

# 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

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 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 challenges might you face in sharing the good news with others this week?

**Children:** What good news of Jesus will you share with others this week?

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, “He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself.” It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

SEEK FELLOWSHIP

LIVE SIMPLY

ACT BOLDY

Jesus sent out his apostles, “two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts.” Two-by-two: they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. Power over demons: they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. With-

out money belts: they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let’s pray for all priests – and, by extension, all of us Christians – to live more like Jesus’ communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

—Father John Muir

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## WEEK OF JULY 14, 2024

### Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	July 15		No Mass	
Tuesday	July 16	9:00 AM	Swerczek Family	St. Joseph
Wednesday	July 17	9:00 AM	Matthew Benjamin	St. John
Thursday	July 18	9:00 AM	Kavanaugh Family	St. Joseph
Friday	July 19	9:00 AM	Marge Parks	St. John
Saturday	July 20	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph, St. John, and St. Bernard	St. Joseph
Sunday	July 21	9:00 AM	A.J. Benjamin	St. John
		11:00 AM	Darlene Ellis	St. Joseph

## GROWING IN OUR FAITH



The Office of Multicultural Ministries announces that Bishop Nickless has authorized another load of food and supplies be collected and shipped to Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas, to assist the staff and volunteers at the center in serving the many people in need that they encounter. The Diocese is again partnering with the "Then Feed Just One Program" who uses volunteer labor from across our region to package healthy meals for distribution across the world. Hundreds of thousands of meals are packaged by the students at our Catholic Schools across the diocese each year. In addition to the meals, the diocese is requesting our parishes to organize drives to collect hygiene products beginning immediately and running through July 15, 2024.

Requested Items Are As Follows:

- Toiletries for men and women (deodorant, razors and combs)
- Undergarments for **children** (4T-11) **Men** (S, M & L) **Women** (S & M)
- Baby bottles, Nido powdered milk
- Ziploc bag sizes: gallon, quart, sandwich and snack
- Bath towels
- Paper goods: paper towels and toilet paper Foam bowls, utensils, & 39-gallon trash bags
- Germ X Hand sanitizer, Clorox, Lysol and Febreze
- Shoelaces and Chapstick

Donation boxes are located in the main entrance to the church. Thank you for helping those in need. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

### Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Jesus sends his disciples into the world with no money or provisions — just as he sends us. But make no mistake — he has given us everything we need: the strength that comes from faith in Christ, and the will to do what God has asked. Let's get to work. ©LPi

**FORMED:** This week, check out this episode on the The Shroud of Turin with Fr. Robert Spitzer. Parents, ask your children about what they learned about the shroud when they viewed the traveling display!

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

**THE SHROUD OF TURIN IS REAL**

WITH FR. ROBERT SPITZER

CHRIS STEFANICK SHOW

**The TRUTH About the Shroud of Turin w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show**

The Shroud of Turin is the subject of a lot of rumors, myths and controversies — maybe you've heard some of them yourself and don't know what to believe. In this episode, Fr. Robert Spitzer offers amazing facts and stories about the Shroud.

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## ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

### St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering June 30, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1788.00
E-Offering	\$134.70
Building Fund	
St. Bernard Candles	\$100.00
Peter's Pence	\$20.00
<b>Total for June 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$2042.70</b>



Please take advantage of the last day of the Monona County Fair. It will be a whole year before you can enjoy all the festivities of our Fair, so visit the food booths and let our Knights of Columbus serve you a delicious lunch or supper. See you there!



**Knight of Month** ...Franklin and Wanda Heisterkamp for their generosity and 'labor of love' making and serving desserts for CCD students.

