

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

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ST JOHN

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ST JOSEPH

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 30, 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 has the Lord helped me break through fear and experience a new confidence in him?

Children: How does Jesus let me know that he is near me to help me and to guide me?

Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is also another spiritual misstep in which we make way too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!

Well, he does just that, this week, in the raising of Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is



filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how easy it is for him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then he sends her off to get some lunch. No

big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.

Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is always ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hullabaloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost he pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping.

– Father John Muir

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WEEK OF JUNE 30, 2024

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	July 1		No Mass	
Tuesday	July 2	9:00 AM	Margaret & Wally Hansen	St. Joseph
Wednesday	July 3	9:00 AM	Joe Fouts	St. John
Thursday	July 4	9:00 AM	Swerczek Family	St. Joseph
Friday	July 5	10:00 AM	Fr. Paul Eisele	Pleasant View Nursing Home
Saturday	July 6	4:00 PM	Rita Bode	St. Joseph
Sunday	July 7	9:00 AM	Edith Benjamin	St. John
		11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph, St. John, and St. Bernard	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

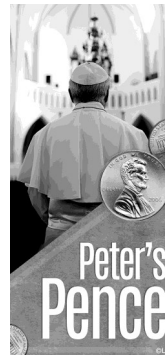


The Office of Multicultural Ministries announces that Bishop Nickless has authorized another load of food and supplies be collected and shipped to Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas, to assist the staff and volunteers at the center in serving the 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 Febreeze
- 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!



The Annual Collection for Peter's Pence will be held June 29-30. You are invited to participate in the special collection to the Holy Father to carry out his charitable works around the world, to help victims of war, natural disasters, and other difficult situations. Thank you for your generosity to make a difference in building up the Church around the world.



Holiday Mass & Hours

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There will be daily Mass at St. Joseph on **Thursday, July 4 at 9:00am**. The parish offices at St. Joseph and St. John will be *closed* on July 4 and July 5 in observance of the holiday.



Father Michael Erpelding's final weekend Masses in our parishes will be July 6 & 7. He will celebrate 9:00am daily Mass at St. Joseph on Tuesday, July 9 and at St. John on Wednesday, July 10. We welcome Father Shinoj Jose on Wednesday, July 10.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Talitha kum. Girl, arise! Jesus said this to the dead daughter of the synagogue official, and she obeyed. Listen for his voice when you are weighed down, burdened with doubt or misery, for he says it to you, too. Arise!

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ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering June 16, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1015.00
E-Offering	\$149.40
Building Fund	\$50.00
St. Bernard	\$65.00
Catholic Communications	
Total for June 16, 2024	\$1279.40

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering June 15-16, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2546.00
E-Offering	\$308.00
Candles	\$65.00
Total for June 15-16, 2024	\$2919.00



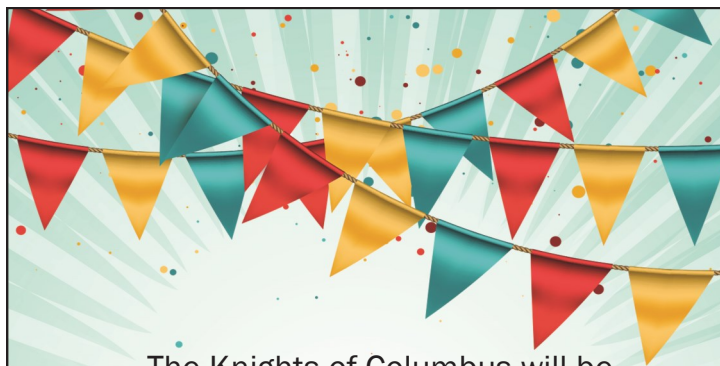
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.



Joseph "Joe" Kramer passed from this life into eternal life on Sunday, June 9th. His funeral Mass was held at St. John's on Tuesday, June 18th. Please keep his wife, Mary, and extended family and friends in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a farewell party for Father Michael after his last weekend Mass at St. Joseph.

Sunday, July 7 at 12:00pm
St. Joseph Parish Hall

The Knights will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



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God Laughs

"Which insect did the abbot permit in his vegetable garden?"



"A praying mantis."



The "abbot" is the leader of a monastery. "Monastery" is the location where the monks live together, pray, share ... and garden.

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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.



This is a reminder that if you receive an email or text message from "Father Michael Erpelding" asking for help for an urgent need, please realize this is a scam. You will not be solicited by Father through an email or text. He will only make a request at the pulpit. If you respond, they will most likely ask for you to purchase gift cards. Any gifts to the parish should be made in the weekly offering basket, through our secure online giving platform, as a direct payment from your financial institution to the church, or at the parish office. If you have any questions about a request, please contact the office first.



The **FAIR** is almost here!

The **Monona County Fair** is July 9 thru 14 in Onawa. The Knights of Columbus food booth will again be in full swing serving delicious fare 🍔 to hungry patrons! Help is needed for all shifts, so please **VOLUN-**

TEER! Sign-up sheets are available at St. John and St. Joseph.

CHRIST OUR LIFE

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE



September 28 & 29, 2024

Meet one of the Speakers: Father Craig Vasek

As one of 50 priests appointed by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops to reconnect Catholics with the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, Fr. Vasek has traveled the country to engage and inspire Catholics everywhere. He has served as a parish priest, Chaplain of Athletics and Program Director at the University of Mary and has worked with the Missionaries of Charity throughout the world.



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