The Catholic Churches of

St Bernard	St John	St Joseph
201 Main St. Blencoe, IA	1009 13th St., Onawa, IA	510 Tipton St., Salix, IA

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **NOVEMBER 4, 2018**

FROM FATHER MICHAEL:

HEAR, O ISRAEL!

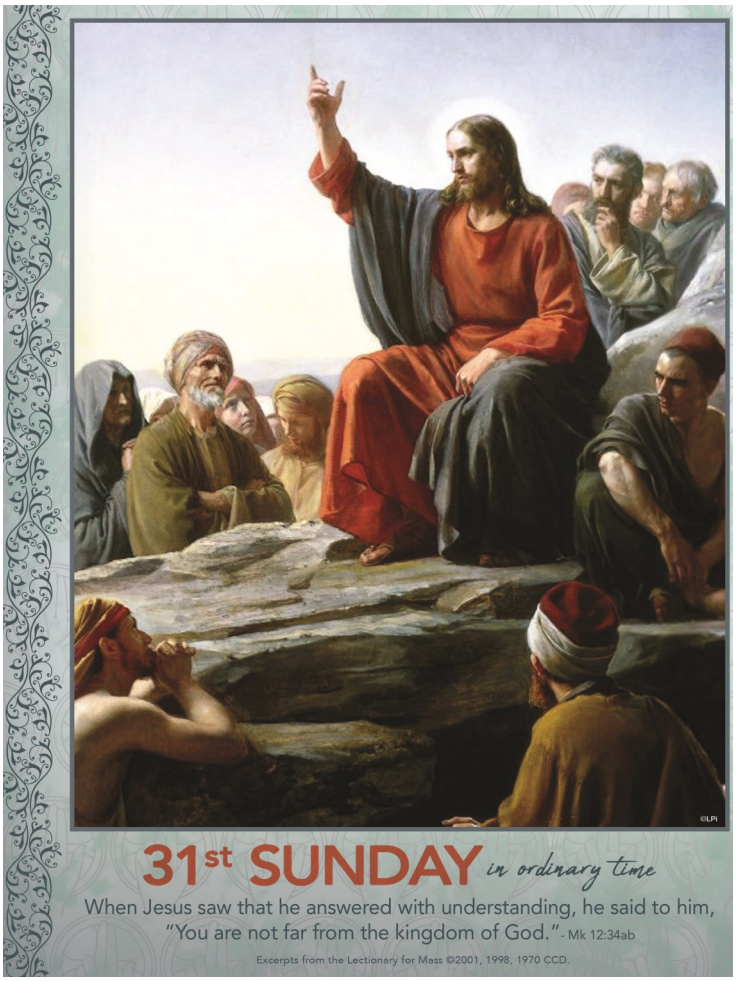
In Judaism, one of the closest things to a creed is the Shema. Its name comes from the Hebrew word for "Hear". The statement "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone" means that Israel will serve only one God. It probably was not originally meant to say that there were no other Gods, but that the people would not follow another. Monotheism, or the belief that there is only one divinity, would come later. Orthodox Jews wear the Shema in boxes or phylacteries on their arms and foreheads. They are also placed in containers, called "Mezuzahs" at front doors of their homes.

Jesus places an emphasis on the second part of the *Shema*, "You shall love the Lord..." He teaches the value of a personal bond with his Father and the Holy Spirit. To this injunction Jesus adds a verse from Leviticus 19:18 "You shall love your neighbor..."

LEVITICAL PRIESTS

Moses appointed his own relatives as the first Jewish priests. His family came from the tribe of Levi. They were required to offer animal sacrifices for the people, but first had to offer them for their own sins. The latter obligation came from the belief that daily contact with the world rendered them ritually impure. They could not, for example, enter a room where a dead body lay. Other ritual impurities forced them to make continual sacrifices for their sins before they could pray.

Jesus had no such constraints because he is the son of God. His offering on the cross eliminated the need for any further sacrifices. © 2000 by Father Richard Lonsdale



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

Adults: How am I living the Greatest Commandment? Is it possible to love the way Jesus does?

Children: Do I trying to love my family and friends the way Jesus loves me?

