

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 MAIN ST, BLENCOE, IA



ST JOHN

1009 13TH ST, ONAWA, IA



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 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.

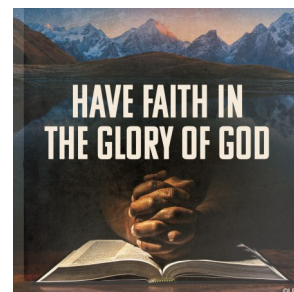
Questions of the Week

Adults: What actions of sacrifice in my life are producing lasting benefit for myself and others?

Children: Do I recognize the sacrifices others make for me? Do I thank them for their love?

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.



Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir

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WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2024

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	March 18		No Mass	
Tuesday	March 19	9:00 AM	Bert & Ella Ullrich	St. Joseph
Wednesday	March 20	9:00 AM	Fr. Patrick O'Kane	St. John
Thursday	March 21	9:00 AM	Ben Cooper Family	St. Joseph
Friday	March 22	9:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory	St. John
Saturday	March 23	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. John, St. Joseph & St. Bernard	St. Joseph
Sunday	March 24	9:00 AM	Charles Zobel Jr	St. John
		11:00 AM	Pauline & Walter Scott	St. Joseph

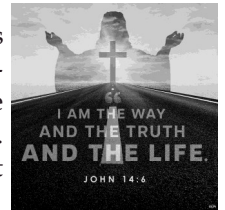
GROWING IN OUR FAITH

Religious Education Schedule

March	
20 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
27 th	<i>No classes – Holy Week</i>
April	
3 rd	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
10 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
17 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
24 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM – <i>St. Joseph Last Night</i>
May	
1 st	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM – <i>St. John Last Night</i>

Westwood Ministerial Association Lenten Worship Series 2024

The final installment of the Lenten Series offered by the Westwood Ministerial Association will be this Wednesday. A Simple Soup Supper and Worship will be offered. Dinner is at 6:00pm and Worship is at 7:00pm. All faiths are invited.



Wed, Mar 20: Hosted by Pastor Rich Moore and the Evangelical Covenant Church and the Simple Soup Supper provided by Community Church of Christ. "I AM the way the truth and the life" based on John 14:6.

Sacred Chrism Mass

Cathedral of the Epiphany at 11:00 am
Monday, March 25, 2024

Parish staff, parishioners, RCIA participants, and Confirmation students are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass. At the chrism Mass, Bishop Nickless will bless the sacred oils that will be used in sacraments throughout the diocese in the next year. Also, the bishop and priests will renew their ordination promises.

This invitation goes out especially to our RCIA catechumens and candidates, to our Catholic schools, and to our Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed with the Chrism that will be consecrated in this Mass.

Prayer of Bold Ask

God in heaven,
Hear me as I call to you! Pour
new life into me! Renew my
heart in Your word! Help me to
know You! Help me to glorify
You, worship You, and trust You. Amen.



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Stations of the Cross

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?



Leader: Fr. Michael Erpelding
When: Friday, March 22, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Where: St. John Church

ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

Registered Families: 185

March 3, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1961.00
E-Offering	\$74.70
Food Pantry	\$10.00
St. Bernard	\$40.00
Grain	
Easter Flowers	\$30.00
Total for March 3, 2024	\$2115.70

A LENTEN JOURNEY EXPERIENCE

You are invited to view the photographic exhibit titled *REMEMBER YOU ARE DUST* in Decatur, Nebraska at The Sears Center. The exhibit is on display through Good Friday, March 29.

Viewing times are Mondays through Fridays between 9:00AM and 2:00PM. Lunch is served each day at Noon. Coffee and Rolls are served on Friday mornings. Broasted Chicken is served on Thursday evening, March 21. Call one day in advance to reserve a lunch, the Friday rolls and the March 21 evening meal. 402-349-5525

EASTER FLOWERS

Remember your loved ones this Easter by donating a flower in their honor/memory for our Easter altar decorations. A suggested offering is \$30 per plant. Envelopes are in your packets or you can place an envelope in the collection basket with your name and name of your loved ones. Thank you.

