

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 Main St, Blencoe, IA



ST JOHN

1009 13th St, Onawa, IA



ST JOSEPH

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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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

Adults: How has a difficult time in my life become a source of strength, hope and healing?

Children: When have I asked Jesus for help in the past, and how did he answer my prayer?

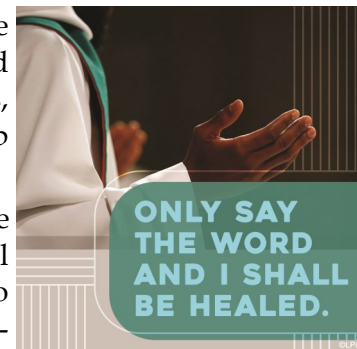
Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ – and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

– Father John Muir

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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	February 5		No Mass	
Tuesday	February 6	9:00 AM	Leo Bousquet	St. Joseph
Wednesday	February 7	9:00 AM	Joan Samson	St. John
Thursday	February 8	9:00 AM	Bonnie & Wally Parker	St. Joseph
Friday	February 9	9:00 AM	Loretta Simoff	St. John
Saturday	February 10	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. John, St. Joseph & St. Bernard	St. Joseph
Sunday	February 11	9:00 AM	John, Marjorie & Bob Zink	St. John
		11:00 AM	Paula Wagner	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

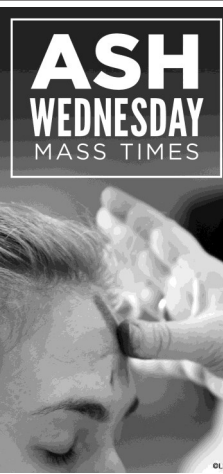
Religious Education News

We won't have classes on **Wednesday, February 14th** because of Masses for Ash Wednesday, nor on **Wednesday, February 21st** because of reconciliation. Classes resume on Wednesday, February 28th.

February	
7 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
14 th	<i>No classes – Ash Wednesday Masses</i>
21 st	<i>No classes – Lent Reconciliation</i>
28 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
March	
7 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
14 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
21 st	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
28 th	<i>No classes – Holy Week</i>
April	
3 rd	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
10 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
17 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come. ©LPi



St. Joseph-Salix
Wednesday, February 14
5:00pm

St. John-Onawa
Wednesday, February 14
6:30pm

RECONCILIATION NIGHT

Father will be available in the confessional on **Wednesday, February 21**. There will be no Religious Education classes that evening so that families can attend this sacrament together.

St. Joseph-Salix 4:00-6:00pm
St. John-Onawa 6:30-8:30pm

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

Registered Families: 185
January 21, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2184.00
E-Offering	\$149.40
Food Pantry	
St. Bernard	\$115.00
Grain	
Catholic Charities	
Total for January 21, 2024	\$2448.40



By now you should have received your yearly contribution statement for 2023. If for some reason you have not received it, please call the office and I will send another one for you to use for your taxes. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to our parish. May God Bless you!



Plan on attending our Lenten Fish Fry's, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council # 6249 featuring Staley's Catering.

The first one is on **March 8th**, from 5 pm – 7pm.
The second one is **March 22nd**, from 5 pm – 7 pm.
Help us to support our Knights and enjoy some community camaraderie.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH
JUSTICE

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

Jan 20-21, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2056.00
E-Offering	\$125.00
Cemetery Perpetual Fund	\$200.00
Catholic Charities/Christmas	\$150.00
Candles	\$120.00
Grant	\$2225.00
Total for Jan 20-21, 2024	\$4876.00



Lent is right around the corner beginning Wednesday, February 14. The Lenten issue of "The Word Among Us" is available on the table in the entry of the church. Please enjoy your free copy to use during this season of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.



"Among the many blessings that God has showered upon us in Christ is the blessing of marriage, a gift bestowed by the Creator from the creation of the human race...It is a source of blessing to the couple, to their families, and to society and includes the wondrous gift of co-creating human life." *USCCB, Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan, 2009.*

Father will offer a blessing to all married couples on Sunday, February 11 in honor of World Marriage Day.

Prayer for the God' Presence

Dear Jesus,
Reveal yourself to me! When I am alone and in darkness, fill me with your light. I want to know you, I want to experience your healing. Be with me, Lord.
Amen.

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God Laughs

A religious education teacher was telling the story about Lot and his wife and said to the class of 5-year-olds that Moses had told Lot to take his wife and flee to the wilderness and not to look back or they would be turned to stone. She said that he and his wife had unfortunately looked back and got turned to stone. One little boy asked "What happened to the flea?"



Together as One (TAO) supports the Office of Worship. The Office of Worship is a resource for parishes and schools with respect to music, sacramental celebrations, devotional practices and liturgical formation.

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGES	REMAINING
ST. JOHN	\$8,987.00	\$6,130.00	\$2,857.00
ST. JOSEPH	\$12,481.00	\$10,657.00	\$1,824.00

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Church Name: St. John
City: Onawa

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Healing, is around the corner! We invite family members to attend First Reconciliation with the children. Father will hear first confessions during the parishes' Reconciliation Night on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Please contact Michelle Rethman if you have questions.



St. Joseph Church

First Reconciliation, 5:00 – 5:30 PM

St. John Church

First Reconciliation, 6:00 – 6:30 PM



BRIAR CLIFF SUNDAY



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Sing,
choirs of
angels, sing
in exultation!

Eucharistic Adoration

The Holy Eucharist will be available for Adoration. All are invited to spend some time with the Lord.

Sunday, February 4

St. John-Onawa, 10:00am-2:00pm

Sunday, March 3

St. Joseph-Salix, 12:00pm-2:00pm