

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 MAIN ST, BLENCOE, IA



ST JOHN

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ST JOSEPH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 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: What are some ways I can cleanse and purify my heart's intentions this week?

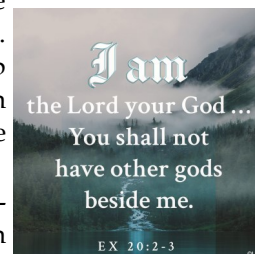
Children: How can I worship and praise God more often each day?

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to “have no other gods besides me.” This is our “grip.” Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say “yes” to this fundamental question of our spiritual “grip,” then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this “idol” to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.



— Father John Muir
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WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2024

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	March 4		No Mass	
Tuesday	March 5	9:00 AM	Leo Bousquet	St. Joseph
Wednesday	March 6	9:00 AM	Loretta Simoff	St. John
Thursday	March 7	9:00 AM	Sr. Delores Ullrich	St. Joseph
Friday	March 8	9:00 AM	Marjorie Parks	St. John
Saturday	March 9	4:00 PM	Maurice & Gloria Welte; Lynne Boyle	St. Joseph
Sunday	March 10	9:00 AM	Darrell Hewitt	St. John
		11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John, St. Joseph & St. Bernard	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

Religious Education Schedule

March	
6 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
13 th	Classes, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
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

First Communion

The **First Communion Retreat** schedule is below. We invite both parents to participate; however, we ask that at least one parent attend the retreat. The children will be painting, so please dress appropriately for this activity. Please contact Michelle Rethman, Director of Faith Formation, at 712-202-6641 if you have questions or concerns.

St. Joseph Church

☞ **Retreat:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 6:30 PM

St. John Church

☞ **Retreat:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 6:30 PM

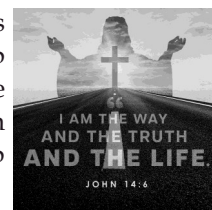
We will celebrate First Communion on Sunday, April 7, 2024. St. John Church will celebrate at the 9:00 AM Mass, and St. Joseph Church will celebrate at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Please pray for all of our parishioners who will receive the Easter Sacraments.

Westwood Ministerial Association

Lenten Worship Series 2024

The Westwood Ministerial Association is offering a Lenten Series of a Simple Soup Supper and Worship. This year the theme centers around the “I AM” statements in the Bible. Dinner is at 6:00pm and Worship is at 7:00pm. All faiths are invited.



Wed, Mar 6: Hosted by Pastor Catie Newman and the Salix Community United Methodist Church “I AM the good shepherd” based on John 10:11.

Wed, Mar 13: Hosted by Pastor Craig Bock and Skien Lutheran Church, Albaton “I AM the resurrection and the life” based on John 11:25.

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.

Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord,
Help me to place You in the center of my plans for the future, my dreams for my life, my goals for the time ahead. Be my God and my guide. Amen.

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ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

Registered Families: 185

February 18, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1170.00
E-Offering	\$74.70
Food Pantry	
St. Bernard	\$135.00
Grain	
Aid/Churches	\$243.00
Home Missions	\$45.00
Total for February 18, 2024	\$1687.70

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

February 14, 17-18, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$3554.00
E-Offering	\$160.00
Candles	\$51.00
Food Pantry	\$1100.00
Cemetery Perpetual Fund	\$100.00
Ash Wednesday	\$680.75
Aid to Global Churches	\$140.00
Total for Feb 14, 17-18, 2024	\$5785.75



Lenten Fish Fry's

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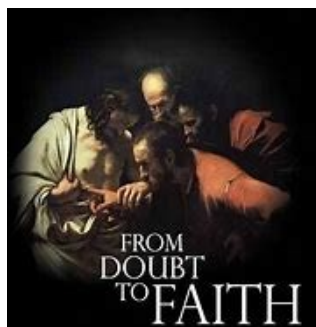
Please plan on attending our first Fish Fry of the season, this Friday March 8th, from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM.

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



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
for information & tickets

Parish Office Hours

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St. Joseph Parish Office hours on Wednesdays will change to 2:00 pm—6:00 pm. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will remain 9:00 am—1:00 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



God Laughs

The members of a small country church took turns having their pastor over for dinner. At one meal, the pastor asked the family's small son what they'd be eating for dinner. "Buzzard," the boy said. "Buzzard?" the pastor asked, smiling. "What makes you think we're having buzzard?" "Because Mom said, 'We might as well have the Old Buzzard to dinner and get it over with.'"



Together as One (TAO) supports the Office of Human Resource (HR). HR provides services to each parish and school for: compliance with state and federal labor law mandates, benefits administration, recruitment and performance management.

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

Willow Workers 4H Club Soup Luncheon Sunday, March 3

10:30am-1:00pm
Sloan Community Center
\$8 per Ticket



Carmelite Board Day of Recollection Tuesday, March 5, 2024

All parishioners and friends are invited to attend the annual Day of Recollection sponsored by members of the Carmelite Board. The Day of Recollection will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the Carmelite Monastery, 2901 So. Cecilia, with registration at 8:45am. The Day begins at 9:00am with a message from Rev. Roger Linnan followed by Mass at 9:45am. A hospitality brunch will be served from 10:30-11:00am. The Day will continue at 11:00am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Day will conclude with Benediction at 11:50am and dismissal at 12 noon. There is no charge. For more information call 712-301-5352.

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



Sunday, March 3

St. Joseph, Salix, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Sunday, April 14

St. John, Onawa, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Knights of Columbus®

Membership Drive this Weekend!

Our local Council #6249 will be holding a membership drive at all masses the weekend of March 2-3.

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 will be 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.

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