

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15 2022

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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.

Questions of the Week

Inspiring Us to Live in the Holy Spirit

Adults: What are the obstacles in my life that hinder or impede me from freely loving as Jesus did — universally, completely, and without reserve?

Children: When did I see Jesus' love in the actions or words of someone?

The Pastor's Toolbox

Singing Our Praise

An extremely important element of our Catholic worship is that of sung prayer. There is an adage that speaks of the role of song in our liturgies; it talks of us singing the Mass, not just singing at Mass. The revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) of 2002 reminds us of Paul's instruction to the early Church "to sing together psalms, hymns and spiritual songs" (see Colossians 3:16), as well as citing Augustine's wonderful assertion that "singing is for one who loves," and the proverb "one who sings well prays twice" (GIRM, 39).

Easter is a most appropriate season for singing God's praises! Alleluia is, first and foremost, a song of praise to the Lord.

The refrain of Psalm 118, one of the seasonal psalms of Easter, reminds us that "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!" Our rejoicing, in the light of the Resurrection, is made most manifest when we raise our voices together in song. On these Sun-days of Easter, the celebration of the Eucharist calls us at various times to do just this! In the Opening Song, in the Blessing and Sprinkling with Holy Water, in the singing of the Gloria, during the responsorial psalm, in the responses of the Eucharistic Prayer, in praying the Lord's Prayer, and during the Communion Procession are the primary places where we can celebrate the joy of Easter by singing our prayer of praise to God.

In this season of the Resurrection, let us raise our voices and worship the Lord with gladness. Let us come before him with joyful songs (see Psalm 100:2)!-

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

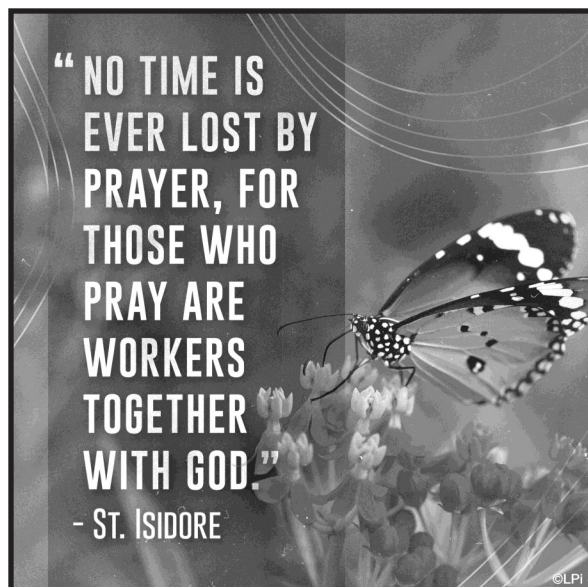
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Parish</u>
Monday	May 16		No Mass	
Tuesday	May 17	9:00 AM	Sue Lamoureux	St. Joseph
Wednesday	May 18	9:00 AM	Bob Bruns	St. John
Thursday	May 19	9:00 AM	Leona Lamoureux	St. Joseph
Friday	May 20	9:00 AM	Paul Benjamin	St. John
Saturday	May 21	4:00 PM	Bernie Nevin	St. Joseph
Sunday	May 22	9:00 AM	Jim & Bette Marley	St. John
		11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John & St. Joseph	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

*The Vineyard
Around the Area*

Upcoming Event at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, NE:

Creation-Destruction in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola: Join us May 19 – 22 for this retreat with Father Larry Gillick, SJ. These three days of prayer and reflection will consist of six presentations and three homilies and will focus on the central realities of the *Exercises*. There will be abundant time for personal prayer, reflection, and experiencing the invitation to enter into the relationship which God constantly offers to the human race. Thursday, 6:00 p.m. to Sunday after lunch. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819. Social distancing and wearing a mask is recommended.



