

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

FROM FR. MICHAEL

Q: Why is giving up something for Lent such a salutary custom?

A: By denying ourselves something we enjoy, we discipline our wills so that we are not slaves to our pleasures. Just as indulging the pleasure of eating leads to physical flabbiness and, if this is great enough, an inability to perform in physically demanding situations, indulging in pleasure in general leads to spiritual flabbiness and, if this is great enough, an inability to perform in spiritual demanding situations, we when the demands of morality require us to sacrifice something pleasurable (such as sex before marriage or not within the confines of marriage) or endure hardship (such as being scorned or persecuted for the faith). By disciplining the will to refuse pleasures when they are not sinful, a habit is developed which allows the will to refuse pleasures when they are sinful. There are few better ways to keep one's priorities straight than by periodically denying ourselves things of lesser priority to show us that they are not necessary and focus our attention on what is necessary.

Q: Is the denying of pleasure an end in itself?

A: No. It is only a means to an end. By training ourselves to resist temptations when they are not sinful, we train ourselves to reject temptations when they are sinful. We also express our sorrow over having failed to resist sinful temptations in the past.

Q: Is there such a thing as denying ourselves too many pleasures?

A: Most definitely. **First**, God made human life contingent on certain goods, such as food, and to refuse to enjoy enough of them has harmful consequences. For example, if we do not eat enough food it can cause physical damage or (in the extreme, even death). Just as there is a balance between eating too much food and not eating enough food, there is a balance involved in other goods.

Second, if we do not strike the right balance and deny ourselves goods God meant us to have then it can generate resentment toward God, which is a spiritual sin just as much as those of engaging in excesses of good things. Thus one can be led into sin either by excess or by defect in the enjoyment of good things.

Third, it can decrease our effectiveness in ministering to others.

Fourth, it can deprive us of the goods God gave us in order that we might praise him.

Fifth, it constitutes the sin of ingratitude by refusing to enjoy the things God wanted us to have because he loves us. If a child refused every gift his parent gave him, it would displease the parent, and if we refuse gifts God has given us, it displeases God because he loves us and wants us to have them.

Q: Aside from Ash Wednesday, which begins Lent, what are its principal events?

A: There are a variety of saints' days which fall during Lent, and some of these change from year to year since the dates of Lent itself change based on when Easter falls. However, the Sundays during the Lenten season commemorate special events in the life of Our Lord, such as his Transfiguration and his Triumphal Entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, which begins Holy Week. Holy week climaxes with Holy Thursday, on which Christ celebrated the first Mass, Good Friday, on which he was Crucified, and Holy Saturday-the last day of Lent-during which Our Lord lay in the Tomb before his Resurrection on Easter Sunday, the first day after Lent.



Questions of the Week:

Adults: *When has the message of the Cross not made any sense to me? When has it?*

Children: *Which Gospel story fills me with hope? Why?*

WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon No Mass.....0:00 am
 Tue No Mass.....0:00am
 Wed Bob Bruns.....9:00 am
 Thurs No Mass0:00pm
 Fri Leonard Stanislav.....9:00 am
 Sat No Mass.....0:00 am
 Sun Joe Fouts.....9:00 am

Stewardship February 28

Envelopes/loose \$ 1655.00
 building \$ 299.00
 Candles \$
 E-offering \$ 304.58
 Needy Fund \$
 Grain \$ 50.00
 Home Missions \$
 Aid Worldwide \$

St. Bernard \$ 420.00

Total: \$ 2728.58

St. John Registered Families.....185

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon No Mass.....0:00am
 Tue Betty & Rhonda Mareau.....9:00am
 Wed No Mass.....0:00pm
 Thurs Dorothy Hubert.....9:00 am
 Fri No Mass.....0:00 am
 Sat Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard.....4:00 pm
 Sun Kathy Spohr.....11:00 am

STEWARDSHIP FEBRUARY 27-28

Envelopes \$ 2210.00
 Loose: \$
 Candles: \$ 119.00
 Cemetery PC \$
 E-offering: \$ 289.00
 Maintenance \$ 20.00
 Emergency \$
 Food Pantry \$ 200.00
 Mow & snow \$
 Easter Flowers \$ 10.00
 Stained Glass \$ 250.00
 Brick Sale \$ 1000.00
 Ash Wed. \$ 75.00

