

# 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

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**MAY 19, 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.

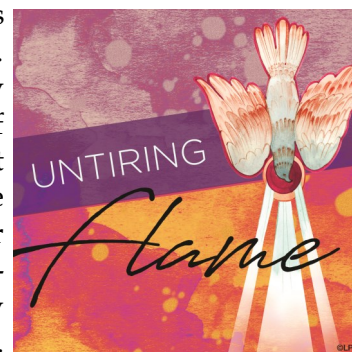
St. Joseph – Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

**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.

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity – despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God – His very life – the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.



Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

– Father John Muir

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## Questions of the Week

**Adults:** How can I bring peace into my relationships this week?

**Children:** What gifts has the Holy Spirit brought into my life?

## WEEK OF MAY 19, 2024

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

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	May 20		No Mass	
Tuesday	May 21	9:00 AM	Fr. Jerry Coyle	St. Joseph
Wednesday	May 22	9:00 AM	William & Joan Samson	St. John
Thursday	May 23	9:00 AM	Maurice & Gloria Welte; Lynne Boyle	St. Joseph
Friday	May 24	9:00 AM	O'Brien Family	St. John
Saturday	May 25	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph, St. John and St. Bernard	St. Joseph
		6:00 PM	Jim and Bette Marley	St. Bernard
Sunday	May 26	9:00 AM	Walter & Verna Powers	St. John
		11:00 AM	Greg & Jane Heisterkamp	St. Joseph

## GROWING IN OUR FAITH

### MEMORIAL DAY MASS

8:00am at St. Joseph Cemetery-Salix  
(coffee and doughnuts to follow)

10:00am at Onawa City Cemetery  
(coffee and doughnuts to follow)

### Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week



Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit! ©LPi

**FORMED:** Check out what is on FORMED this week for our youngest disciples!

The parish offices will be *closed on Monday, May 27* in observance of Memorial Day.

### Annual Collection for Aid to Domestic Churches will be May 18-19

The annual "Aid to Domestic Churches" collection supports the needs of the poor to help build parish and school buildings; train priests, religious, teachers, and catechists for needy communities and dioceses; support evangelization efforts such as Catholic radio programming in several languages; and to address the sources of poverty through carefully chosen localized grants. Support for this collection assists missionary activities through Catholic Home Missions and helps community groups reach out to the impoverished through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. It also aids the Catholic Communications Campaign, giving the Church tools to modernize how it communicates the joy of the Gospel, spread the faith and form young disciples in this new age of digital media. Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please be generous to this appeal through the collection offertory envelope or our parish's e-offertory platform.



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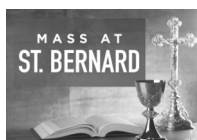
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## ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

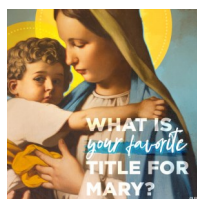
### St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering May 5, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$1144.00
E-Offering	\$134.70
Candles	
St. Bernard	\$70.00
<b>Total for May 5, 2024</b>	<b>\$1348.70</b>



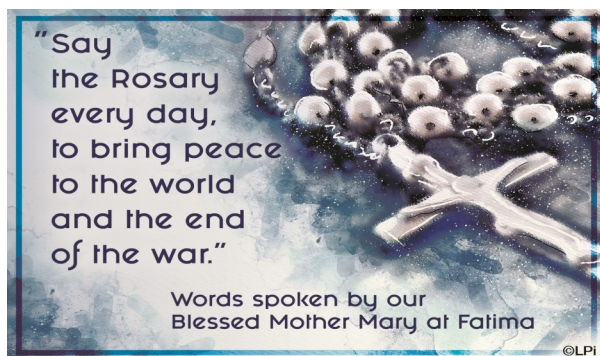
We will celebrate Mass at **St. Bernard** on **Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM.** Please come and celebrate with us!

May is the month dedicated to Mary, our Blessed Mother. Below are some of Her titles. Do you have another one? What is your favorite?



