

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPT. 6, 2020

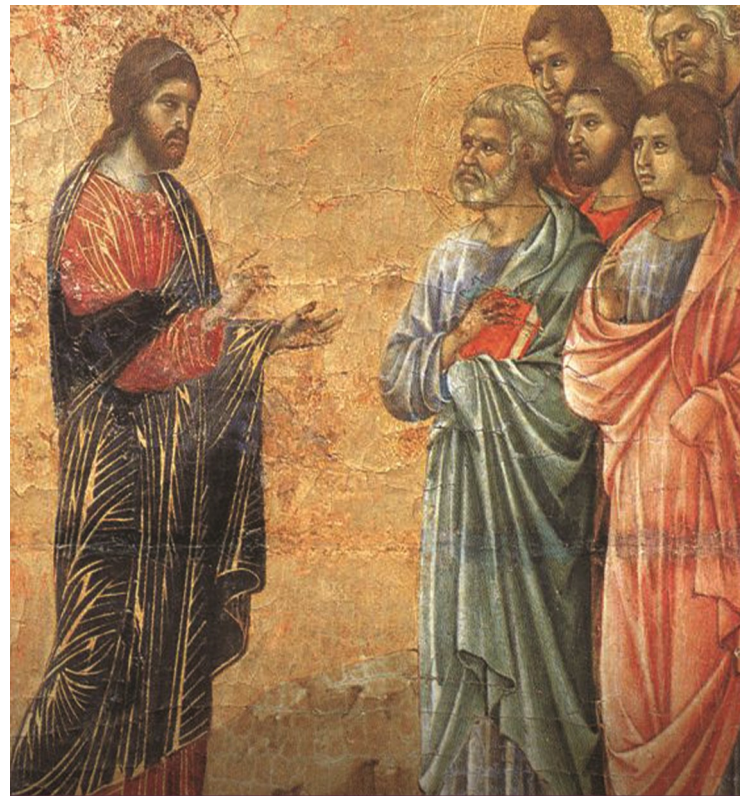
From Father Michael

The Fall of Humans (Adam and Eve):

We have a wonderful description of sin in the Catechism; “Sin is present in human history; any attempt to ignore it or to give this dark reality other names seems futile. To try to understand what sin is, one must first recognize the profound relation of (humans) to God, for only in this relationship is the evil of sin unmasked in its true identity as humanity’s rejection of God and opposition to him, even as it continues to weigh heavy on human life and history” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #386).

What about the devil’s involvement in the Fall of Humans? “Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls ‘a murderer from the beginning,’ who would even try to divert Jesus from the mission received from his Father. ‘The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.’ In its consequences the gravest of these works was the mendacious seduction that led (humans) to disobey God” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #394).

Does the devil have power over us? (Of course, not!!)
“The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but still a creature. He cannot prevent the building up of God’s reign. Although Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and although his action may cause grave injuries—of a spiritual nature and, indirectly, even of a physical nature—to each man and to society, the action is permitted by divine providence which with strength and gentleness guides human and cosmic history. It is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity, but ‘we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him.’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #395).



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” - Mt 18:15

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Questions of the Week:

Adults: *What have you been able to overcome because others patiently loved you?*

Children: *How can you help another person do the right thing?*

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon No Mass.....0:00 am
 Tue Joe Fouts.....9:00am
 Wed Carl Lenz Jr.(Blencoe).....7:30 am
 Thurs No Mass.....0:00am
 Fri Mabel Walker.....9:00 am
 Sat No Mass.....0:00 am
 Sun John & Marjorie Zink.....9:00am

Stewardship St. John 8/30

Envelopes/Loose \$ 665.00
 building \$.
 Candles \$.
 E-offering \$ 1398.33
 Needy Fund \$
 Grain \$ 962.15
 Catholic Relief \$
 Retired rel \$ 160.00
St. Bernard \$ 120.00

Total: \$ 3305.48

St. John Registered Families.....185

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon No Mass.....0:00am
 Tue No Mass.....0:00am
 Wed No Mass.....0.00pm
 Thurs Sue Lamoureux.....9:00am
 Fri No Mass.....0:00 pm
 Sat Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard....4:00 pm
 Sun Rhonda Mareau Johnston.....11:00 am

STEWARDSHIP St. Joseph 8/29—8/30

Envelopes \$ 2521.00
 Loose: \$ 117.00
 Candles: \$ 5.00
 Cemetery PC \$
 E-offering: \$ 240.00
 Maintenance \$
 Emergency \$ 150.00
 Food Pantry \$
 Mow & snow \$ 20.00
 Choir \$ 10.00
 Jim Konz Mem \$ 20.00
TOTAL: \$ 3083.00

St. Joseph Registered Families209

ST. JOHN				
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, Shirley & Pam Turner, Esther Mac Clure, Loretta Simoff, Doe Walker, Pete Mortensen, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Rosemary Kirby, 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, please contact Colleen @ office 423-1004

Thank you to all who have continued to give to the support of St. Johns and St. Bernards. Your generosity and dedication to our parishes is truly appreciated.