Lenten Fish Fry's

Please plan on attending our second Fish Fry of the season, this Friday March 22nd, from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM.

All You Can Eat for Dine-In only.

Take-Out is available or Drive-Thru on the west side of Church.

Menu: Alaska Pollack, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, roll and beverage.

Adults: \$12.00 Children: 5-12 \$6.00 4 & under: Free

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

March 2-3, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$3574.00
E-Offering	\$305.00
Candles	\$39.00
Easter Flowers	\$337.00
Maintenance	\$152.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Total for March 2-3, 2024	\$4457.00

Retired & Infirm Priests Collection



In two weeks at our Easter Sunday Masses, we will have the annual Retired and Infirm Priests collection to support our diocesan priests' retirement. Our parish has been especially generous in the past. You can give by returning the collection envelope in your packet or contribute online at scdiocese.org/ripc.

Thank You!

We are grateful and blessed to have so many parishioners that donate their time, talent and treasure to ensure our church continues to be a beautiful space of worship. Thank you to Don Mohning for refinishing the window sills at the main entrance of the church. They look refreshed and gleaming again!

Thank you to those who minister to the homebound. Each Sunday we have volunteers from our parish that visit those who are homebound or in nursing homes and take them Holy Communion. This is a beautiful corporal work of mercy. We are grateful to these individuals serving the homebound: *Deb & Fred Craig, Mary Herbst, Mary Holzlerland, Mary Lander, Mary Kay Miller, Judy Milos, Mary Parker, Deanna Smith and Bev Weikel*. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining this ministry.

"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for me.' "

Matthew 25: 34-36; 40

God Laughs

Two small boys, not yet old enough to be in school, were overheard talking at the zoo one day. "My name is Billy. What's yours?" asked the first boy.

"Tommy," replied the second.

"My Daddy's an accountant. What does your Daddy do for a living?" asked Billy.

Tommy replied, "My Daddy's a lawyer."

"Honest?" asked Billy.

"No, just the regular kind," replied Tommy.



PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGES	REMAINING
ST. JOHN	\$8,987.00	\$6,130.00	\$2,857.00
ST. JOSEPH	\$12,481.00	\$11,007.00	\$1,474.00



Together As One (TAO) is a pillar of support for caring for the marginalized and for the critically needed ministries such as religious education, adult formation, youth and young adult ministry. Join us today in support of TAO with a gift or pledge through the brochure that was mailed to you or giving online at scdiocese.org/tao.

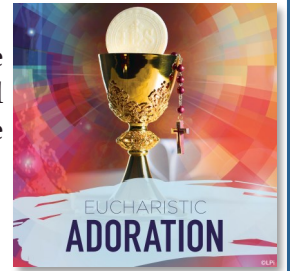


Knights of Columbus®

Knights of Columbus Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus are conducting a food drive during Lent this year. Our goal is to have people donate one non-perishable food item for each day of Lent. There are boxes in the rear of the church and we hope everyone can bring their items each week and help end hunger in our communities. The food will go to local food banks and our own food pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

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



Sunday, April 14

St. John, Onawa, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

2024 Men's Conference

MEN OF THE CROSS

Saturday, April 6, 2024 • 8am to 3pm

All Saints Parish • St. Joseph Church

605 Plymouth St. NE Le Mars

Featuring Keynote Speaker:

Jon Leonetti



\$40 registration fee per person

\$50 after the March 22 deadline

Father/Son discount \$5 off each registration

Register online at www.scdiocese.org/mensconference

Co-Sponsored by the Diocese of Sioux City and
All Saints Parish Men's Ministry



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday (3/28)	7:00pm	St. John-Onawa
Good Friday (3/29)	3:00pm	St. John-Onawa
Easter Vigil (3/30)	8:30pm	St. Joseph-Salix
Easter Sunday (3/31)	9:00am	St. John-Onawa
Easter Sunday (3/31)	11:00am	St. Joseph-Salix