

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

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Sacraments

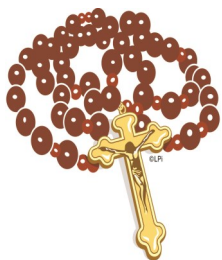
Reconciliation: 30 min. before Mass or by appointment

Baptism: **St. John** – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph – Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

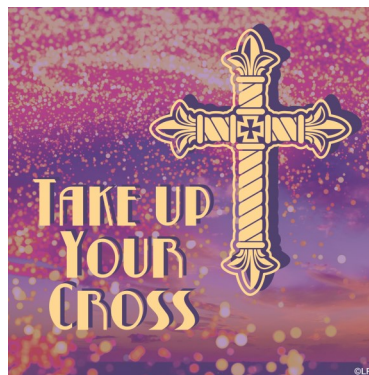
Baptism Class: Contact Father Shinoj Jose

Marriage: Arrangements at least six (6) months prior to marriage. Interview with the pastor is required before date for marriage can be given.



We have started reciting the Rosary before all Masses at both parishes. If you are interested in leading the Rosary at either St. John or St. Joseph, please contact the offices. We also ask everyone to be respectful of those leading the Rosary and those praying the Rosary. The doors into the Sanctuary of the Church will be closed to keep any excessive noise out. Please do not let that keep you from entering and joining us in the Rosary.

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?



The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The

cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "saving one's life." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

— Father John Muir

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Location
Monday	September 16		No Mass	
Tuesday	September 17	9:00 AM	Swerczek Family	St. Joseph
Wednesday	September 18	8:00 AM	Bill & Joan Samson †	St. John
Thursday	September 19	9:00 AM	Kavanaugh Family †	St. Joseph
Friday	September 20	9:00 AM	Marge Parks †	St. John
Saturday	September 21	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph, St. John, and St. Bernard	St. Joseph
Sunday	September 22	9:00 AM	Marge Parks †	St. John
		11:00 AM	Kathy Spohr †	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH



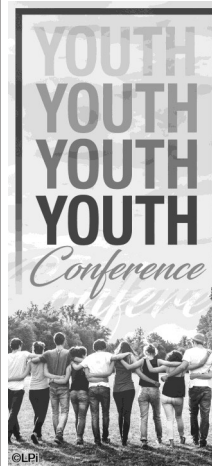
St. Joseph is designating the first Sunday of the month for the youth of our parish to serve in various ministries at the 11:00am mass. We invite ALL youth to participate in the choir and will take volunteers from religious education classes to help with greeting, lecturing (upper grades only), ushering and gifts. We ask parents to help get their families to mass early when their kids are scheduled. We will be taking volunteers from the 6th grade class for the October 6th mass. Thank you to our leaders for coordinating the youth mass: Laura Lewis, Monica Kavanaugh and Jim Doyle.

Prayer for Catechism Students

Dear God,
 You never stop drawing us closer to You. Pour Your grace upon these young disciples as they learn about You.
 Attract them.
 Challenge them.
 Love them.
 Guide them.
 Bless them.
 Amen.



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The Northwest deanery is excited to announce that their regional youth conference, Called, is open to all parishes in the diocese. This is a conference for 7th-12th graders that will take place at St. Joseph's Church in Granville on October 27th. Registration is now live on the diocesan website at <https://sdiocese.org/called>. The day will include Sunday Mass, lunch, games, breakouts, adoration, confession, and service project. Registration cost is \$20 and includes lunch and a t-shirt for all attendees. The deadline to register is October 1st.



CONFIRMATION

Our parishes will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop R. Walker Nickless on **Sunday, October 20, 2024, 9:00 AM** at St. John Church.

As of now we have 34 Confirmands from both parishes. With such a large group, space will be limited for parishioners at the 9:00am mass. Bishop Nickless has given Fr. Shinoj permission to have an extra Mass for the weekend of Confirmation, so he will have a Mass on **Saturday, October 19 at 6:00 pm at St. John Onawa**. Parishioners are welcome to attend either mass.



MASS SCHEDULE

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Father Shinoj will be attending the Priest Convocation in Sioux Falls, October 7-11. There will not be daily mass at either parish that week.

ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering September 1, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$5772.02
E-Offering	\$134.70
Building Fund	\$75.00
St. Bernard	\$210.00
Needy	\$10.00
Retired Religious	\$13.00
Total for September 1, 2024	\$6214.72



Together as One begins this weekend. This is your opportunity to assist the Diocese in its ministry. You can assist our parish with your pledge as well. When a parish goes over its goal, 100% of that overage amount is returned to the parish for its use. Over \$330,000 was refunded from last

year's Appeal to diocesan parishes. This coming week • All our parishioners will receive an invitation from Bishop R. Walker Nickless to participate in the 2024-2025 Together as One (TAO) Annual Appeal. Our 2024-2025 TAO goal is \$10335.00 I would like to invite all our parish families to prayerfully consider a gift to the 2024-2025 TAO Annual Appeal. No gift is too small or too large; each gift will help us reach our parish goal and help Bishop Nickless to further his mission of the Diocese of Sioux City.



