

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 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 29, 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: Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use this gift?

Children: Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?

The Pastor's Toolbox

Ascension to Glory

In many dioceses, today is celebrated as the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity celebrates the last appearance of Jesus to the disciples after the Resurrection. All of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) recount that Jesus summoned the disciples before his Ascension. From there he commissioned them to go out into the world to preach, to teach, to spread the Gospel, and to baptize. Luke's Gospel, which we hear today, includes a reference to the coming Spirit who will assist them in this mission.

In a way, the Ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father is only part of what we honor and commemorate today. The other part of this day is found in the great commission of Christ to his disciples. In their commission, we find ours as well. As the Church, the Body of Christ here on earth, we too are sent by the risen, ascended King! We too are to go out and to lead others to Christ. In this great Christian mission we find our inheritance, as the Opening Prayer for today's liturgy reminds us: In following Christ we are led into the new creation that will be fully established when he returns in glory at the end of time. At that time, as his followers, we too will be glorified with him. Eleven weeks ago, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we heard the account of the Transfiguration of the Lord-in which we see our future transformation promised to those who follow Christ. Today, in the Ascension we see a similar promised future as those who have baptized into the death and Resurrection of Christ: to sit with him at the end of time in the great kingdom of God. For this, as we pray today, is our glory and our hope.-

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Parish
Monday	May 30	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory	St. Joseph Cemetery
Monday	May 30	10:00 AM	For Our Armed Forces..... Past, Present and Future	Onawa City Cemetery
Tuesday	May 31	9:00 AM	Kavanaugh Family	St. Joseph
Wednesday	June 1	9:00 AM	Dave & Harold Nelson	St. John
Thursday	June 2	9:00 AM	Lawrence & Eileen Topf	St. Joseph
Friday	June 3	10:00 AM	Pleasantview NH	St. John
Saturday	June 4	4:00 PM	Darrell Lux	St. Joseph
Sunday	June 5	9:00 AM	Verla Benjamin	St. John
		11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John & St. Joseph	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

The Vineyard Parish Happenings

Mass Celebrations for Memorial Day: On Monday, May 30th, Fr. Erpelding will celebrate Masses for Memorial Day:

- ♦ St. Joseph Cemetery, Salix, 8:00 AM
- ♦ Onawa City Cemetery, Onawa, 10:00 AM

Parish Offices Closed: The parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day. Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

Michelle Rethman will be out of the office on vacation from Monday, May 23 – Tuesday, May 31. She will return to the office on Wednesday, June 1st.

Called and Gifted Workshop: The Diocese of Sioux City will host the *Called and Gifted Workshop* one June 11, 2022 at Mater Dei parish in Sioux City. For information and registration, visit <https://scdiocese.org/called-gifted>.

A Blare of Trumpets

Today is The Ascension of the Lord, and we sing for the responsorial psalm, Psalm 47:

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord*

My grandfather and great-uncle were veterans of World War II, my father served in the Army, and my uncle and father-in-law are veterans of the Vietnam War. I am proud to be related to these brave men who served our country during some of the darkest times in our country's history. But as I ponder their commitment and service, I am reminded of my junior year in high school and my Western



Civilization class. I can easily put myself back in my assigned seat and recall lesson after lesson about the growth of western civilization and its influence on the human race and culture, particularly in religion, the arts, expansion, and war. Looking back, there were many presentations and discussions about war. It seems to me that the world has always been in conflict, and when I apply my Catholic worldview, it seems clear we have been in turmoil since The Fall. That statement may be sobering and even depressing, but then my mind immediately recalls the first time I heard the University of Notre Dame Trumpets Under the Dome. This gameday tradition gathers spectators – some even from the opposing team – under the Dome to hear the trumpets play the Fighting Irish Fight Song before every game. Looking upwards, the trumpets blare, and the sound and spectacle is truly marvelous! We march out to the stadium confident our team will be victorious! And *that* is what today's psalm declares: God has already won, and Jesus mounted his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord! So, in the words of Fr. John Riccardi, "Do not be afraid. God is with you, and you were born for this." And to our veterans, thank you for your service to our nation. May God bless you.

ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

May 15, 2022
Registered Families: 185

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$4585.00
E-Offering	\$134.70
Building Fund	
Hall Rental	
Needy Fund	
Grain	
Easter flowers	
Candles	
St. Bernard	\$145.00
Retired/Infirmary	
Total for May 15, 2022	\$4864.70

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT OUR PARISH



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.