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2018

ST. JOHN / ST. BERNARD

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Office hours: *7 am—2pm Monday, Tuesday & Thursday*
7am -Noon 4pm-8:30 pm Wednesday 7am-11am Friday

MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon	No Mass.....	0:00am
Tue	Gene Zortman.....	9:00am
Wed	Helen Ryan .....(St. Bernard)	7:30am
Thurs	No Mass.....	0:00am
Fri	Elmwood NH ...Paulette Rice.....	9:30 am
Sat	No Mass.....	0:00 pm
Sun	John & Marjorie Zink..... Greg Mortenson	9:00am

CONFESSION: SUNDAY 8:30 AM—8:45 AM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday– November 7
All grades– Religious Ed 6:45pm-8:00 pm
Thursday, November 22
10:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass
Wednesday, November 28
Confession @ 7:30 for all parishioners

STEWARDSHIP 10/28/18	ST. JOHN	ST. BERNARD
Envelopes/Loose	$1699.25	$122.00
Building Fund	$50.00	
World Mission	$70.00	
Hall Rental	$100.00	
E-offering	$267.13	
Total:	**$1276.13**	

St. John Registered Families.....185

ST. JOSEPH

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon	No Mass.....	0:00am
Tue	No Mass.....	0:00am
Wed	No Mass.....	0:00 pm
Thurs	Art & Bev Holzerland.....	9:00am
Fri	Elmwood NH.....	9:30 am
Sat	Bud Brassfield.....	4:00pm
Sun	Marvin Lorang.....	11:00am

CONFESSION: SAT. 3:30PM—3:45PM / SUN. 10:30 AM– 10:45 AM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday– November 7
All grades– Religious Ed 6:45pm-7:45pm
Sunday– November 11
Youth Group will meet @ 9:30 am
Thursday, November 22
10:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass

STEWARDSHIP	10/27—10/28	ST. JOSEPH	
Envelopes:	$2102.00	Loose:	$283.05
Debt reduction	$0.00	Candles:	$106.00
All Souls	$25.00	e-offer:	$0.00
All Saints	$ 2.00	World Mission	$30.00
TOTAL:	**$2698.05**		

St. Joseph Registered Families 209
St. Joseph Debt October 2018 .....$196,440.78
St. Joseph Debt April 2017.....$324, 880.66

ST. JOHN NOVEMBER 11

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
Mary Black	Reed Reicks	Mary Tramp– Elmwood	Ron & Cindy Hausman	Gabe & Terry Madsen
ROSARY	Rosara Reicks	Fran Tramp– Homebound	Greeters	Mike Beck
Grace Fouts	Gracie Reicks	Grace Fouts	Bonnie Fegenbush, C Maule	Cyd Batholomew

ST. JOSEPH NOVEMBER 10-11

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
3-Al Stuhrenberg	3- Joseph Dewald	3-Paula Olson	3- Pete & Marge Rinaldi	3-Bert Ullrich
4– Mary Herbst	Jackson Dewald Hudson Schuetz	Bonnie Brouillette Tom Becker	4-David & Shirley Menard	Lawson Schuetz Tom & Doreen Becker
3-Rosary Kathy Baker	4-Grace Lewis	4-Kathy Jo Mitvhell	3-Greeters Pete & Marge Rinaldi	4-Ron & Margaret Wood
4–Mike & Lori Donnelly	Charlie Clayton Jack Clayton	Mike Donnelly Greg Heisterkamp	4– Greeters Robert Dandurand Family	David & Shirley Menard
Stewards	Mary Lander Julie Case	Homebound	Kathy Jo Mitchell Bev Weikel	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES: Father Patrick O'Kane, Shirley Turner, Dora Miller, Esther Mac Clure, Darlene Ellis, Cheri Gibler, Loretta Simoff, Verla Benjamin, Doe & Mabel Walker, Maryann Muller, Ken Wingert, Pete Mortensen, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Rosemary Kirby, Gina Mortensen, Chris Metzger, Judson Bramow , Sherry Wince, Ann Langenfeld, Susie Brink & Amy Scurlock 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 Colleen @ office 423-1004

St. John 2018/2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal :

Thank you for your generous response to the request of Bishop Nickless to make a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We are now 64% toward our parish goal of $13815.00. That means we only need $4900.00 to meet our goal. For those who have not returned their pledge card, I am asking, as your pastor to do so next week. We will meet our goal quickly when you respond sooner than later!

Is anyone interested in helping decorate the church for the Advent & Christmas seasons? If so, please contact Colleen @ 712-423-1004. Thank you

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of 3 longtime/lifelong parishioners who entered into eternal rest this past 2 weeks. Dora Miller, Verla Benjamin and Mabel Walker. May God grant them eternal peace and happiness.

