

## 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPT. 13, 2020**

### From Father Michael

#### Tax Collector

In Jesus' times, Rome set the amount of revenue to be raised by a district and then sold the right to collect taxes to the highest bidder, who could charge whatever he wished in order to make a profit. The tax collector was thus viewed as an outcast to his fellow Jews. He was considered a "sinner" because his occupation was considered sure to lead him into immorality. Jesus' advice here is paradoxical for readers of Matthew since at first we might assume that it would mean Matthew's own exclusion. However, from Jesus' own example, tax collectors are included among his disciples and he eats with them to try to convert them.

#### Questions of the Week:

**Adults:** When someone hurts you, are you more inclined to be just or to be merciful?

**Children:** When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly ?



## 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

# WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

## ST. JOHN / ST. BERNARD

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### MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon No Mass.....0:00 am  
 Tue Fred Servia.....9:00am  
 Wed Mahlon Pekarek .....Blencoe).....7:30 am  
 Thurs No Mass.....0:00am  
 Fri Joe Fouts.....9:00 am  
 Sat No Mass.....0:00 am  
 Sun Deacon Glenn Heisterkamp.....9:00am

### Stewardship St. John

Envelopes/Loose \$  
 building \$  
 Candles \$  
 E-offering \$  
 Needy Fund \$  
 Holy land \$  
 Catholic Relief \$  
 Retired/Infirmary \$  
 St. Bernard \$

Total: \$

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 Linda Mahlberg.....9:00am  
 Fri No Mass.....0:00 pm  
 Sat Pat Parks.....4:00 pm  
 Sun Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard....11:00 am

### STEWARDSHIP St. Joseph

Envelopes \$  
 Loose: \$  
 Candles: \$  
 Cemetery PC \$  
 E-offering: \$  
 Maintenance \$  
 Emergency \$  
 Food Pantry \$  
 Mow & snow \$  
 Assumption \$  
 Ret. Religious \$

TOTAL: \$

St. Joseph Registered Families .....209

## 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

*Please welcome the newest member of our parish family, Madisyn Marie McCall, daughter of Brent and Kellie McCall, who was baptized today, September 13th.*

Knights of Columbus Annual Chicken Dinner will be held Sunday September 20th at St. Johns. Take out dinners will be available, as well as limited seating for dining in. Please plan on joining us for a wonderful dinner.

*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 the 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.**

Kick off Weekend is upon us, September 19-20! Our goal amount is \$15,965. Let's work Together As One to help support our future. Check your mailboxes this week and make a gift to strengthen our Catholic community. When our parish goes over its diocesan support goal of \$10,510, 100% of that overage amount is returned to our parish for our use.

**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.

**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 1:00pm, if you know someone who needs food or you need food we are here to help. After hours call 490-1991, 281-0107 and we can come in and help you out. We are open to the Westwood area.**

**BAZAAR IS FAST APPROACHING, many have not responded to mail soliciting we need salads, deserts, workers, sign up sheet is in the vestibule of the church. Remember \$10 for tickets, \$10 for Chicken furnish salad or dessert to feed 15 people, and really need workers.**

**All precautions will be exercised the day of the Bazaar, come and eat or take a carryout we hope to see you there.**

**CONFIRMATION will be held on Sunday, November 8th at Mass at 3:00pm. Be sure to get your Sponsors name and your Saints name to Kathy Jo. Thank You.**

***What Makes Us Laugh:*\_\_\_\_\_**

A priest and a Protestant pastor from the local churches are standing by the side of the road, pounding a sign into the ground that reads: The End is Near! Turn Yourself Around Now Before it's Too Late! As a car sped past them, the driver yelled, "Leave us alone, you religious nuts!" From the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash. The priest turns to the Protestant pastor and asks, "Do you think the sign should just say, 'Bridge Out?'"

## Our Lady of Sorrows

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare (Luke 2:34-35). These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. In all, the prophecy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, let it be done unto me according to Thy word, first uttered at the Annunciation.

In 1668 the feast in honor of the Seven Dolours was set for the Sunday after September 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross. The feast was inserted into the Roman calendar in 1814, and Pope Pius X fixed the permanent date of September 15 for the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (now simply called the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows). The key image here is our Blessed Mother standing faithfully at the foot of the cross with her dying Son: the Gospel of St. John recorded, Seeing His mother there with the disciple whom He loved, Jesus said to His mother, 'Woman, there is your son.' In turn He said to the disciple, 'There is your mother.'

Therefore, as we honor our Blessed Mother, our Lady of Sorrows, we honor her as the faithful disciple and exemplar of faith. Let us pray as we do in the opening prayer of the Mass for this feast day: Father, as your Son was raised on the cross, His Mother Mary stood by Him, sharing His sufferings. May your Church be united with Christ in His suffering and death and so come to share in His rising to new life. Looking to the example of Mary, may we too unite our sufferings to our Lord, facing them with courage, love, and trust.

