

## 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 2, 2021**

FROM FR. MICHAEL

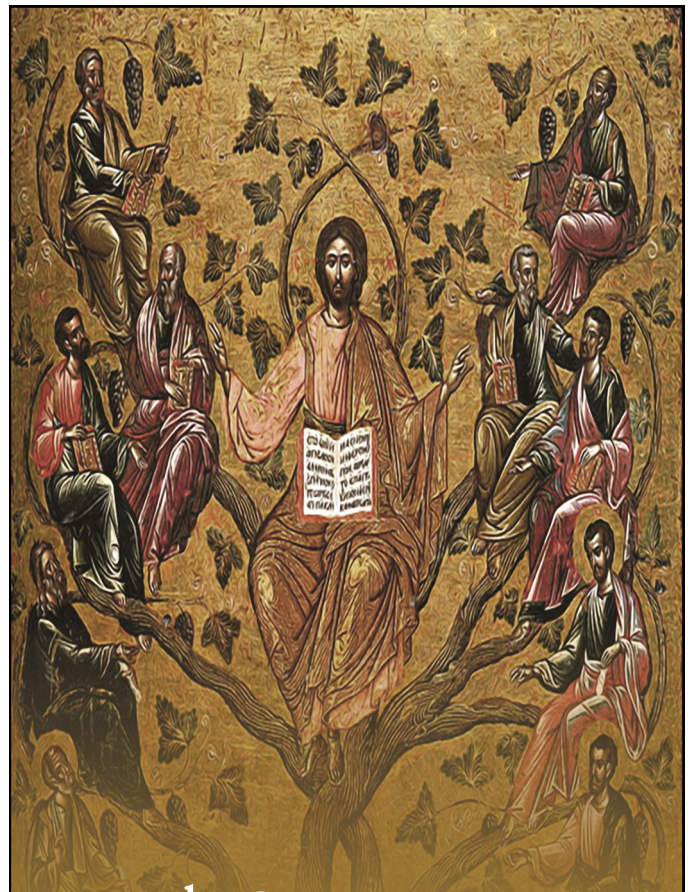
### WHY ARE BREAD AND WINE APPROPRIATE MATERIAL FOR HOLY COMMUNION?

*Bread is found in nearly every culture. Wine is popular in many cultures. Bread is made into wafers or loaves from many different grains. Wine is made from many crushed grapes. We can see in these elements the symbolic coming to show how all are made one in the person of Jesus. The bread and wine are a result of the effort of humans who take the elements of creation and form them into the elements of communion between Jesus and his people.*

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: *When has God pruned me so that I could grow and give life?*

Children: *When have I felt good because I did something to help someone?*



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

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## WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

### ST. JOHN / ST. BERNARD

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#### MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon No Mass.. 0:00 am  
 Tue No Mass.....0:00am  
 Wed Joe Fouts.....9:00 am  
 Thurs No Mass .....0:00pm  
 Fri Graduating Seniors.....9:00 am  
 Sat No Mass.....0:00 am  
 Sun Christieann Zobel.....9:00 am

#### Stewardship April 25

Envelopes/loose \$ 4955.35  
 building \$  
 Retired/infirm \$  
 E-offering \$ 304.58  
 Needy Fund \$  
 Grain \$  
 Flowers \$  
 Holy Land \$  
 Easter Offering \$  
 St. Bernard \$ 220.00  
Total: \$ 5479.93

St. John Registered Families.....185

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon No Mass.....0:00am  
 Tue Christopher Rinaldi.....9:00am  
 Wed No Mass.....0:00pm  
 Thurs James Reisch,,.....9:00 am  
 Fri No Mass.....0:00 am  
 Sat Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard...4:00 pm  
 Sun Walter & Pauline Scott.....11:00 am

#### STEWARDSHIP APRIL 25

Envelopes \$ 2225.00  
 Loose: \$ 170.00  
 Candles: \$ 15.00  
 Cemetery PC \$  
 E-offering: \$ 225.00  
 Maintenance \$  
 Emergency \$ 150.00  
 Food Pantry \$  
 Mow & snow \$ 425.00  
 Hall Rental \$  
 Retired/infirm \$  
 Palm Sunday \$  
 Mothers Day \$ 100.00  
TOTAL: \$ 3310.00

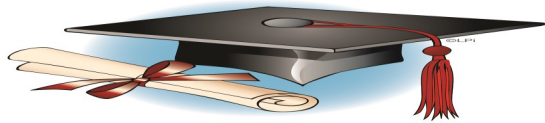
St. Joseph Registered Families .....209

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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



Senior Mass is today, Sunday, May 2nd.  
Please keep our graduating seniors in your prayers as they begin this new phase of their lives and continue their journey of faith.

Congratulations to:

Lauren Boysen, daughter of Ryan & Stacey  
Lexie Derocher, daughter of Aaron & Melodie  
Garrett Heisterkamp, son of Bart & Lisa  
Jaden Pekarek, son of Rob & Lori  
Commencement exercises for West Monona is Sunday, May 16 th @ 1:00 PM

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*Just For Laughs*

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This may come as a surprise to those of you not living in Las Vegas, but there are more Catholic churches there than casinos. Not surprisingly, some worshippers at Sunday services will give casino chips rather than cash when the basket is passed. Since they get chips from so many different casinos, the churches have devised a method to collect the offerings. The churches send all their collected chips to a nearby Franciscan Monastery for sorting and then the chips are taken to the casinos of origin and cashed in. This is done by the chip monks.

**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, 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.

**YOUTH GROUP WILL START MEETING IN THE MONTH OF APRIL THE 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. SEE YOU ALL THERE.**

Thank You to Deb Craig and Mary Johnson for the nice luncheon for Joyce Tobin who was buried from our Parish on Tuesday.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Joyce Tobin on the loss of their mother, Joyce was a former member of our Parish very active in the Legion of Mary and the Tabernacle Society, may her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Patricia Cheshier who was buried from our parish on Monday, may her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

The next Funeral Committee is Chairladies Bev Weikel, 428-3707, 223-1659, & Mary Lynne Nelson, 281-0107, assisted by Lori Klemme, 943-7812, 253-0749, Karla Kluver, 428-3902, Kathy LaBrune, 898-8193, Mary Lander, 428-3913, 574-1309, Teresa Leonard, 946-6915, Laura Lewis, 574-7530, Patricia Limoges, 898-7329, Bev Longval, 428-3911, 251-4848, Mindy Mahlberg, 490-1016, Michelle Mareau, 428-3860, 251-3740, Ashley Mc Carter, 253-1161, Linda Adkins, 428-1178, Vicky McKenna, 490-5069, Deb McLarty, 251-2793, Shirley Menard, 943-5202, 251-1651, Nancy Small, 253-0186, Stephanie Small, 281-2160.

## *National Day of Prayer*

Because of the faith of many of our founding fathers, public prayer and national days of prayer have a long-standing and significant history in American tradition. The Supreme Court affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer in *Marsh vs. Chambers* (1983).

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. Last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations.

If you want something you've never had,  
you must be willing to do something  
you've never done.

**Thomas Jefferson**

People who give the best are those who  
give of themselves – your time, talents,  
words, knowledge.

**Omoakhuana Anthonia**

Very little is needed to make a happy life;  
it is all within yourself, in your way of  
thinking.

**Marcus Aurelius**