**Family of Month**...The Knights and parishioners of St. John/St. Bernard and St. Joseph for sponsoring and attending the two meals to bid "farewell" to their beloved chaplain & priest, Fr. Michael Erpelding.



our booth and all who supported us in any way,

Thank you to all who worked the Knights Food Booth at the Fair. It was an amazing success and your help, support and dedication are essential to this success. Thank you to all who came to eat at

## ST. JOSEPH NEWS

### St. Joseph Weekly Offering June 29-30, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2453.00
E-Offering	\$140.00
Candles	\$36.00
Peter's Pence	\$85.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$500.00
<b>Total for June 29-30, 2024</b>	<b>\$3214.00</b>



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Joseph is in need of 1 or 2 volunteers to launder and iron the altar linens (purificators, corporals, and towels) used at Mass. It involves a little more than just a regular wash cycle. Instruction will be provided. If this is a ministry you would like to do once a month, please contact the parish office.



## St. Joseph Bazaar & Chicken Dinner Sunday, September 15

### Prayer for the Way

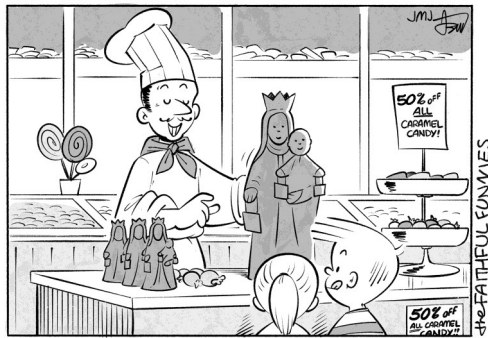
Dear Jesus,  
As I set out in your name,  
be with me on every step.  
I don't know where you  
will lead, but I trust that  
you will be with me and  
that, for me, that will be  
enough.  
Amen.

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## God Laughs

"What is a confectioner's favorite feast?"



"Our Lady of Mount Carmel."



Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a special Marian devotion for many people, and Carmelites in particular. Carmelites bless the Church with their dedication to prayer, community, and service.

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NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

The Catholic Church in this country is about to enter a new phase of Revival - the Year of Mission. The national committee is hopeful the upcoming National Eucharistic Congress and the pilgrimage will set the tone for this mission.

A glimpse of what is to come in the Year of Mission:

- Each Catholic will be encouraged to connect in Eucharistic friendship with one person whom the Holy Spirit identifies, entering into a special form of one-on-one accompaniment that will bring many people home to the Catholic Church.
- Non-Catholics will hear the story of salvation and learn about Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist for the first time.
- Every member of your parish will be invited to discern becoming a Eucharistic Missionary — spreading the Good News and being Christ to others in a way that's unique to them and their strengths. Stay tuned for the Year of Mission Playbook, a comprehensive guide to discern and embark on Eucharistic mission.

### Mater Dei Bus Trip Wednesday, August 14

Sioux City Mater Dei Parish is offering a bus trip to the Fatima Family Shrine, dis-carded Carmelites of our Mother of Mercy and St. Joseph, St. Mary Church with Fatima relics in Alexandria, South Dakota, Sioux Falls St. Joseph Cathedral and lunch at Falls Park. Cost is \$50 person. Register at the parish office or at [materdeisc.org](http://materdeisc.org).



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



**Sunday, August 4**

St. John, Onawa, 10 AM – 2:00 PM



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**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

The sick of our parishes, those suffering both physically and mentally. The elderly of our parishes, that they may have enough food and shelter and care in the waning years of their lives. The young of our parishes, that they enjoy the blessings of youth and the wonders of life. The dearly departed, that their souls rest peacefully in the arms of our Lord. And lastly, our Priests, that they continue to keep the faith and find the strength to shepherd us through all our trials and tribulations.

## CHRIST OUR LIFE

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE



**September 28 & 29, 2024**

**Meet one of the Speakers:** Sister Josephine Garrett,

Sister Josephine Garrett, CSFN  
Raised in the Baptist faith in Houston, Texas, Sister Josephine worked in the banking industry for 10 years, managing a staff of 200. She became Catholic in 2005 and professed her final vows as a religious sister in 2020. She serves as a licensed clinical mental health counselor and also in vocation ministry. Sister is passionate about the sacred value of family and educating the whole person in faith.

**Here is Father Erpelding's mailing address:**

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**GOD**  
*and keep you*  
**BLESS**