Just for Laughs

Man: What is a million years like to you?

God: Like one second.

Man: What is a million dollars like to you?

God: Like one penny.

Man: Can I have a penny?

God: Just a second.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES: Father O'Kane, Fran Mitchell, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Mike Franken, Loretta Prince, David Bogenrief, Linda Donnelly, Sue LaCroix, Pam Dalley, Bev Thorpe, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Kim Peterson, Doreen Becker, Kathy Spohr, Glenda Ullrich, Roger Huot, Stanley Johnson, Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner ,Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell, Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Carter Lucas. For all who travel, grieve, those in the military, veterans, their families and our nations leaders. The candles burning on the Blessed Mother's altar are for the military serving in foreign lands .

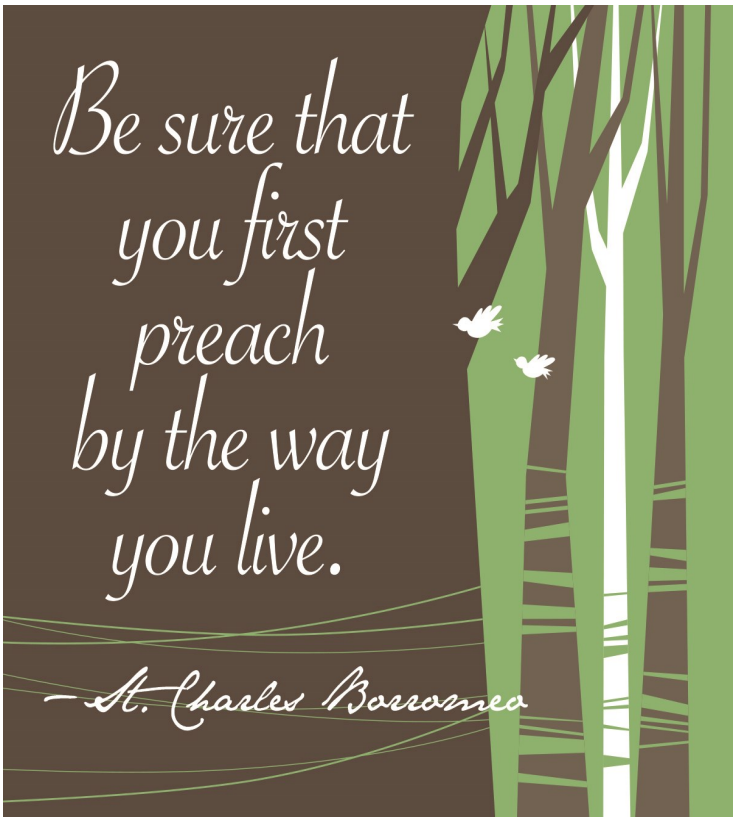
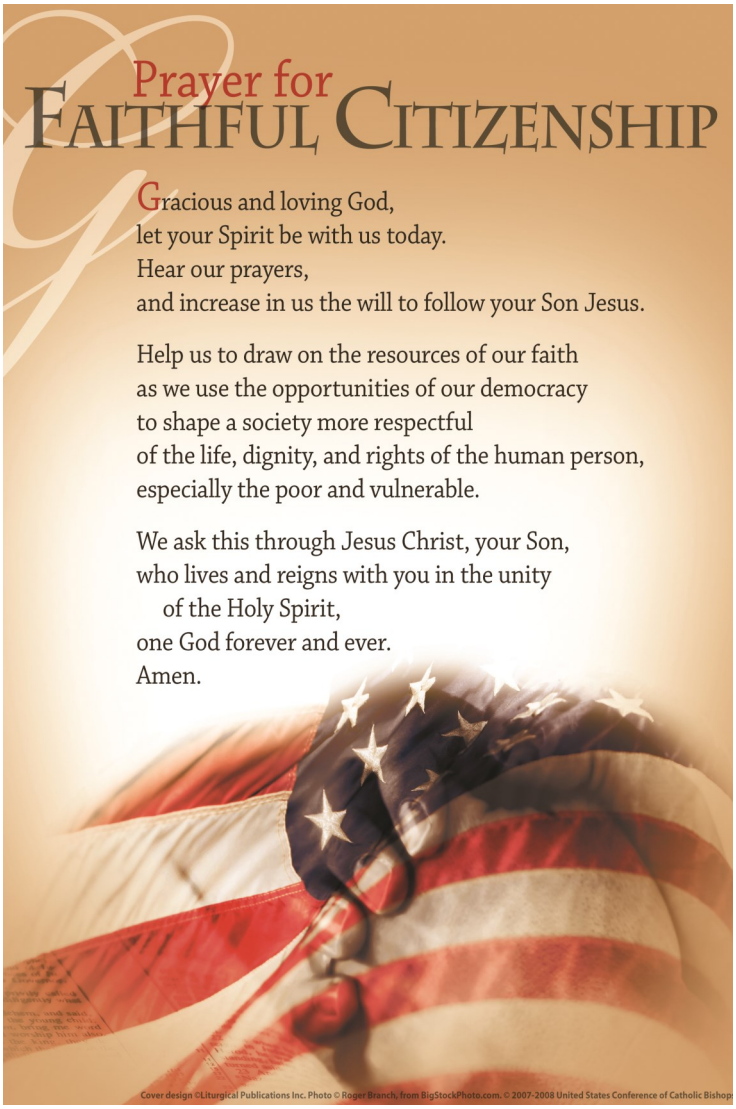
DAA Goal is 17, 581, we have collected $9796.00 keep up the good work we can reach our goal LET'S GET THIS ONE DONE... LET'S GET THOSE IN!!!
THANK YOU!!!

