

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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 31, 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 are my thoughts about Jesus' Resurrection? What are my hopes and expectations about the resurrection on the last day?

Children: What will heaven be like? Who are all of the people that I want to be with in heaven?

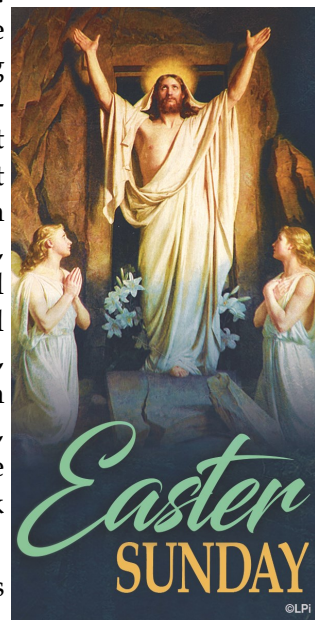
Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter – if we dare – those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

– Father John Muir

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WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2024

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	April 1		No Mass	
Tuesday	April 2	9:00 AM	Fran Mitchell	St. Joseph
Wednesday	April 3	9:00 AM	Charles Zobel	St. John
Thursday	April 4	9:00 AM	Leo Bousquet	St. Joseph
Friday	April 5	10:00 AM	Fr. John McGuirk	Pleasant View Nursing Home
Saturday	April 6	8:00 PM	Parishioners of St. John, St. Joseph & St. Bernard	St. Joseph
Sunday	April 7	9:00 AM	Charles Zobel	St. John
		11:00 AM	Elliott Johnson	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

Religious Education Schedule

Parents and guardians, please see the remaining schedule for Religious Education below. The last evening for the **St. Joseph Religious Education Program** is **April 24, 2024**. The last evening for the **St. John Religious Education Program** is **May 1, 2024**.

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>

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ©LPI

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, April 1 in observance of Easter Monday. We will reopen for our normal business hours on Tuesday, April 2nd.

ICC Advocates for Public Policy Guided by Catholic Teaching

On behalf of the Iowa bishops, the Iowa Catholic Conference (ICC) advocates for policies at the State Capitol that respect the life and dignity of the human person and apply the principles of Catholic social teaching to critical issues of the day. Sign up for the ICC weekly news update by clicking on “Take Action or Sign Up for Alerts” at iowacatholicconference.org.



MASS ANNOUNCEMENT ©LPI

Father Erpelding will be attending a retreat following mass on **Sunday, April 7 through Friday, April 12**. There will be *no daily mass* at either parish that week.

Retired & Infirm Priests Collection



Thank you for supporting our Retired and Infirm Priests collection this weekend. If you were not able to participate in the collection today, you can support retired priests by using your envelope at Mass next weekend, mail a gift to the

Diocese of Sioux City or go online to scdiocese.org/ripc. Your support is greatly appreciated.

THE HOPE OF RENEWAL



ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

Registered Families: 185

March 17, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1459.00
E-Offering	\$164.40
Candles	\$20.00
St. Bernard	\$265.00
Easter Flowers	\$180.00
Total for March 17, 2024	\$2088.40



May the resurrection of Christ inspire your faith and renew your hope. On this Easter Sunday, let's embrace His unwavering love, learn to forgive like Him, and spread joy in our world. Remember,

Easter symbolizes the renewal of life.



On this very special day, we would like to thank our very special parishioners who continuously use their time and talent to volunteer and help with the ministries, music, decorating and the day to day running of our parish. You are appreciated and needed more than you know. Thank you so very much.

Thank you to all who attended and supported our annual Fish Fry's. As usual, the Knights of Columbus did an exceptional job of keeping everyone fed and happy. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

March 16-17, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2772.00
E-Offering	\$125.00
Candles	\$61.00
Easter Flowers	\$165.00
Cemetery Perpetual Fund	\$80.00
Total for March 16-17, 2024	\$3203.00

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be. ©LPi



Please welcome to our parish Agustin and Laura Duenas and their children Ricardo, Abigail, Agustin, Mia and Isaias.

Families interested in joining our parish, please fill out a registration form found on the table in the entryway. Any families who are registered, but not receiving the weekly giving envelopes, please email the office (secretary@stjoeparishsalix.com) so our records can be update.

The WORD among us

The Easter edition of "the WORD among us" is available on the table in the entryway. All families are welcome to take a copy. This edition covers March 31-April 30.

Prayer of Blessing

*Dear Lord,
Pour your blessings upon us today, we who trust in your name and call upon you. Send us your Spirit, enlighten our hearts, fill our lives with your abundance. Amen.*
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God Laughs

A former Sergeant, having served his time with the Marine Corps, took a new job as a school teacher; but just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable. On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart-alecky punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were leery of him and decided to see how tough he really was, before trying any pranks. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and promptly stapled the tie to his chest...Dead silence...He had no trouble with discipline that year.

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



Gifts to Together As One (TAO) are part of our stewardship of treasure. Our goal as a Diocese is higher this year so we may continue to impact lives through Diocesan 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.

Carmelite Shower of Roses Luncheon and Card Party

Tuesday, April 9, 11:00am

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. 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. Raffle 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.



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



Mater Dei Bus Trip to the West Bend Grotto

Saturday, April 27th



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.