

# 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT    MARCH 15, 2020**

## From Father Michael:

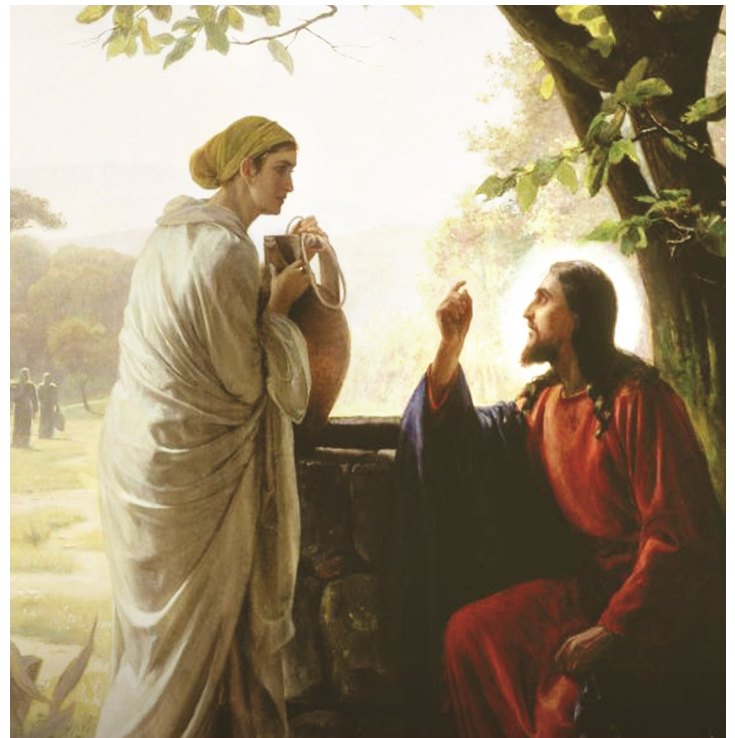
### Almsgiving

*God has given you all that you have—your life, your love, your abilities and resources. Count your blessings. Name the gifts you have received from your Maker. Now recall the story of the widow's mite. Jesus, sitting by the Temple treasury one day, observed the people, rich and poor, making their offerings. A poor widow put in a small amount, yet Jesus singled her out as the example for his followers. She gave all she had. Imagine Jesus as the usher in your church. Imagine Jesus combing the list of volunteers at your parish. Is he singling you out as an example for others? Do you give a little because it will help the needy for a while? Or do you give a lot because what God has given must be shared?*

Time. *We generally think of almsgiving as a financial contribution. But we can give our time and talent as well as our treasure. How might you give your time this season as a sign of your charity? Can you visit the sick or imprisoned? Can you pick up trash on your street, at your church or in public areas? Could you meet someone new at church each week? Could you send a complimentary letter to a friend? Are you someone's godparent? How might you spend quality spiritual time with your godchildren this season? Have you met the catechumens and elect of your community? Are you participating in parish social events? Do you attend neighborhood meetings? Do you contact those in public office to make your conscience heard on behalf of the needy in your area and around the world? What can you do with your time that will give alms this Lent?*

Talent. *With what skills has God endowed you? Do you put them at the service of others, not for pay but as gift? Are your talents at work in your home, your neighborhood, your civic community? Are they making a difference for the world? How could you use your talents this Lent?*

Treasure. *How do you share your treasure? The Bible recommends tithing, a contribution of ten percent to charity. What would ten percent of your gross income be? How close are you? Could you live on less if it meant you could feed a hungry neighbor? Who benefits from your generosity? Are you keeping up with your pledge to your parish? Are you a generous or a miserly tipper? What other donations could you make to charity? Can you forgive someone's debt to you? You are merely a steward of the treasure God has entrusted to you.*



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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## Questions of the Week:

Children: *How do you experience Jesus helping and loving you?*

Adults: *When you are tempted to try to satisfy your "thirst for meaning" through some other means, what keeps you coming back to the living water of intimacy with Christ? Through what means do you experience Christ's power in your life: Sacraments? Scripture? Prayer? Others?*

## WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2020

### 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 Dayle Ellis.....9:00am  
 Wed Irwin & Geraldine Niewohner.....Blencoe.....7:30 am  
 Thurs No Mass.....0:00am  
 Fri Pleasantview NH .....10:00 am  
 Sat No Mass.....0:00 pm  
 Sun Charles Zobel Jr.....9:00am

#### CONFESSION: SUNDAY 8:30 AM–8:45 AM

#### Calendar of Events

Stewardship	St. John 3/8/2020	St. Bernard
Envelopes/Loose building	\$ 2244.50	\$ 405.00
Candles	\$ 300.00	
E-offering	\$ 80.00	
Needy Fund	\$ 192.00	
Easter Flowers	\$ .00	
Home Missions	\$ 20.00	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3241.15</b>	

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 Darlene Ellis.....9:00am  
 Fri No Mass.....0:00 pm  
 Sat Errol & Lavonne Brouillette .....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

#### STEWARDSHIP St. Joseph 3/7 –3/8

Envelopes:	\$ 2471.00
Loose:	\$ 253.00
Debt reduction	\$ 80.00
Candles:	\$ 36.00
E-offering:	\$ 178.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 80.00
Building Fund	\$
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Mow & Snow	\$ 150.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 10.00

**TOTAL:** \$ 3358.00

St. Joseph Registered Families .....209  
 St. Joseph Debt December 2019.....\$ 26,815.91  
 St. Joseph Debt April 2017.....\$324, 880.66