***Knight of the Month:** Our fellow parishioners who have been ill or are still struggling...that they be blessed by our Holy Mother's intercession through Jesus Christ for both physical and emotional comfort.*

***Family of the Month:** Our servers, cantors, musicians, readers and EM's at St. John and St. Joseph...for their service to our parishioners and for their reliability and assistance to Fr. Michael..*

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

May 14-15, 2022
Registered Families: 209

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1920.00
E-Offering	\$110.00
Stained Glass Windows	
Maintenance Fund	\$25.00
Emergency	
Candles	\$45.00
Food Pantry	\$100.00
Boiler Fund	
Ascension	
Mow and Snow	\$50.00
Retired & Infirmary	
Peters Pence	
Total for May 14-15, 2022	\$2250.00

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.

Faith In Action will be taking a break during Memorial Day week! Tune in to Siouxland Catholic Radio, Channel 88.1FM and listen to regularly-scheduled EWTN programming on Monday, May 30 at 9 a.m. and Saturday, June 4 at 7 p.m. Previous Faith in Action programs can be found at siouxlandcatholicradio.com.

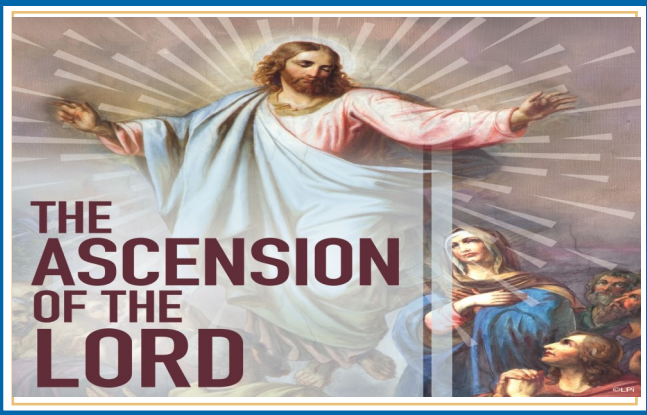


God Laughs

A group of managers were given the assignment to measure the height of a flagpole. So they go out to the flagpole with ladders and tape measures, and they're falling off the ladders, dropping the tape measures-the whole thing is just a mess. An engineer comes along and sees what they're trying to do, walks over, pulls the flagpole out of the ground, lays it flat, measures it from end to end, gives the measurement to one of the managers and walks away. After the engineer has gone, one manager turns to another and laughs. "Isn't that just like an engineer, we're looking for the height and he gives us the length."



GOD *Bless* AMERICA



Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph

June 4 @ 4:00 PM

Servers: Lawson Schuetz, Madelyn & Grady Olson

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kay Miller

Lector: Al Stuhrenberg

Greeters: Kenny & Mary Kay Miller,

Ushers: Bert Ullrich, Paula Olson
Landen & Hudson Schuetz

Gifts: Kenny & Mary Kay Miller,

Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph

June 5 @ 11 AM

Servers: Addison Goodin, Vivian Johnson,
Joleigh Hensley

Eucharistic Minister: Bev Weikel

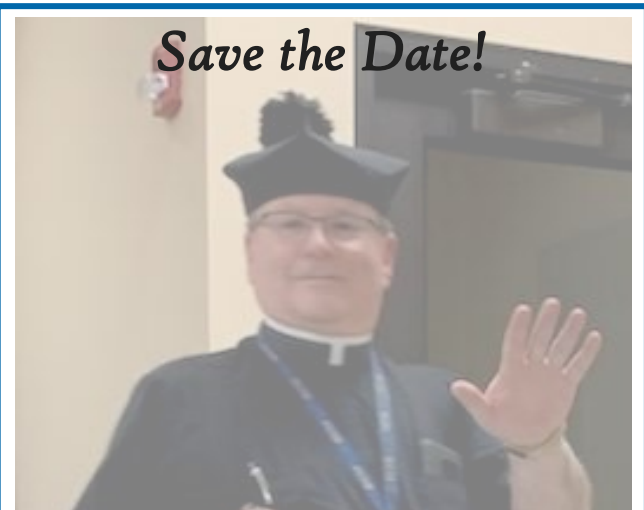
Lector: Judy Milos

Greeters: Tom & Doreen Becker

Ushers: Kyle & Eric Eliason
Ron & Margaret Wood

Gifts: Tom & Doreen Becker

Money Counters: 10 am on Monday
John Janson & Kathy Baker



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!