

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 Main St, Blencoe, IA



ST JOHN

1009 13th St, Onawa, IA



ST JOSEPH

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 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.

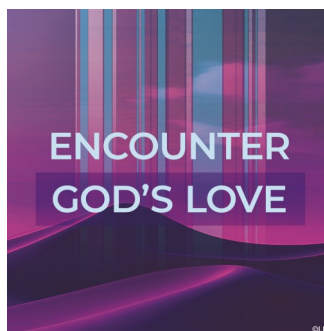
Questions of the Week

Adults: What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?

Children: What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.



What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

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WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	January 15		No Mass	
Tuesday	January 16	9:00 AM	Eileen Topf	St. Joseph
Wednesday	January 17	9:00 AM	Raymond Muller	St. John
Thursday	January 18	9:00 AM	Dayle & Darlene Ellis	St. Joseph
Friday	January 19	9:00 AM	Maryann Muller	St. John
Saturday	January 20	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. John, St. Joseph & St. Bernard	St. Joseph
Sunday	January 21	9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving	St. John
		11:00 AM	Betty Mareau	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

Religious Education News

Religious Education Classes have resumed to begin the new year! Please see below for future dates.

January	
17 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
24 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
31 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
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>

St. John Church – Second Grade Sacraments: We will have a Parent Meeting this Wednesday, January 17th, in the parish center beginning at 6:45 PM. This meeting will provide information for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. If your child(ren) wasn't baptized at either St. John or St. Joseph Churches, please bring with you your child's/ children's Certificate of Baptism. See you there!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
 "Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage – go, and see what Christ has to show you.

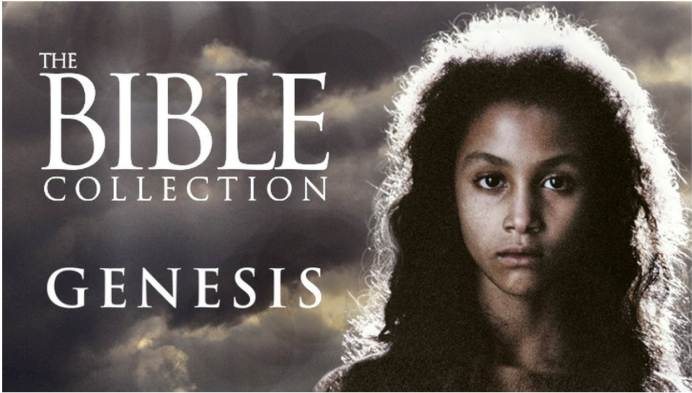
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A new year is a great time to begin scripture studies, so why not check out this week's recommendations!

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ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

Registered Families: 185
December 31, 2023

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2924.00
E-Offering	\$548.98
Food Pantry	
St. Bernard	\$115.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$165.00
Catholic Charities	\$125.00
Total for Dec. 31, 2023	\$3877.98



It is not too late to make your contribution to Together As One. We are still \$2857.00 short of our goal. Any and all contributions are welcomed and appreciated. Thank you to *everyone* who has sent in a donation. If you

haven't sent in your pledge yet, please consider giving. Any contributions above our parish goal will return to our parish.

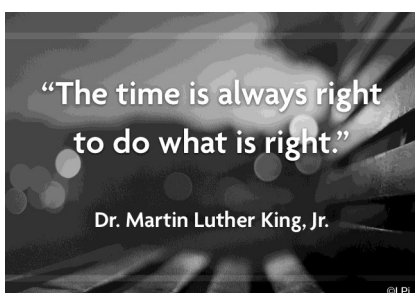


We are just starting into the new year of 2024. We are so grateful for our parish family

and the support you show to our Church. Just a gentle reminder that all of our costs and expenses have increased. Please keep this in mind when you are making your contributions to the Church. Thank you for your generosity and your continued support.

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

We are looking for Volunteers to share their Time, Talent or Treasure with our parish and our parishioners. Please consider helping us serve our parish and see how you can enrich not only your life but others as well. Please contact the office or fill out a sheet in the back of the Church. Thank you for your consideration.



ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

Dec 30-31, 2023

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$3619.00
E-Offering	\$423.00
Solemnity Of Mary	\$980.00
Candles	\$62.00
Cemetery Fund, Maintenance	\$125.00
Catholic Charities/Christmas	\$30.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Total for Dec 30-31, 2023	\$5289.00



Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Elliott Johnson who was born into eternal life on December 23, 2023. His memorial service was held at St. Joseph Church on December 28. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

Thank you to the ladies of the St. Joseph Tabernacle Society for providing food and hospitality at the funeral luncheon.

If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you each week, you can subscribe at www.parishesonline.com. For all of our parishes (St. John, St. Joseph, St. Bernard), use the following information to subscribe:

Church Name: St. John
City: Onawa



Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,
Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path.
Amen.

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Wise Old Jewish Man

A female CNN journalist heard about a very old Jewish man who had been going to the Western Wall to pray, twice a day, every day, for a long, long time. So, she went to check it out. She went to the Western Wall and there he was, walking slowly up to the holy site. She watched him pray and after about 45 minutes, when he turned to leave, using a cane and moving very slowly, she approached him for an interview. "Pardon me, sir, I'm Rebecca Smith from CNN. What's your name?" "Morris Fishbien," he replied. "Sir, how long have you been coming to the Western Wall and praying?" "For about 60 years." "60 years! That's amazing! What do you pray for?" "I pray for peace between the Christians, Jews and the Muslims. I pray for all the wars and all the hatred to stop. I pray for all our children to grow up safely, to be responsible adults, and to love their fellow man." "How do you feel after doing this for 60 years?" "Like I'm talking to a stone wall."

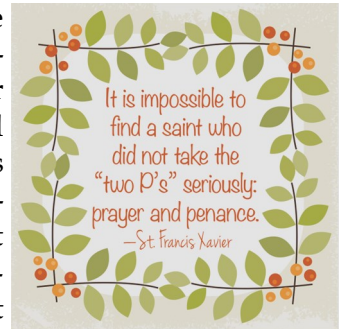
Together as One (TAO) supports the Office of Stewardship & Development. The mission of the Office of Stewardship & Development is to assist, teach and empower our parishioners to discover, grow and live out discipleship as stewards of God's gifts.

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGES	REMAINING
ST. JOHN	\$8,987.00	\$6130.00	\$2857.00
ST. JOSEPH	\$12,481.00	\$10,457.00	\$2,024.00



First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation, one of the Sacraments of Healing, is around the corner for our delightful second grade students. Below is the schedule for each parish. Please contact Michelle Rethman, Director of Faith Formation, at 712-202-6641 if you have



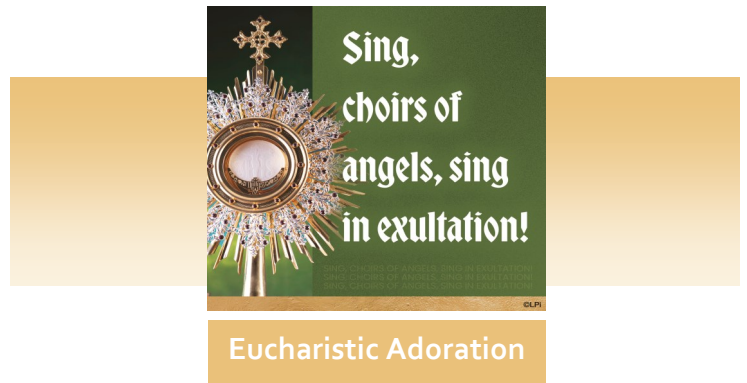
questions or concerns. Parents, regarding the dates below, we invite both parents to participate; however, we ask that at least one parent attend the meeting, retreat, and first reconciliation. We look forward to walking with your children as they prepare for the sacraments this year!

St. Joseph Church

- ☞ **Retreat:**
Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 6:30 PM
- ☞ **First Reconciliation:**
Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 5:00 – 5:30 PM

St. John Church

- ☞ **Parent Information Meeting:**
Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 6:45 PM
- ☞ **Retreat:**
Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 6:30 PM
- ☞ **First Reconciliation:**
Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 6:00 – 6:30 PM



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