I know we are pulled in so many different directions and Wednesday nights for Religious Ed is one more obligation. We are trying to make this a faith-filled, fun learning experience, not only for our children but also their families. Please, if you have any ideas or suggestions or you can spare some time to be here and help, just let Father or Colleen know. Here is something to think about:

There are 8760 hours in a year

52 hours are spent in Sunday Masses (if we attend every Sunday.)

6 Hours are spent on Holy Days of Obligation (if we attend Mass on all those days)

Approximately 28 hours a year at Religious Ed (if every Class is attended)

That is 86 hours out of the 8760 each year or 0.9817% of our time that we give to God and our Faith.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering August 31– Sept 1, 2024

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$3434.00
E-Offering	\$265.00
Candles	\$71.00
Tabernacle Dues	\$15.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Total for Aug 31-Sept 1, 2024	\$3835.00



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INSURANCE AGENCY

This year we have received the generous support of Goodin Insurance Agency as our Presenting Sponsor for the **St. Joseph Famous Chicken Dinner**

Their sponsorship helps to underwrite the costs associated with putting on our parish fundraiser. THANK YOU Goodin Insurance Agency!

Join us this Sunday for faith, food, fellowship. Start your day with us at 11:00am Mass and then enjoy a delicious chicken dinner with family and friends. Dinner will be served 11:00am-2:00pm. Carry-outs are available.

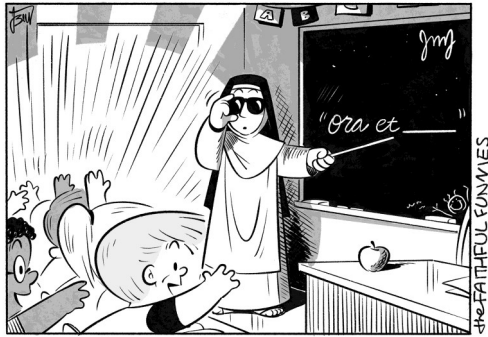
There is still time to purchase raffle tickets! This year we are raffling \$4000 in cash prizes. Purchase tickets for your chance to win: **\$1000, \$500 (2 prizes), \$250 (4 prizes), \$100 (10 prizes)!** The drawing will be held at 2:00pm on Sunday, Sept. 15.



The Together As One goal for St. Joseph this year is \$11,866. Watch for your pledge cards in the mail this week!

God Laughs

“Why did the Dominican wear sunglasses to school?”



“Her students were so bright!”



Dominicans follow a lifestyle outlined by St. Dominic. Dominicans focus on prayer, community, study, and service. Many serve the world as preachers and teachers.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

The Diocese of Sioux City is leading another Fall Forty Days for Life prayer campaign in front of the Planned Parenthood location at 4409 Stone Avenue, Sioux City. This campaign will begin on September 25 and end on November 3. The hours for prayer are 7am to 7pm. To sign up for a time to pray please go to 40daysforlife.com/en/siouxcity.

Although the recent decision by the Iowa Supreme Court reinstated the Iowa ban on abortions after a fetal heart-beat is detected. This does not end the use of the abortion drug Mifepristone to terminate a pregnancy. Please step up and pray to protect Mothers and their babies from the devastation of abortion. God Bless you and your prayers for Mothers and their babies.

CHRIST OUR LIFE

September 28 & 29, 2024

Meet one of the Speakers : Sister Josephine Garrett

Raised in the Baptist faith in Houston, Texas, Sister Josephine worked in the banking industry for 10 years, managing a staff of 200. She became Catholic in 2005 and professed her final vows as a religious sister in 2020. She serves as a clinical mental health counselor and also in vocation ministry. Sister is passionate about the sacred value of family and educating the whole person in faith.



CHRIST OUR LIFE
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE



The St. John Chicken Dinner is Sunday, Sept. 22

from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the parishioners of St. John and underwritten by the Knights of Columbus. All proceeds stay with St. John Church. Parishioners are asked to participate in all phases: buying tickets, serving, delivery, cleanup; and, especially, making desserts & salads to feed 250 guests. More details to follow.

MIRACLES & SAINTS

2025 JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

with Julie and Patrick Storr
and Fr. David Esquiliano

12 Days
November 3-14, 2025



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Join Fr. Esquiliano, Rector of the Cathedral, from *November 3-14, 2025*, on an unforgettable spiritual journey: the *Miracles and Saints 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy*. Experience the profound blessings of the Jubilee Year as we walk through the Holy Doors, visit sacred sites, and deepen our faith together. With only 30 spots available, now is the time to secure your place on this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage. Don't miss this unique opportunity! For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Fr. Esquiliano at desquiliano@sccathedral.org.