*Mother of God, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Mercy, Assumption, Our Lady of the Rosary, Mother of Divine Grace, Seat of Wisdom, Formed Without Sin, The Immaculate Conception, Holy Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Gate of Heaven, Queen of Angels, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Tower of Ivory, Madonna of Lourdes, Blessed Mother, Holy Virgin of Virgins, Ark of the Covenant, Mystical Rose, Comforter of the Afflicted, Queen of Peace, Cause of our Salvation, Morning Star, Our Lady of Fatima, Most Pure, Star of the Sea, Mother of Good Counsel, Our Mother, Queen of the Holy Rosary, and Tower of David.*

These titles were given to the Virgin Mary in honor of her multiple merits, i.e., the Immaculate Heart of Mary where Catholics have recourse to her inspired by her love and perfect purity.



## ST. JOSEPH NEWS

### St. Joseph Weekly Offering May 4-5, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$3676.00
E-Offering	\$183.00
Candles	\$114.00
Special Collections	\$115.00
Maintenance/Emergency	\$225.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$45.00
<b>Total for May 4-5, 2024</b>	<b>\$4358.00</b>

### Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit!  
Enlighten us!  
Embolden us!  
Inflame us!  
Stir our hearts anew!  
You have called us to live and minister in this time, in these spaces, to these souls. Set us on FIRE with fresh inspiration and sacred direction!  
Amen.*



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We are in need of some assistance putting out the flags in the cemetery for Memorial Day. If you are able to help at the St. Joseph Cemetery on May 20 at 4:30pm, please contact Fred Craig (712) 635-2968.



We have holy water bottles for home use available at the front of church by the Holy Water Receptacle. Please feel free to fill a bottle and take it home. We also have blessed candles that can be used in the home, especially during storms or when praying for a special intention.

We welcome through baptism our newest members of the church:

- ✠ **Herald and Ellis Black**, sons of Jesse and Jennifer Black, who received the sacrament on April 13 2024; and
- ✠ **Ellie Rae Hancock**, daughter of CJ and Jessica Hancock, who received the sacrament at St. Joseph Church on May 4, 2024.



## God Laughs

### Indicators That You Have Chosen the Wrong Airline

1. Ground crew seen using pennies to check tire wear.
2. Upon closer inspection trendy desert-pastel paint job turns out to be primer yellow and Bondo Pink.
3. Man with an oily rag hanging from the back pocket of his dirty overalls turns out to be the pilot.
4. Voice on the P.A. system warns you to keep your hands and arms inside the aircraft while it is in motion.



Together as One (TAO) supports Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities empowers and strengthens all individuals and families, through charity, advocacy and mental health services that are inspired by Christ's love and compassion. If you

have not donated to this campaign, please consider a gift so that we can complete the 2023-2024 Together As One. Just scan this QR code and follow the directions to give online or donations can be placed in the collection basket and marked "Together As One".

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGES	REMAINING
ST. JOHN	\$8,987.00	\$6,690.00	\$2,297.00
ST. JOSEPH	\$12,481.00	\$12,481.00	\$0.00



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



**Sunday, June 2**

St. John, Onawa, 10 AM – 2:00 PM

## CHRIST OUR LIFE

### EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS **FREE TICKETS!**

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To get your free youth ticket, register online at:

[ChristOurLifeIowa.com](http://ChristOurLifeIowa.com)

A ticket is required for admittance for all.

**September 28 & 29, Wells Fargo Arena**

## Come Rock AT THE GROTTTO

**Saturday, June 8, 2024**

**5:30 - 9:00 p.m at The Grotto, West Bend**



- 4:30 p.m. Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul
- 5:30 p.m. Festival & Silent Auction Begin
- 6:30 p.m. Official Welcome
- 6:45 - 7:00 p.m. Live Auction Items
- 8:00 p.m. Auction Closing Begins
- 9:00 p.m. Festival Concludes

Please join us for food beverages, kid's games, entertainment, tours and our silent and live auction. Call 515-320-2874 or email: [grotttofestival@gmail.com](mailto:grotttofestival@gmail.com) for more info.