

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 MAIN ST, BLENCOE, IA



ST JOHN

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ST JOSEPH

510 TIPTON ST, SALIX, IA

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 2, 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

Adult: When have you been most blessed and when have you felt a little “broken” in your service to others?

Child: Why is it important to keep on giving, even when you are tired?

The best way to understand the Eucharist is to recall God’s long, careful teaching process beginning in the Old Testament. This week in Exodus 24, we learn the basic pattern. Moses reads the dictates of God’s law to the people, who profess their allegiance to it. Then Moses takes representatives of Israel’s twelve tribes and splashes the sacrificed blood of animals in two directions: on the altar and on the people. It’s clear and serious business: clear, because the participants are entering a blood-bond with God Himself; serious, because the dead animals symbolize the life-and-death stakes at play.



Many centuries later, God uses the experience at Sinai to teach us something new. At the Last Supper, like a new Moses, Jesus proposes to “pour out” blood as a new covenant. It will land on the altar of the cross and the lips of his disciples. They have promised to be obedient to him who is God’s law in flesh. This renews and elevates the breath-taking romance God wants with His people, unfolding from Sinai to this Supper. The Body and Blood of Christ is the sacrificial action whereby this covenant is strengthened.

How hopeful that, like us, the Israelites and the apostles repeatedly fail to live up to their promises and discover that the blood of the covenant continually renews and refreshes them. Today the blood of Christ faithfully flows, to unite and renew, moving us forward toward where our great teacher is taking us. This week, we should say a renewed “amen” to God who so carefully teaches us how to be one with Him in this new covenant.

— Father John Muir

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WEEK OF JUNE 2, 2024

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	June 3		No Mass	
Tuesday	June 4	9:00 AM	No Mass	St. Joseph
Wednesday	June 5	9:00 AM	Verla Benjamin	St. John
Thursday	June 6	9:00 AM	Leo Bousquet	St. Joseph
Friday	June 7	10:00 AM	Father Dennis Sefcik	Pleasant View Nursing Home
Saturday	June 8	4:00 PM	Lynne Boyle	St. Joseph
Sunday	June 9	9:00 AM	John, Marjorie & Bob Zink	St. John
		11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph, St. John and St. Bernard	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH



Fred Craig, Grand Knight, presents the "Chaplain of the Year" award to Fr. Michael.

The Iowa State Knights of Columbus recently honored Fr. Michael Erpelding as "Chaplain of the Year" for the Diocese of Sioux City for 2023 – 2024 at its State Convention held last month in Council Bluffs.

The Onawa-Blencoe Council 6249 nominated Fr. Mike, who has been its Chaplain for the last eight years, for this prestigious award. Fred Craig, Grand Knight for the council, accepted the plaque for Fr. Michael at the convention and then presented it to him at a gathering of parishioners on Sunday, May 5th.

There are four Catholic dioceses in Iowa – Sioux City, Dubuque, Davenport, and Des Moines. Only one priest from each diocese is recognized with this honor each year. Fr. Michael is pastor for the parishes of St. John (Onawa), St. Bernard (Blencoe) and St. Joseph (Salix). He has been a blessing to his parishioners in all his areas of service to the diocese, including the last fourteen years serving Bishop Walker Nickless as a canon lawyer specializing in marriage annulments.

Learn more about Fr. Michael J. Erpelding, J.C.L., at scdiocese.org or stjohnonawa.com or on Facebook.



PARISH Announcements

Father Michael Erpelding will be gone on a trip to Washington, DC with a group of middle school students from Mater Dei Catholic School May 31-June 3. Msgr. Kenneth Seifried will be covering masses that weekend.

There will not be daily mass at St. Joseph on Tuesday, June 4. Father Michael will be working the voting polls. Make sure you get out and vote!



SAVE THE DATE

*Speaking of Fr. Michael...*the Knights of Columbus will host two farewell gatherings for him:

- * **Saturday, June 29, 6:00 PM** at St. John, Onawa; and
- * **Sunday, July 7, 12:00 PM** at St. Joseph, Salix.

More information will be forthcoming in your mailboxes and all of our social media platforms. Please join us to wish Fr. Michael a fond farewell!



Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Jesus is the Passover Lamb come to fulfillment, and his sacrifice washes our hearts in the blood of the new covenant.

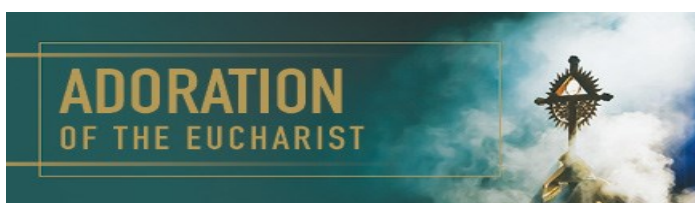
He is passing us the cup of salvation. Let us take it and call on the name of the Lord.

