

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 MAIN ST, BLENCOE, IA



ST JOHN

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ST JOSEPH

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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 9, 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: We humans are vulnerable to sin. Our sins most often lead to shame, mistrust, and blaming. How can following God's will free you from these destructive actions?

Children: Why do our parents and teachers have rules we need to follow? Why do you think God has rules for us to follow?

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: "How can Satan cast out Satan?" To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we're honest, our response to some degree is: "How else can we cast him out? Satan is precisely how we cast out Satan!" But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here's what I mean.

Satanas names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. "I'll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy." "She's already trying to get ahead of me." "That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs." And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat – things will break apart – no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and – as if by magic – peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind's sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus' cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of "casting out Satan by Satan" and ushers in a new one he calls "the Kingdom of God." He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the "stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house." This week let's notice the ways we "cast out Satan by Satan," and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand.

— Father John Muir

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WEEK OF JUNE 9, 2024

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	June 10		No Mass	
Tuesday	June 11	9:00 AM	Steven "Bud" Mareau	St. Joseph
Wednesday	June 12	9:00 AM	Charles & Christieann Zobel	St. John
Thursday	June 13	9:00 AM	Father Jerry Coyle	St. Joseph
Friday	June 14	9:00 AM	Michael McAndrews	St. John
Saturday	June 15	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph, St. John and St. Bernard	St. Joseph
Sunday	June 16	9:00 AM	Charles Zobel	St. John
		11:00 AM	Pinkie, Ernest and Steven Mareau	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH



Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph Cemetery in Salix on Memorial Day by Father Michael Erpelding. Thank you to all who helped set up and take down the flags at the cemetery, those who take care of the cemetery grounds and those who organized and participated in the ceremony. A special thank you to the 4H club and the Boy Scouts for their assistance. It was a beautiful way to honor those who have bravely served our country.

ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering May 26, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$916.00
E-Offering	\$218.10
Building Fund	\$100.00
St. Bernard	\$772.00
Catholic Communications	\$25.00
Total for May 26, 2024	\$2031.10

Potluck Dinner



Please join us for a farewell party for Father Erpelding on Saturday, June 29th at 6 PM at St. John. The Knights of Columbus will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee, lemonade and ice water. We ask that you join us and

provide either a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. There are sign up sheets at the entrances to the Church and in the Parish Center. Please sign up or call the parish office with your reservation so that we know how many to plan on. Please mark your calendars and take this opportunity to say goodbye to Father Erpelding and wish him well in his new parish.

**WE MUST USE
MERCY
FOR THE PRESENT
AND HAVE
HOPE
FOR THE FUTURE.**

—ST. JOHN BOSCO

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ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering May 25-26, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$4314.50
E-Offering	\$548.00
Candles	\$82.00
Aid to Domestic Churches	\$50.00
Retired & Infirm Priests	\$100.00
Cemetery	\$360.00
Total for May 25-26, 2024	\$5454.50



We welcome new members to our parish, Nick and Linda Morrison. We are grateful to have you join the St. Joseph parish family!



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

Actual newspaper headlines:

- Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
- Safety Experts Say that School Bus Passengers Must be Belted



Father Michael Erpelding's final weekend Masses in our parishes will be Sunday, July 7. He will offer daily Mass at St. Joseph on Tuesday, July 9. We welcome Father Shinoj Jose on Wednesday, July 10.



Together as One (TAO) supports the Office of Safe Environment. The Safe Environment program is to help ensure that all children and young people feel safe as they come to our programs

designed to help them grow in their Catholic faith and in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ in our parishes and schools.



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

He said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers.

For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." — Mk 3:33-35

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— 2022 attendee quote

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