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ST. JOHN, ONAWA ST. BERNARD, BLENCOE

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***The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 3, 2016***

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parishes. Please pray for **Father O'Kane**, Verla Benjamin, Loretta Simoff, A.J. Benjamin, Doe Walker, Esther MacClure, Helen Ryan, Shirley Turner, Pam Beck Casperson, Darlene Ellis, Donna Linder, Ray & Maryann Muller, Bob Bruns, Ken Stangel, Fred Servia, Charlotte Low, Pete Mortensen, Kathy Siebersma, Judson Bramow & Louis Benjamin. If you know of someone who is ill and needs our prayers, and would like to be listed, or if you no longer need to be listed please contact the office @ 423-1004.

Liturgy Schedule --- July 4-10**St. John, Onawa****Monday: No Mass****Tuesday: 9 AM Helen Framke****Wednesday: No Mass****Thursday: No Mass****Friday: Pleasantview 10 am****Sunday: 9:00 AM Thomas Zobel****St. Bernard, Blencoe****Wednesday: 9 AM Special Intention****Saturday: 5 PM Colleen Sievers****St. Joseph, Salix****Thursday: 9 AM****Sunday: 11 AM****CONFESSIONS BEFORE MASS : ST. BERNARD 4:30-4:45 ON SATURDAYS. ST. JOHN 8:30-8:45 ON SUNDAYS****Ministries for July 10****Saturday 5 PM (Blencoe)****Lector: Mary Tramp****Elmwood:****EM's: Karen Stanislav © Maurine Hubert,****Chris McAndrews (H)****Janet Ryan****Sunday 9 AM (Onawa)****Mary Black****Nathan & Casey McMinamen, Lexie & Adalia DeRocher****Larry Christensen © Amy Christensen © (Elmwood)****Jerry Sievers (H) (Homebound)****Connie Rasmussen**

Please remember in your prayers all members of the military, both past and present who sacrificed and fought to keep our country free!

Fourth of July Fun Facts

The first fact is the most important one; July 4, 1776 is the day the Second Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence.

- **Independence Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. The Liberty Bell rang out from Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 8, 1776. It was sounded to bring the people out to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. It was read by Colonel John Nixon.**
- **In 1777, Bristol, Rhode Island celebrated July 4th by firing 13 gunshots, once in the morning and once again in the evening. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania commemorated our independence with an official Continental Congress dinner, parades, prayers, music, fireworks, speeches, 13 gun salutes, and more.**
- **1778 saw General George Washington celebrating by giving his soldiers a double ration of rum and having an artillery salute. Benjamin Franklin and John Adams were in Paris, France, and held a dinner for other Americans there.**
- **1781 was the year the first state legislature, the Massachusetts General Court, established July 4th as a state celebration.**
- **1791 was the year that the name "Independence Day" was used for the first time. It may have been used before then, but that was the first time it was recorded.**
- **1801 was the first time a July 4th party was held at the White House.**
- **In 1805, Lewis and Clark celebrated the first July 4th celebration west of the Mississippi, at Independence Creek.**
- **Three dates are significant to the holiday. Independence Day was made an unpaid holiday for federal employees by Congress. In 1938, it became a paid holiday, and in 1941, Congress declared it a federal holiday**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**July 5: Knights of Columbus Steak Fry More information below****July 10-15- Totus Tuus @ St. John Registration forms are in the Parish Center.****July 23: Pot Luck @ 6:30 for Father Mark**

Please make your reservations today for the K of C steak fry on Tuesday, July 5th. Everyone welcome.

Please come and enjoy an evening of conversation ,food and fun. (423-1004 or 433-2058)

Happy July 4th



Registration forms for Totus Tuus are in the Parish Center. Please remember, this is mandatory for our Confirmation Candidates and considered an extension of our Religious Ed program for the students. Please consider volunteering to help with meals, lunches, snack, clean up etc. Any help is truly appreciated. Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Our week-long Parish Summer Catechetical Program assists parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are already doing. The mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire in young people a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion, and an openness to their vocation by constantly challenging them to give themselves entirely to Christ through Mary and by continually strengthening their prayer lives in imitation of her. Totus Tuus calls upon college students and seminarians from the Catholic Diocese of Sioux City and across the United States to carry this mission to every young person they encounter in the parish program. Students are hired for their energy, enthusiasm, love for the faith, commitment to spiritual growth, ability to work with a team, and desire to work with youth. Each Totus Tuus team consists of four college students, two men and two women, and are invited to a different parish every week for seven weeks, where they conduct a week-long "parish mission," teaching and inspiring the parish's youth. Totus Tuus catechists will lead the young people to Jesus for a week; however, Mary will lead them to Jesus for a lifetime. Therefore, Totus Tuus promotes Marian devotion. Meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, we come to see how Mary always leads us to her Son. Praying with her and to her, we hear her say to us, "Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5).





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*A SUNBEAM TO WARM YOU,
A MOONBEAM TO CHARM YOU,
A SHELTERING ANGEL,
SO NOTHING CAN HARM YOU.*

Join us for a farewell party

In honor of

Father Mark Stoll

on July 23 @ 6:30PM

at

St. John Parish Hall

Please bring a salad or a hot or cold covered dish or dessert.

Drinks and place settings will be provided.



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