Summer Reading List

Summer is just around the corner, and therefore, perhaps you are looking for summer reading? If so, check out:

- ☞ **Preschool – Young Readers:** The young and young-at-heart will enjoy Anthony DeStefano's children's books. I love all of his titles, but for summer reading your children will delight in *The Seed Who Was Afraid To Be Planted* or *This Little Prayer of Mine*. In *The Seed Who Was Afraid To Be Planted*, the author adeptly writes to children about change and the growth we encounter when we allow our faith to guide us. In *This Little Prayer of Mine*, children learn the importance of daily prayer. On his website, <http://www.anthonystefano.com/books.htm>, you will also find charming videos for most of his children's books. Anthony DeStefano narrates most of them, but he wisely chose an enchanting child to narrate *This Little Prayer of Mine*. Adults and children alike will learn and grow in faith when they read Anthony DeStefano!
- ☞ **Ages 8 – 12 (and, yes, Adults):** *Will Wilder and the Relic of Perilous Falls* (Arroyo, Raymond. 2016.) Looking for an easy summer read which crosses Indiana Jones with Percy Jackson? Then this book is for you! Once you "fall" for Will and his adventures, be sure to follow Will in the other books in the series!
- ☞ **Teen – Adult:** *A Second Look: Encountering the True Jesus*. (Hart, Mark. 2016.) The author writes, "The road from your head to your heart is the longest journey you'll ever take." This book will hook you from the first page.
- ☞ **Young Adult – Adult:** *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* (Mark T. Sullivan). Based on the life of a forgotten World War II hero, Pino Lella, this work of historical and biographical fiction will capture your mind and heart. I highly recommend this book for mature teens and adults who are history enthusiasts, particularly of World War II.

ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

May 1, 2022
Registered Families: 185

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1944.75
E-Offering	
Building Fund	\$95.00
Hall Rental	
Needy Fund	\$10.00
Grain	
Easter flowers	\$75.00
Candles	
St. Bernard	\$215.00
Retired/Infirmary	\$10.00
Total for May 1, 2022	\$2349.75

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 women and men who choose LIFE when pregnancy enters their lives!*

***Family of the Month:** The graduating seniors of St. John and St. Joseph... to honor their academic efforts.*

Congratulations to Nicole Ellis whose son, Hunter, was baptized into the faith on May 7, 2022. Congratulations, Hunter, and welcome to the St.. John community!



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, June 12th from 10 AM - 10 PM. Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus and pray for all the aborted, and those women and men who have to live with the consequences of abortion. We also pray for the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn Roe vs Wade. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the Church. Please choose an hour and plan on spending some time with Jesus in prayer. God Bless you.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

April 30 and May 1, 2022
Registered Families: 209

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$4174.00
E-Offering	\$88.32
Stained Glass Windows	\$80.00
Maintenance Fund	\$65.00
Emergency	\$5.00
Candles	\$62.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Boiler Fund	\$100.00
Ascension	\$5.00
Mow and Snow	\$10.00
Retired & Infirmary	\$50.00
Peters Pence	\$5.00
Aid to Domestic Churches	\$5.00

Total for April 30- May 1

\$ 4699.32

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, Nainna 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, and Cal Worrell. For all who travel, those who grieve, those in the military, veterans and their families, and our nation's leaders.



Congratulations to Aaron and Nila Braun whose son, Kayce, was baptized into the faith on May 8, 2022. Congratulations, Kayce, and welcome to the St.. Joseph community!

— God Laughs —

There was a Minnesotan driving down the road one day. He glanced to his right and noticed another Minnesotan sitting in a nearby field. He was in a boat rowing, with no water in sight. The Minnesotan angrily pulled his car over and yelled at the rowing Minnesotan, "What do you think you're doing? It's things like this that give us Minnesotans a bad name. If I could swim, I'd come out there and kick your butt!"



Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph

May 21@ 4:00 PM

Servers: Hudson, Lawson, & Landen Schuetz

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kay Miller

Lector: Al Stuhrenberg

Greeters: Pete & Marge Rinaldi,

Ushers: Bert Ullrich, Pete & Marge Rinaldi,
Paula Olson

Gifts: Kenny & Mary Kay Miller

Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph

May 22 @ 11 AM

Servers: Allyson Harpenau, Joseph & J.T.
Dewald

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Adkins

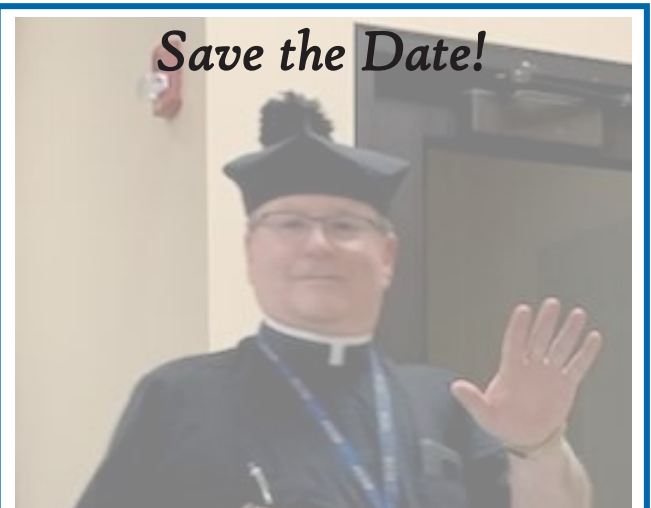
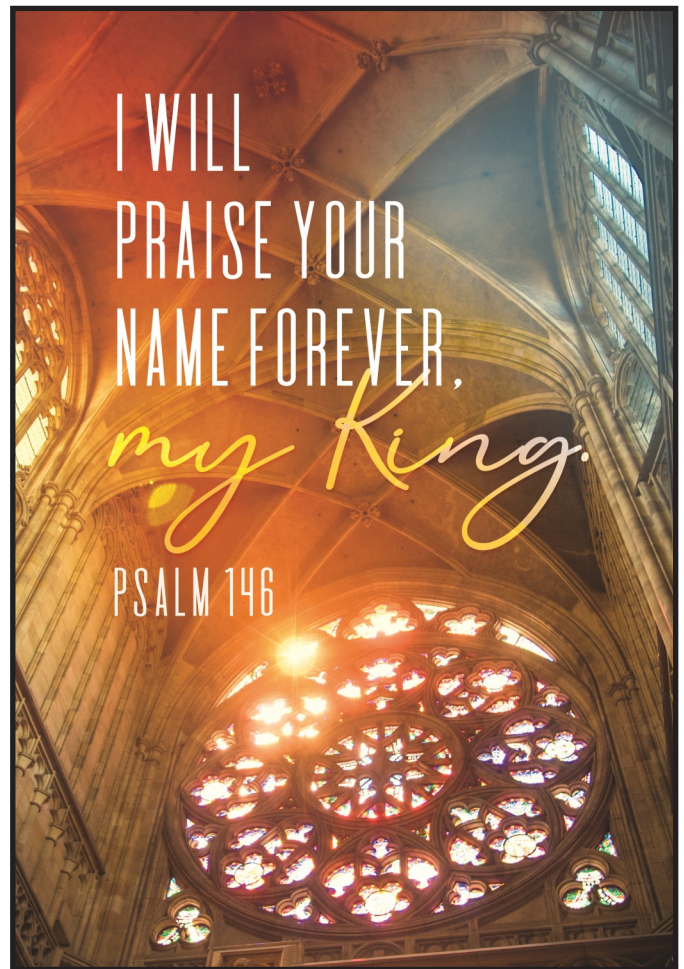
Lector: Kathy Baker

Greeters: Tom & Doreen Becker

Ushers: Kyle & Eric Eliason
Ryan Willis family

Gifts: Tom & Doreen Becker

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



Please save the date for a celebration of **Fr. Michael's 60th Birthday and anniversary of his ordination on Saturday, June 4, 2022**, following the Mass at 4:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, Salix. We would love for your family to join us for food, fellowship, and fun! Looking forward to seeing you at our celebration of our wonderful pastor, Fr. Michael!