

# 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

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

**MAY 26, 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

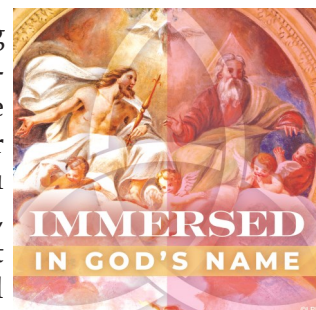
**Adults:** To what extent do I try to join the trials and sufferings of my life to those of Jesus?

**Children:** When I see a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross, do I say a prayer of thanks to him for loving me that much?

Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: "You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people." I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, "That's not what mine's about." His quizzical look begged for clarification. "Mine is about plunging into the life of God," I said.

Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, "**Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.**" (Matthew 28:19-20). The word "baptize" means "to immerse in, to plunge into." It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God's name? In the Bible, God's name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus' formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn't a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It's more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized...inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better.



— Father John Muir  
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## WEEK OF MAY 26, 2024

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

| Day       | Date   | Time     | Mass Intentions                                      | Location                  |
|-----------|--------|----------|--|---------------------------|
| Monday    | May 27 | 8:00 AM  | Ben Cooper   | St. Joseph Cemetery-Salix |
|           |        | 10:00 AM | Deacon Glenn & Tom Heisterkamp & Kasia Richardson    | Onawa Cemetery            |
| Tuesday   | May 28 | 9:00 AM  | Margaret & Wally Hansen                              | St. Joseph                |
| Wednesday | May 29 | 9:00 AM  | Bill & Joan Samson                                   | St. John                  |
| Thursday  | May 30 | 9:00 AM  | Colleen Ebner  | St. Joseph                |
| Friday    | May 31 | 9:00 AM  | No Mass  | St. John                  |
| Saturday  | June 1 | 4:00 PM  | Parishioners of St. Joseph, St. John and St. Bernard | St. Joseph                |
| Sunday    | June 2 | 9:00 AM  | O'Neill Family                                       | St. John                  |
|           |        | 11:00 AM | Kathy Spohr  | St. Joseph                |

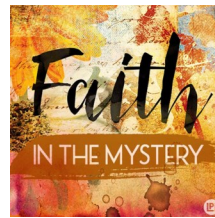
## GROWING IN OUR FAITH

### 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



We are children of God, and as His children God shares with us a magnificent inheritance: suffering that becomes glory, fear that becomes strength, death that becomes life. With this mighty gift in our hearts, let us go confidently into the world. ©LPi

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## PARISH Announcements

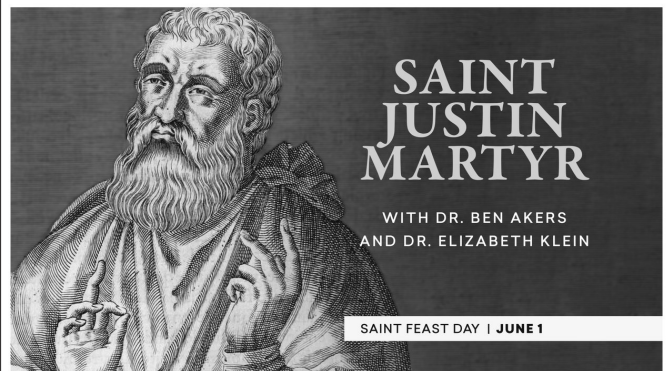
Father Michael Erpelding will be gone on a trip to Washington, DC with a group of middle school students from Mater Dei Catholic School May 31-June 3. Msgr. Kenneth Seifried will be covering masses that weekend. There will not be mass at St. John on Friday, May 31.

There will not be daily mass at St. Joseph on Tuesday, June 4. Father Michael will be working the voting polls. Make sure you get out and vote!



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### Saint Justin Martyr | Catholic Saints

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss St. Justin Martyr, an early Church martyr who wrote several significant Christian apologetic works. He sought the truth in other philosophies, drawing out what was true and good and relating it to Jesus Christ.