### ST. JOHN MARCH 22

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
Phil Morrow	Damien Orr	Mary Tramp– Elmwood	Darin & Vanessa Crawford	Glen Coble, John
<b>ROSARY</b>	Jordan Orr	Pauline Zima Homebound	<b>Greeters</b>	Zink, Joe Kramer
Grace Fouts	Andrew Orr	Fran Tramp	Grace Fouts /K. Skelton	Joe Kaschmitter

### ST. JOSEPH —MARCH 21-22

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
21-Al Stuhrenberg	21-J.T. Dewald	21-Tom Becker	21–P. Rinaldi & A. Skatges	21-Bert Ullrich
22– Mike Donnelly	Joseph Dewald Jackson Dewald	Kathy Baker Doreen Becker	22–Laura Lewis Family	Landen Schuetz Aaron & Kelsi Skatges
21–Rosary Kathy Baker	22-Grace Lewis	22–Linda Adkins	21- Greeters Aaron Skatges family	22–Eric & Kyle Eliason
22–Ron & Margaret Wood	Teagan Murphy Jaxton Johnson	Mary Kay Miller Brenda Hinrickson	22– Laura Lewis Family	John & Heather Hensley
Stewards ➡	Ken & Mary Kay Miller	Homebound ➡	Mary Parker Pam Eliason	Liturgy/ Word Kathy Jo Mitchell

**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

**Knight of the Month:** Tabitha Housh-Hearn...for often volunteering to help the Knights

**Family of the Month:** Our CCD teachers... collectively...for their selfless teaching and mentoring to the children of our parishes.

***Thank you to all who attended, donated to and worked our Lasagna Supper on Friday, March 6. Unfortunately we will not be hosting a soup and sandwich supper on the 20th of March. It has been cancelled.***

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

A Lenten bible study will be offered to all parishioners, Sunday's during Lent 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.

**Parish Family Fun Night,**

Wednesday April 29th (the last day of CCD). Open to all parishioners at no cost. Food served 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Bingo and other games starting at 6:00 pm and ending at 8:00 pm. Sign up for adults and children younger than 1st grade requested. Contact the church office at St. John @ 712-423-1004 or email stjohndparishhall@msn.com, or Glen Coble, Mary Tramp, or Doug Zima.

**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, 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. Darrell Lux., Virginia "Pat" Huot. 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.

**BAZAAR, I know the snow is still flying and the temperature will get colder just want to let the Parish know the Bazaar will be on September 27th this year a little later due to Labor day being a little later. For New Parishioners just want to let you know this is our Annual Big Fund Raiser for the Parish. We like each Parishioner to buy a Book of Tickets for \$10 pay \$10 for the cost of the Chicken from the Caterer furnish a Salad or Dessert for 15 people, and volunteer for a 2 hour shift. Sounds like a lot but it's only once a year. A solicitor one of your fellow parishioners will contact you before the Bazaar, welcome them their job is so important to the success of our Dinner. Anyone wishing to donate a Raffle item please do so by June 1st, we will have no Silent Auction items this year if they are on the raffle seem to do much better. I will not accept any items after June 1st so if you have something let me know I am letting you know in March so everything can get done. Lot of work goes into the success of the Bazaar and you the Parishioners make it happen. Thanks in advance for your help, your donations, let's make this the Best one ever!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Remember this Wednesday is our Parish Date for the Lenten Series "On the Road Again", with a Simple Soup Supper at 6:00pm and Worship at 7:00pm with the Rev. Rich Moore preaching "The Road to Recovery" followed by the Stations of the Cross with Father Michael Erpelding.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S FOR EXCEEDING THEIR TOGETHER AS ONE GOAL OF \$18, 737. GREAT JOB EVERYONE AND THANKS A MILLION FOR GETTING THIS ONE DONE!!!!!!**

**What Makes Us Laugh:**

Speeding Ticket: "What am I supposed to do with this?" grumbled a motorist as the policeman handed him a speeding ticket. "Keep it," the cop said, "when you collect four of them you get a bicycle."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Easter, April 19th. A Divine Mercy Sunday celebration will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 1:30 pm at Holy Cross Parish-St. Michael's Church at 2223 Indian Hills Drive (please note this location change) in Sioux City, Iowa. Queen of Peace/Trinity Heights will be hosting evenings of prayer in a Divine Mercy Novena Week, Monday April 13 through Saturday April 18 at the Trinity Heights Marian Center located at 2501 33rd street in Sioux City, Iowa. Each night will have a featured speaker. There is no charge and all are welcome. Please join us.

### Monona County Dementia Support Group

*A new group will be offered to build a support system and safe place for caregivers, family and friends of persons with dementia. The first meeting will be March 18 and will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church, Onawa 12 noon-1PM. Feel free to bring your lunch. Facilitators are trained by Alzheimers Association and are Cheri Hardison, Onawa, retired ISU Extension; and Jill Ehlers, retired LPN, Mapleton Nursing Home.*

### IDEAS FOR LENTEN REPENTANCE

- 1 Get to confession at least once during the season of Lent after making a good examination of conscience.
2. In addition to the penance assigned by the priest, fulfill the conditions necessary for a plenary indulgence. You can learn about plenary indulgences from the official *Handbook of Indulgences*.

### MARIAN IDEAS FOR LENT

1. Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary often during Lent, especially on Friday and Wednesday. The glorious mysteries are especially appropriate on Sundays. Joyful and Luminous mysteries are great on other days.
2. Purchase the **Scriptural Rosary**, which supplies you with a scripture verse to recite between each Hail Mary. This makes it easier to meditate on the mysteries
3. If you've never done a family rosary, begin doing it. You could start with once a week on Friday or Sunday. If it's tough to start with a full five decades, try starting with one. Use the **Scriptural Rosary** and have a different person read each of the Scriptures between the Hail Mary's.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY @  
ST.JOHN ON FRIDAY, MARCH 27,  
SERVING FROM 5 PM—7 PM**

