 Registered Families: 185	
Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1572.00
E-Offering	\$60.00
Building Fund	\$120.00
Hall Rental	
Needy Fund	
Grain	
Catholic Communications	
Candles	
St. Bernard	\$190.00
Retired/Infirmary	
<b>Total for June 12, 2022</b>	<b>\$1942.00</b>

Please pray for the sick of our parishes: Midge Stanley, Margaret Hansen, Pam Turner, Loretta Simoff, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Florence Ibsgaard, Gina Mortensen, Judson Bramow, Anita Gerum, Dana Herman, Denis Herman, and Eddie & Ann Womack. 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 at the parish office, 423-1004.

*Knight of the Month:* All the fathers, grandfathers, uncles and men of St. Bernard, St. John and St. Joseph, who have stepped up and stepped in to mentor and father the children of our parishes.

*Family of the Month:* All the mothers, grandmothers, aunts and women of St. Bernard, St. John and St. Joseph, who have stepped up and stepped in to mother and nurture the children of our parishes.

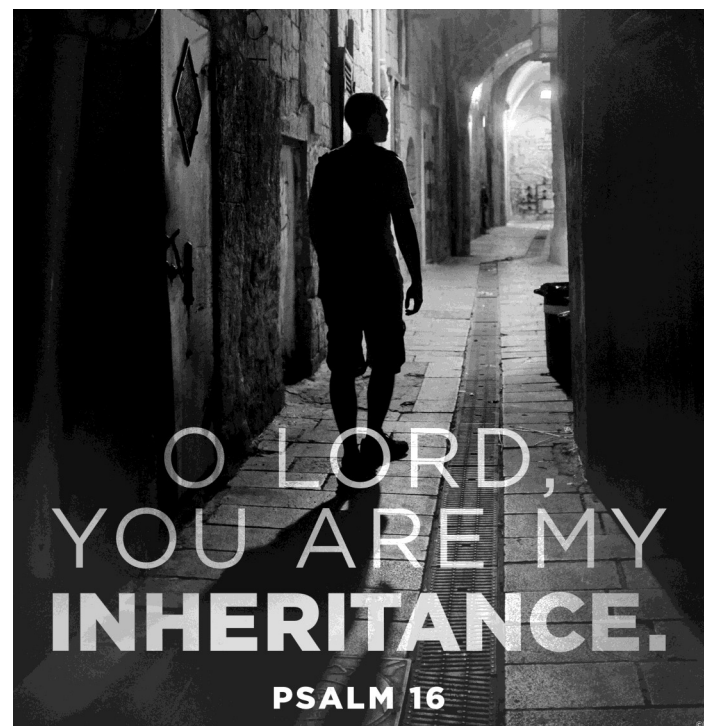
We need your help! On July 11th, rock is being delivered for the flower beds around the Church. Volunteers have been working hard to get our flower beds and landscaping in order, but we still need help to complete this. If you or your teenagers are available to help on the 11th, or with some weeding of the beds, we would appreciate it. Please contact Doug Zima @ 420-6702 or the office at 423-1004. Thank you!

We are looking for volunteers for a committee to help us care for the outside and the inside of the Church. This committee will meet about 4 times a year and will assess the conditions of our church buildings and grounds. The committee will then make recommendations to Father and our Finance committee. If you are interested, please contact the office @ 423-1004, Amy Christensen @ 712-490-4484 or Annette Linden @ 420-8698.

## ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering	
June 11-12, 2022 Registered Families: 209	
Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$3196.00
E-Offering	\$70.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$25.00
Maintenance Fund	
Emergency Fund	\$45.00
Candles	\$31.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Peters Pence	\$25.00
Aid to Domestic Church	\$25.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$25.00
Cemetery Fund/ John Huot	\$1000.00
Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
<b>Total for June 11-12, 2022</b>	<b>\$4592.00</b>

Remember to pray for the sick of our parish: Doreen Becker, David Bogenrief, Christian Case, Vincent Choquette, Kathy Clayton, Ben Cooper, Linda Donnelly, Colleen Ebner, Mike Franken, Naina Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Bryson Harder, Sophie Helvey, Richard Hentges, Roger Huot, Elliott Johnson, Sue LaCroix, Gerrie Lamoureux, Justin Lamoureux, Brian Mareau, Helen Martin, David Menard, Fran Mitchell, Tristan Parks, Mark Rinaldi, Mary Lue Schneiders, Stella Serviss, Nick & Ally Spohr, Kathy Stahmer, Connie Wagner, Paula Wagner, Brady Worrell, Frances Schulte and Cal Worrell. For all who travel, those who grieve, those in the military, veterans and their families, and our nation's leaders.



## God Laughs

A man and woman had been married for more than 65 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about.

For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside.

She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000.

He asked her about the contents. "When we were to be married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll."

The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness.

"Honey," he said, "that explains the doll, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?"

"Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the dolls."

### Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph

July 2 @ 4:00 PM

**Servers:** Lawson Schuetz, Madelyn & Grady Olson

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary Kay Miller

**Lector:** Michelle Mareau

**Greeters:** Kenny & Mary Kay Miller

**Ushers:** Bert Ullrich, Landon & Hudson Schuetz, Paula Olson

**Gifts:** Kenny & Mary Kay Miller

### Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph

July 3 @ 11 AM

**Servers:** Joleigh Hensley, Vivian Johnson, Addison Goodin

**Eucharistic Minister:** Bev Weikel

**Lector:** Judy Milos

**Greeters:** Tom & Doreen Becker

**Ushers:** Kyle & Eric Eliason  
Ron & Margaret Wood

**Gifts:** Tom & Doreen Becker

**Communion to Homebound:** Deanna Smith  
Bev Weikel

**Stewards:** Ken & Mary Kay Miller  
10 AM Monday @ St. Joseph