TOTAL: \$ 4173.00

St. Joseph Registered Families209

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

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

Prayer

**Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus**

for All High School Students & Adults

St. John Church- Social distancing & masks required

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Teaching explanation – then a prayer experience

March 17- Stations of the Cross

March 24- Lectio Divina

(guided Meditation on Scripture)

March 31- Rosary

Please keep all of our Religious Education family in your prayers this year. It has been a tough year for the students, teachers and the parents. Covid has tested our resolve, but has brought us closer to Our God, our family and our friends. Let us keep praying, and doing all we can to stay safe and healthy

Easter Flower Memorials: It has been a meaningful tradition at Easter Time to make a contribution for Easter Flowers in Memory of loved ones. A suggested contribution of \$25 is requested, although any amount is appreciated. We ask that you use the special envelope provided in your packet....if you do not have one of these envelopes, use any envelope and clearly mark for Easter flowers and the names of the loved ones and your name. Place in collection basket no later than Palm Sunday so that we can list the names of all participants and their loved ones in the bulletin for Easter weekend.

Just For Laughs

A police officer stopped a Jesuit priest for speeding and asked him very nicely if he could see his license. He replied in a huff, "I wish you cops would get your act together. Just yesterday you took away my license and now today you expect me to show it to you!"

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, Roger Huot, Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner, Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell, Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Stella Serviss, Gerrie Lamoureux. Darrell Lux, Richard Hentges, Paula Wagner. Carol Lux, Mary Lue Schnieders, & 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.

CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER ON SUNDAY MARCH 14TH SERVING FROM 10AM TO 3PM, CARRY OUTS ONLY. SOMEONE WILL BE IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH TO TAKE ORDERS AND SCHEDULE TIME TO PICK UP. COST IS \$10 PER PLATE THIS IS SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH GROUP OF OUR PARISH.

PARISH CENTER IS NOW OPEN FOR FUNERAL DINNERS AND RENTALS. NEW FLOOR LOOKS GREAT REMEMBER WHEN YOU USE IT TO PLEASE LEAVE IT LIKE YOU FOUND IT THANK YOU.

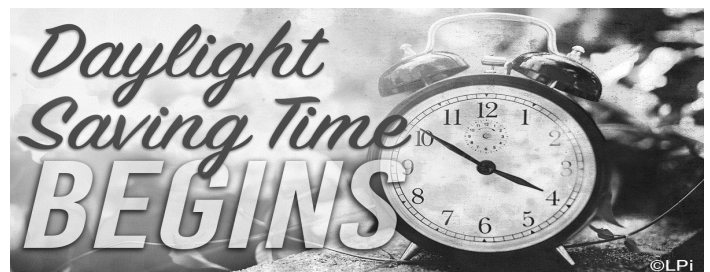
WESTWOOD COMMUNITY LENTEN SERIES 2021 IS A WALK THRU THE PSALMS THIS IS ONLINE ONLY. WE WILL POST THE MID-WEEK LENTEN MESSAGES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGES.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 Psalm 19 Hosted by Rev. Kody Killian and the Community Church of Christ.

Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Wednesday, March 24th, 2021 Psalm 119: 9-16 Hosted by Rev. Craig Bock and Skien Lutheran Church

Remember to set your clocks next weekend, as daylight savings begins .





**CORNEB BEEF DINNER
ST. JOSEPH, SALIX**

Date : 03/14/2021 from 10 to 3
pick up only —no dine in,
if you want to pay on the day of event call
Greg or Keri
712-444-4933 or 712-204-2805.
We will also be in the back
after church to take orders
and schedule pick up times.



The Knights of Columbus will sponsor their last Fish Fry Dinner on March 19. TAKE-OUT ONLY. The serving times are from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Drive up to either the west side or the east side of St. John church.

Face masks are required, if you come in to order. Otherwise, Knights will make delivery to your car. If you prefer to stay at home, call 431-6368 before 6pm to order dinners with free delivery within the Onawa city limits.

For \$10, the delicious menu (catered by Staley's) is Alaskan Pollack, green beans, au gratin potatoes, cole slaw and roll. Thank you in advance for your patronage!



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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

**"THOSE WHO
ARE HUMBLE OF
HEART WILL BE
GLORIFIED."**

ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

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