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## ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

### St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering May 12, 2024

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Envelopes and Loose Giving    | \$4379.00        |
| E-Offering                    | \$94.70          |
| Building Fund                 | \$25.00          |
| St. Bernard                   | \$210.00         |
|                               |                  |
|                               |                  |
|                               |                  |
| <b>Total for May 12, 2024</b> | <b>\$4708.70</b> |



**Knight of the Month:**  
*Father Michael Erpelding*  
 For recognition as  
 "Chaplain of the Year"  
 for the Diocese of Sioux City

**Family of the Month:** *Larry & Amy Christensen*  
 for their efforts in leading a successful Highway  
 Clean-up Project.



Mike McAndrews' funeral Mass was  
 held at St. John's on Monday, May  
 20th.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
 and let Your perpetual light shine upon  
 him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
 rest in peace. Amen.*



God of power and mercy, You destroy war and put  
 down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst  
 and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to  
 be called Your sons and daughters.

Keep in Your mercy those men and women who  
 have died in the cause of freedom and bring them  
 safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask  
 this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Memorial Day (Last Monday in May) | USCCB

## ST. JOSEPH NEWS

### St. Joseph Weekly Offering May 11-12, 2024

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Envelopes and Loose Giving       | \$5000.00        |
| E-Offering                       | \$280.00         |
| Candles                          | \$25.00          |
| Special Collections              | \$295.00         |
| Maintenance/Emergency            | \$210.00         |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care          | \$160.00         |
| Food Pantry                      | \$50.00          |
| <b>Total for May 11-12, 2024</b> | <b>\$6020.00</b> |



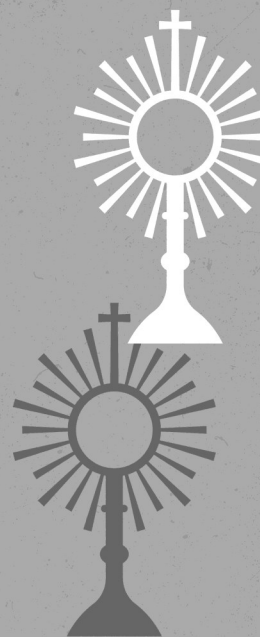
We have holy water bottles for home use  
 available at the front of church by the Ho-  
 ly Water Receptacle. Please feel free to fill  
 a bottle and take it home. We also have  
 blessed candles that can be used in the  
 home, especially during storms or when praying for a  
 special intention.



Please pray for the repose of the  
 soul of Nainna Gnat, mother of  
 Margaret Wood, whose funeral  
 mass was held on Friday, May 17.

We continue to pray for all of our loved ones who  
 have entered eternal life. If you would like to have a  
 mass offered for someone, please contact the office.  
 The mass stipend is \$10.

Blessed Mary  
 Magdalene of the  
 Incarnation was an  
 Italian sister who  
 founded the Order of  
 the Sisters of  
 Perpetual Adoration  
 of the Most Blessed  
 Sacrament. After  
 many ecstatic visions  
 of Jesus, she knew  
 her life's mission  
 would be to make  
 Christ in the Eucharist  
 available to everyone.



## God Laughs

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said. The little girl bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"



Let us **pray** to the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that our lives may bear witness to our faith. Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons, by proclaiming and living our faith in you.



Together as One (TAO) supports the Peace and Justice Commission. The commission works to make Catholic Social Teaching come alive by providing programs, projects and various advocacy efforts for parishes and individuals. 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.

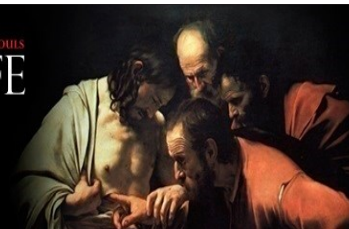


**Sunday, June 2**

St. John, Onawa, 10 AM – 2:00 PM

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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

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