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ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering May 19, 2024

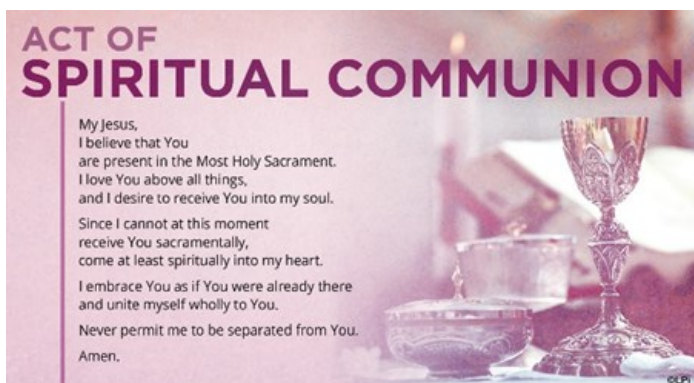
Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$376.00
E-Offering	
Building Fund	
St. Bernard	
Total for May 19, 2024	\$376.00



Eucharistic Adoration is spending time with Jesus who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. During adoration we watch and wait, we remain silent in His presence, and open ourselves to His graces which flow from the Eucharist. By being present during Adoration we become what God wants us to be. Like a magnet, Jesus draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. **Please join us on June 2nd, anytime from 10 AM – 2 PM,** to sit in silence and pray and reflect on the Eucharist



Please check the entrances of the Church to sign up for Father's Farewell Pot Luck Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering May 18-19, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1848.00
E-Offering	\$0.00
Candles	\$87.00
Aid to Domestic Churches	\$97.00
Maintenance/Emergency	\$75.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$570.00
Total for May 18-19, 2024	\$2677.00



We have holy water bottles for home use available at the front of church by the Holy Water Receptacle. Please feel free to fill a bottle and take it home. We also have blessed candles that can be used in the home, especially during storms or when praying for a special intention.

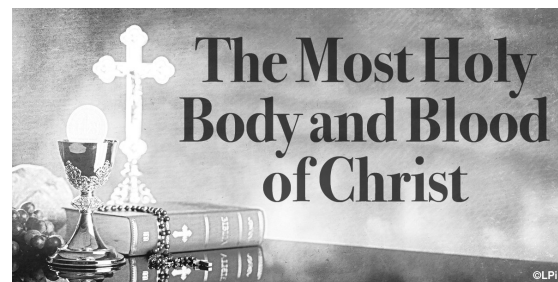


Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Martin who passed away March 20, 2024. Her funeral mass was held on Saturday, May 25 at St. Joseph Church. May she rest in peace.

We continue to pray for all of our loved ones who have entered eternal life. If you would like to have a mass offered for someone, please contact the office. The mass stipend is \$10.

Prayer of the True Presence

*My Lord and my Love –
Bread of Life, nourish me.
Pascal Lamb, restore me.
Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, consume me as I consume you.
Amen.*



God Laughs

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.



Today, we are not only celebrating receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, we are called to remember that we are the Body of Christ, the Church. As St. Paul reminds us, 'Now Christ's body is yourselves, and each of you with a part to play in the whole.'



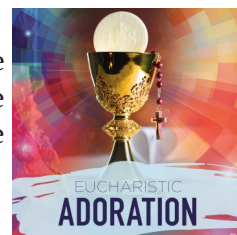
Together as One (TAO) supports the Office of the Vicar General. This office is the highest administrative office in the diocese and oversees all administrative matters. If you have not donated to this campaign, please consider a gift so that we can complete the 2023-2024 Together As One. Just scan this QR code and follow the directions to give online or donations can be placed in the collection basket and marked "Together As One".

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGES	REMAINING
ST. JOHN	\$8,987.00	\$6,690.00	\$2,297.00
ST. JOSEPH	\$12,481.00	\$12,481.00	\$0.00



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



Sunday, June 2

St. John, Onawa, 10 AM – 2:00 PM



The **Sacred Heart of Jesus** is a powerful symbol in Catholicism, representing God's boundless love for humanity. It depicts Jesus' heart, pierced and crowned with thorns, as an eternal invitation to embrace His joy and peace. This devotion emphasizes mercy, contrasting with earlier harsh images of God. Jesus' heart, still beating today, pumps out grace, mercy, and life to all of humanity.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is June 7th.



The **Immaculate Heart of Mary** is a Roman Catholic devotion that focuses on the interior life of the Blessed Mother. It meditates on her inner joys and sorrows, virtues, and her love for God, her son Jesus, and all of humanity. Traditionally depicted as pierced with seven swords or wounds, it symbolizes her compassion and maternal love.

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is June 8th.

Blessed forever be the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary! Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and a fervent love of the spiritual life. May all my actions be done for the greater glory of God in union with the divine heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.