

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



**ST BERNARD**

201 MAIN ST, BLENCOE, IA



**ST JOHN**

1009 13TH ST, ONAWA, IA



**ST JOSEPH**

510 TIPTON ST, SALIX, IA

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**MARCH 24, 2024**

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**St. Joseph:** [www.stjoesalix.com](http://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:** How has the suffering of Jesus provided a source of consolation and strength in your own struggles?

**Children:** What does the passion story tell you about Jesus?

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve"** (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be



in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in

Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

**Lenten challenge:** This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

– Father John Muir

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## WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024

### Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	March 25		No Mass	
Tuesday	March 26	9:00 AM	Paula Wagner	St. Joseph
Wednesday	March 27	9:00 AM	Mavis & Dwayne Ryan	St. John
Thursday	March 28	7:00 PM	Deacon Glenn & Tom Heisterkamp & Kasia Richardson	St. John
Friday	March 29	3:00 PM	Good Friday Passion of the Lord/ Adoration of the Cross	St. John
Saturday	March 30	8:00 PM	Parishioners of St. John, St. Joseph & St. Bernard	St. Joseph
Sunday	March 31	9:00 AM	Joe Fouts	St. John
		11:00 AM	Vince Topf	St. Joseph

## GROWING IN OUR FAITH

### Religious Education Schedule

Parents and guardians, there are no Religious Education classes this Wednesday so that families may celebrate Holy Week together. Please check out this bulletin for special celebrations in the diocese and parishes which offer opportunities to walk with Jesus to his Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

March	
27 <sup>th</sup>	No classes – Holy Week
April	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
10 <sup>th</sup>	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
17 <sup>th</sup>	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

On Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be no other Mass aside from the **8:00 PM Easter Vigil**. No other Mass may be lawfully celebrated before sunset on Holy Saturday.

### Sacred Chrism Mass

**Monday, March 25**

**Cathedral of the Epiphany at 11:00 am**

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.

### Carmelite Shower of Roses Luncheon and Card Party

**Tuesday, April 9**

St. Michael Parish Center

2223 Indian Hills Drive

Sioux City, IA



All parishioners and friends are invited to attend the annual Carmelite Shower of Roses Luncheon and Card Party on with doors opening at 11:00am. Free will donations accepted. The day includes a light luncheon; chicken salad on lettuce, croissant, a wonderful dessert bar, coffee and ice tea. Cards may be played until 3:00pm following lunch. There will be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets until 1:30pm. Tickets will be sold for \$1/each and winners will be announced at 2:15pm. The Luncheon and Card Party is sponsored annually by the Carmelite Board members to assist the Carmelite Nuns of Sioux City. Please come and enjoy an afternoon of fun, food, cards and socialization. For more information please call (712) 212-0248 or (712) 898-6267.

### Mater Dei Bus Trip to the West Bend Grotto

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**



All are invited to join a trip to the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, IA. The bus will leave Immaculate Conception Church in Sioux City at 8:00am. Cost is \$40/person; \$75/couple. This includes the bus ticket, donation to the Grotto and a small tip to the bus driver. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. Please call Sam Hacker at (712) 226-4318 to reserve your seat.

## ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

### St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

Registered Families: 185

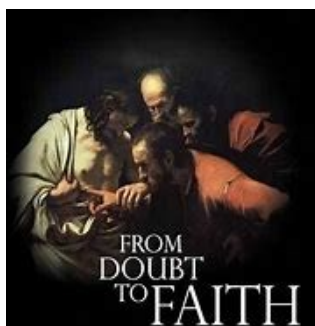
March 10, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1838.00
E-Offering	\$74.70
Candles	\$100.00
St. Bernard	\$85.00
Catholic Relief	\$160.00
Easter Flowers	\$105.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$2.00
<b>Total for March 10, 2024</b>	<b>\$2364.70</b>

### EASTER FLOWERS

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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.



## CHRIST OUR LIFE

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

**September 28 & 29, 2024**

"This was the most joy-filled experience of my

life. To be with thousands of other like-hearted individuals was truly uplifting. I want this conference in every city and community. We need that in our world right now." - 2022 attendee quote

***Let's Believe... Live... and Celebrate Our Faith!***

Go to [ChristOurLifeIowa.com](http://ChristOurLifeIowa.com)  
for information & tickets

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of volunteers on Saturday March 30th. Easter Flowers will be delivered at noon and we need help decorating the Church for Easter. We will start at 11:00am and hopefully be done by 1-ish. Thank you in advance.

## ST. JOSEPH NEWS

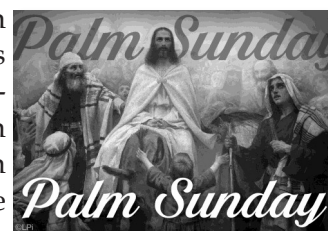
### St. Joseph Weekly Offering

March 9-10, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$3425.50
E-Offering	\$398.70
Candles	\$62.00
Easter Flowers	\$280.00
Maintenance/Emergency	\$380.00
Cemetery Perpetual Fund	\$400.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$121.00
<b>Total for March 9-10, 2024</b>	<b>\$5067.20</b>

### Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week. ©LPi



### Retired & Infirm Priests Collection



The Diocese of Sioux City is blessed to have 40 retired priests. Although no longer assigned to parishes, many of these men continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are most grateful. We, the faithful, can make a small sacrifice to make certain that our priests will have financial security in retirement and/or while dealing with health challenges. During Easter Sunday Masses, our parishes will take up a second collection to help show our appreciation for those priests who have cared for us and ministered to us through the years. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Retired and Infirm Priests collection this year.

### Prayer for Palm Sunday



*Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God!  
As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.* ©LPi

## God Laughs

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally, he said, "What'd he do?"



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



Thank you for your continued support of the ministries and work of our Diocese. Join us today in support of TAO with a gift or pledge through the brochure that was mailed to you or giving online at [scdioocese.org/tao](http://scdioocese.org/tao). Your support enables the work of all Diocesan ministries including Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Catholic Charities, Parish Accounting and much more!



## 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.scdioocese.org/mensconference](http://www.scdioocese.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)	8:00pm	St. Joseph-Salix
Easter Sunday (3/31)	9:00am	St. John-Onawa
Easter Sunday (3/31)	11:00am	St. Joseph-Salix