

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 Main St. Blencoe, IA



ST JOHN

1009 13th St., Onawa, IA



ST JOSEPH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 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: With whom do I sense resentment or bad will? Am I open to reconcile with that person?

Children: Do I know that no matter how many times I have done wrong God will give me another chance?

The Pastor's Toolbox

Experiencing Easter—Mystagogy

Father in heaven, author of all truth, a people once in darkness has listened to your Word and followed your Son as he rose from the tomb. Hear the prayer of this newborn people and strengthen your Church to answer your call. May we rise and come forth into the light of day / to stand in your presence until eternity dawns.-Alternative Prayer, Third Sunday of Easter (former Sacramentary)

In the opening prayer, these words go to the heart of the great mysteries we are celebrating through the Easter season. The Easter season is the time for us to deeply and seriously reflect on the events that we have just celebrated, the sacraments through which Christ has once again met us and transformed us, just a bit more, as his disciples. We reflect deeply upon these events because for us they are no less than experiences of conversion and salvation.

For the newly baptized and those who have been fully initiated through the Easter sacraments, this aspect of reflecting deeply upon the mysteries they have experienced has its own name. It's called mystagogy, and it is the name given to this post-baptismal period of their initiation process. The word comes from a Greek term referring to the mysteries in which they have participated: the mystery of God's love and mercy, shown to us through Christ.

Easter calls all of us—neophytes and baptized alike—to ponder anew the great mysteries through which we have known Christ and his life-giving death and Resurrection.-

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WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Parish
Monday	May 2		No Mass	
Tuesday	May 3	9:00 AM	Ed & Evelyn McKenna	St. Joseph
Wednesday	May 4	9:00 AM	Dean Murrell	St. John
Thursday	May 5	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John & St. Joseph	St. Joseph
Friday	May 6	10:00 AM	Pleasant View Nursing Home	
Saturday	May 7	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John & St. Joseph	St. Joseph
Sunday	May 8	9:00 AM	Christieann Zobel	St. John
		11:00 AM	Walter & Pauline Scott	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge High School News

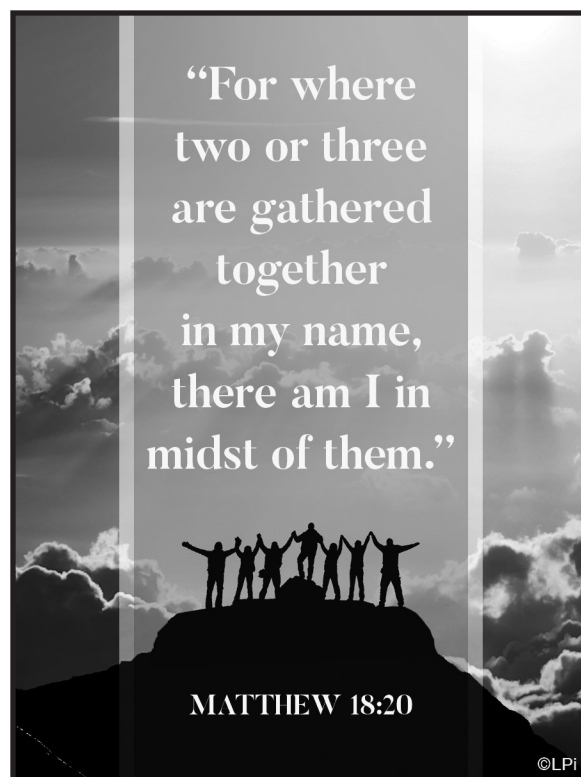


Graduation Masses: St. John and St. Joseph Churches will celebrate our high school graduates on **Sunday, May 1, 2022**. Please keep these students in your prayers as they begin the next chapter of their lives. Congratulations, Class of 2022!