CEMETERY WINTER CLEAN UP **This is a reminder to have decorations picked up from the cemetery by the first of November. All things artificial flowers, wreaths etc, and anything that will not survive being buried in snow, or in bad shape will be removed and discarded. Decorations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are allowed for one week prior and one week following the holiday. If placing a winter holiday decoration, please pick up afterwards.**

THANK YOU to all our Parishioners, this year has been great, we had a little over $12,000 from Insurance on the rectory, with this money we removed the rectory, put in new sidewalk, had grass planted, and we had about $300 left over thanks to volunteers saving us at least $12,000 by getting brick hauled away, doing the cement work, planting the grass. We also have completed basement project with new walls, good drainage, dehumidifiers, sump pumps, we still have some touch up work to do and our finance committee had the money set aside and once again volunteers taking up tile removing old wood on the walls, saved us at least another $10,000, this project will help our beautiful church stay standing for the next 100 years and more. We are also working hard to pay off the Diocesan Debt if you watch the bulletin it keeps going down, it's a big project but we have great parishioners and we'll get this one done too. Thanks again everyone for all you do.

"YOUTH GROUP @ St. Joseph
will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at 9:30am
November 11 November 18
November 25 (No Youth Group due to Thanksgiving weekend
Plus gift wrapping stations on Sunday & Wednesday
December 9
December 16 (Caroling in the afternoon tentatively)
February 16- 2nd Annual Valentine's Dinner & Movie
Greg 712-444-4843 or Keri Beth 712-204-2805

Prayer of the Heart Retreat | Sacred Heart Monastery :November 7-9: In this mid-week, silent retreat, we will reflect on the ways we can pray in different "heart conditions" - when my heart is grateful or shattered, full of compassion or longing. Short conferences by S. Jeanne Ranek complement your silence and solitude at the Benedictine Peace Center at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton. For more information and to register by November 5th, go to benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu or (605) 668-6292.

"***The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man." Dr. Mildred Jefferson***

Tales from the Arabian Nights" | A Live Performance by Flower & Flame
When: November 10, 2018 | Saturday, 2:30 p.m. **Where:** Marian Auditorium Mount Marty College
For: All Ages
Flower and Flame, a group of musicians who reside in South Dakota, combine interesting stories with original never before heard musical arrangements. "Tales from Arabian Nights is a delightful reworking of the ancient stories. Genii's and carpets come alive in this visit to old Persia. With exciting new percussion and exotic sounds from our guest musicians, the music sets the stage for the turbaned teller of tales, and Alladin, Ali Baba, and others weave the tapestry of their homeland." The players include; Violin, Magdalena Modzelewska; Oboe, Jeff Paul; Violin, Jia Cao; Percussion, John Pennington; and script and narration, Darrel Fickbohm. **Cost:** Free **Contact:** For more information email Sr. Patricia Ann Toscano at sptoscano@mtmc.edu or call 605.668.6000