The first Class for Religious Education has been set for October 7. Parents, please check your mail as we have sent registration forms and letters out explaining the changes , and we will continue to update you as we progress through this year. If you know of any family with a first grader, please contact the office so I can send a registration form.

Sunday, October 25th @ 1 PM, has been set as our date for our Mass of Confirmation. This will include grades 8,9,10. Please notify your sponsor. Due to Covid-19, this date is for St. John's only.

What Makes Us Laugh:

An atheist was constantly resisting his Christian friends efforts to convert him and to get him believe in God, and be saved. One day the atheist was out in the woods when he was attacked and brought to the ground by a bear. As the bear towered over him, teeth bared, the atheist remembered his friends' teachings. But he just could not call on God to save him. So he called out, "God, if you are there, change this bear in to a Christian." For a moment the world went silent, all movement stopped, a bright light shone. Then the sounds of the forest started again. The atheist look at the bear, the bear looks at the atheist, puts his paws together and says "Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts...

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 La-Croix, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Doreen Becker, O Roger Huot,,Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner ,Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell ,Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Glenda Ullrich, Stella Serviss, Gerrie Lamoureux. Darrell Lux, Richard Hentges ,Paula Wagner.& Carol Lux. 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.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Dorothy Hubert who passed away last week and her funeral was last Thursday, great lady beautiful voice always in the choir and she passed her beautiful voice to many of her children. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Bazaar is getting closer hope you have your packets in and those of you contacted by mail, I hope you have responded. It takes everyone to make this a success. Sign up sheet is in the vestibule of the church. Please help by signing up. Thank You.

Food Pantry is now open daily from 9:00am to 1:00 pm if you or if you know someone who needs food we are here to help. After hours call 490-1991 or 281-0107 and we can come in and help you out. We are open to the Westwood area.

Bazaar is coming on Sunday, September 27th from 11am to 2pm, we hope you will be helping your solicitors out by having your check ready \$10 for raffle tickets, \$10 for the Chicken and your choice of a dessert or salad that you will bring that will feed 15 people. If you do not want them to come in let them know tape it to the door, put in mailbox this all helps them do their job during these times.

On the day of the Bazaar we will have two lines, one for carry outs, one for dining in, desserts will be in plastic containers, seating will be social distancing for 96 people and carry outs can pick out what they like and go home and eat. We will wear mask have hand sanitizers readily available and we will wash tables down between with soap and water as recommended by the CDC. Silverware and napkins salt and pepper will be wrapped securely for your safety. Hope to see you there and hope things are better yet by then, wear your mask when out social distance and we will get there.

CONFIRMATION will be held on Sunday, November 8th, at Mass at 3:00pm. Be sure your Sponsors name and your Saints name are in to Kathy Jo as this has to be recorded to the Diocese. Thank you

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. It is the Monday of the long weekend known as Labor Day Weekend.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Nativity of Mary, or the Birth of the Virgin Mary, refers to a Christian feast day celebrating the birth of Mary, mother of Jesus. The modern canon of scripture does not record Mary's birth. The earliest known account of Mary's birth is found in the Protoevangelium of James (5:2), an apocryphal text from the late second century, with her parents known as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim.

In the case of saints, the Church commemorates their date of death, with Saint John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary as the few whose birth dates are commemorated. The reason for this is found in the singular mission each had in salvation history, but traditionally also because these alone were holy in their very birth (for Mary, see Immaculate Conception; John was sanctified in Saint Elizabeth's womb according to the traditional interpretation of Lk 1:15).

Devotion to the innocence of Mary under this Marian title is widely celebrated in many cultures across globe. The "Protoevangelium of James", which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. He and his wife Anne were deeply grieved by their childlessness.

Pious accounts place the birthplace of the Virgin Mary in Sepphoris, Israel where a 5th-century basilica is excavated at the site. Some accounts speak of Nazareth and others say it was in a house near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem. It is possible that a wealthy man such as Joachim had a home in both Judea and Galilee.

Tradition celebrates the event on the 8th of September, nine months after the solemnity of her Immaculate Conception, celebrated on 8 December.