Emmaus: This is the final week to register for Emmaus. What is Emmaus? Emmaus is a new summer camp, June 15–19, for students who have completed the 10th–12th grades. The aim is for young people to encounter Christ and live as life-long disciples. This five-day faith camp will include formative talks, small group discussions, games, hiking, campfires, and a daily emphasis on prayer and worship, including Mass and Adoration. Learn more or register online at <https://scdiocese.org/emmaus>. Registrations are due by Thursday, May 5th!

Walking With The Lord Celebration of the Sacraments

We welcome **Hunter Douglas Armstrong, son of Nicole Ellis**, to the St. John Church parish family. Hunter will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on May 7, 2022. Congratulations to Hunter and his family as he is made new in the waters of baptism!



ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

April 17, 2022
Registered Families: 185

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2178.55
E-Offering	\$60.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Hall Rental	
Needy Fund	
Grain	
Holy Land	\$222.00
Candles	\$0.00
St. Bernard	\$300.00
Retired/Infirm	\$807.00
Total for April 17, 2022	\$3617.55

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 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.

Congrats

Today, May 1st, we honor our graduating High School seniors. We wish them well and ask God to continue to bless them in this next phase of their lives, as they journey closer to Christ. Our seniors are:

Madison Chesnut, daughter of Tim & Jennifer Chesnut; Treyton Harris, son of Kym Orsini Harris & Craig Harris; Hannah Messerole, daughter of Todd & Donna Messerole; Rosara Reicks, daughter of Daryl & Anita Reicks; Sierra Siebersma, daughter of Leann Siebersma & Dallas Seward; & Connor Terry, son of Jason & Katie Terry.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

April 16 and 17, 2022
Registered Families: 209

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$4754.00
E-Offering	\$413.70
Holy Land	\$225.00
Maintenance Fund	
Emergency	
Candles	\$39.00
Food Pantry	
Boiler Fund	
Easter Flowers	
Palm Sunday	\$50.00
Retired & Infirm Priest	\$1115.00
Total for April 16 / 17, 2022	\$6596.70

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, 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.

Time & Talent Volunteer Sheets: Mary Lynn Nelson will put out a Time & Talent sheet for the month of May. If you or someone in your family is interested in resuming a ministry or volunteering for a new one, please consider signing up on this sheet. St. Joseph Church needs lectors, altar servers, gift bearers, money counters, and greeters. We would love for you and your family to join our ministry teams. Thank you!

Thanks so much to Paula Olson for all her hard work with the First Communion Class of 2022. It was a beautiful day that will be remembered by all our First Communicants.

Congrats

This Sunday we celebrated the students from St. Joseph Church who will graduate from high school later this month: Kimberly Gray, Bostyn Hanner, Peggy Hinrickson, Mallory Holzerland, Josie McCluskey, Leah Pepin, Emma Shook, Felesa Skatges, Samuel Tisher, Schuyler Warren, and Logan Whitney. Congratulations, Class of 2022! Our prayers are with you in all of your future endeavors!

God Laughs

A man and his wife, now in their 60s, were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. On their special day a good fairy came to them and said that because they had been so good that each one of them could have one wish. The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband. Whoosh! Immediately she had airline/cruise tickets in her hands. The man wished for a female companion 30 years younger... Whoosh...immediately he turned ninety!!!



Congratulations to all our
Graduating Seniors!



Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph

May 7 @ 4:00 PM

Servers: Levi Willis, Hudson & Landen Schuetz

Eucharistic Minister: Monica Kavanaugh

Lector: Michelle Mareau

Greeters: Pete & Marge Rinaldi

Ushers: Bert Ullrich, Lawson Schuetz
Pete & Marge Rinaldi

Gifts: Kenny & Mary Kay Miller

Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph

May 8 @ 11 AM

Servers: Braden & Joleigh Hensley, Addison Goodin

Eucharistic Minister: Tom Becker

Lector: Pam Eliason

Greeters: Eric Eliason & Family

Ushers: John & Heather Hensley
Tom & Doreen Becker

Gifts: Tom & Doreen Becker

Stewards: Mary Lander & Michelle Mareau
10 AM Monday @ St. Joseph



Save the Date!



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!