

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

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ST JOHN

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ST JOSEPH

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 28, 2024

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St. Joseph: www.stjoesalix.com

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: When have I seen only the limits of a situation and later realized that I had failed to grasp what God can do with meager resources?

Children: How does God help me live and grow each day?



The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm

145 says to us this week, **"The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs"**? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again – especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails.

– Father John Muir

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WEEK OF JULY 28, 2024

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	July 29		No Mass	
Tuesday	July 30	9:00 AM	Rhonda Mareau †	St. Joseph
Wednesday	July 31	9:00 AM	Joe Kramer †	St. John
Thursday	August 1	9:00 AM	Ben Cooper †	St. Joseph
Friday	August 2	10:00 AM	Fr. Steve Brodersen †	Pleasant View Nursing Home
Saturday	August 3	4:00 PM	Maurice & Gloria Welte †; Lynne Boyle †	St. Joseph
Sunday	August 4	9:00 AM	Joe & Mable Hewitt †	St. John
		11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph, St. John, and St. Bernard	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

Seeds of Faith

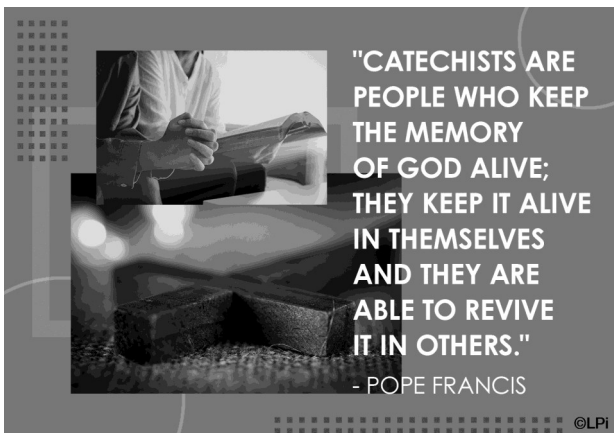
We draw ever closer to the month of August, and we know what that means – our students will soon return to learning! Here’s what we have just around the corner!

Religious Education

Save the date! Last year we received several positive comments regarding staggering our start dates for the Religious Education Programs of St. Joseph and St. John. So, we will do the same this year! St. Joseph students, K–10, begin classes on September 4th, and St. John students, K–12, begin on September 11th!

Religious Education Catechists

We have spots available in both parishes for catechists and catechist aides. To inquire, please contact Michelle, 712-202-6641.



CONFIRMATION

Our parishes will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop R. Walker Nickless on **Sunday, October 20, 2024, 9:00 AM** at St. John Church.

The Diocese of Sioux City has also announced Confirmation dates for 2025. Our parishes will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, September 21, 2025, 11:00 AM** at St. Joseph Church.

The curriculum we use in our Religious Education Program, *Word of Life*, offers catechesis for the preparation of the sacraments. Therefore, students who *consistently* attend class on Wednesday evenings receive catechesis to prepare for the reception of the sacraments. However, there are still details which the parish needs to communicate. Therefore, a brief presentation on the state of Confirmation will be built into the Religious Education Parent meetings. Please plan to attend one of these meetings:

- St. Joseph:** Wednesday, August 21, 6:30 PM
- St. John:** Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 PM



“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” Jesus asks Philip, testing him. And so, too, he asks us: “Where do you go when you are hungry? Afraid? Dejected? Confused?” Let us always answer: “Jesus. Jesus is where we can find what we need.” ©LPi

ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

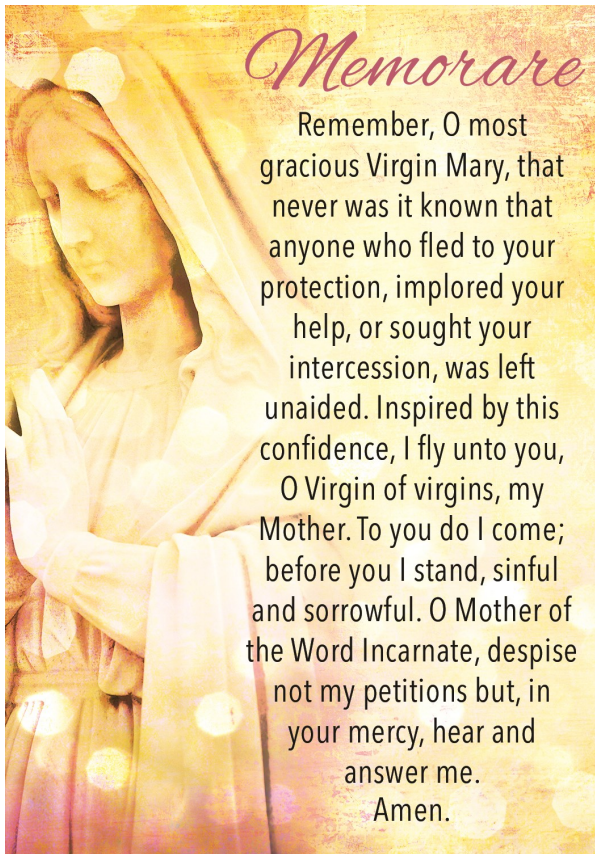
St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering July 14, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1405.00
E-Offering	\$94.70
Building Fund	
St. Bernard	\$85.00
Total for July 14, 2024	\$1587.70

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering July 13-14, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$7757.50
E-Offering	\$263.00
Candles	\$70.00
Peter's Pence	\$50.00
Emergency Fund/Maintenance	\$325.00
Cemetery Perpetual Fund	\$50.00
Total for July 13-14, 2024	\$8515.50



Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but, in your mercy, hear and answer me.
Amen.

Lord JESUS, keep me free today from evil, sin, temptation, Satan's attacks and afflictions, fear of darkness, fear of man, sickness, diseases, doubts, anger, all calamities and from all that is not of thy Kingdom.



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 TABERNACLE SOCIETY



All women of our parish are asked to be a part of the Tabernacle Society. This group serves our parish with both volunteers and monetary contributions. Some of the activities the Tabernacle Society supports are funeral luncheons,

First Communion, Confirmation, Senior Mass, the Parish Dinner, and funding for special projects within the parish. Thank you to all who participate in this ministry. Annual dues for the Tabernacle Society are \$15 and can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office.

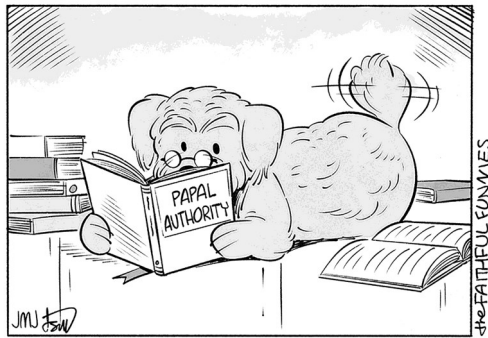


Support for our parish can be set up electronically whether it is a regularly scheduled contribution or a special collection. Scan the code to set up your account and get started now.



God Laughs

"Which Church topic is a favorite of labradoodles?"



"Church **DOG**ma."



"Dogma" are teachings of the Catholic Faith that are very important and special, and specially declared by Church authority.

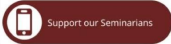
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2024 Colecta para Seminaristas



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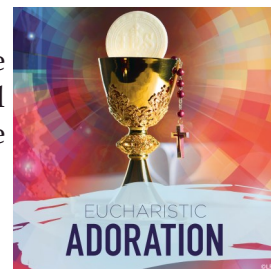
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Help support our shepherds for the 21st Century-our seminarians - through your financial gift to the Seminarian Appeal. Give by mail or online by scanning the QR code or go to scdiocese.org/giving. Thank you for your support of our young men in seminary for the Diocese of Sioux City.

Sioux City Mater Dei Parish - In honor of the Feasts of the Assumption (Aug. 15) and the Queenship of Mary (Aug. 22), Mater Dei Parish will be hosting a Marian themed retreat, **Saturday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Immaculate Conception Center here in Sioux City. Lunch will be provided. To learn more or register, go to <https://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

Prayer for God to Work

Dear Jesus,
You and I know that what I bring to you is small pieces – small faith, small gifts, small generosity. But I also know that you are not bound by that. Two fish and five loaves can feed 5000, when placed in your hands. So, I place everything I have in your hands, too. Complete your work, Lord. Amen.



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Saturday, September 28 Wells Fargo Arena

Here is a link to the hotel in the Des Moines area:::

<https://christourlifeiowa.com/where-to-stay/>