

# 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

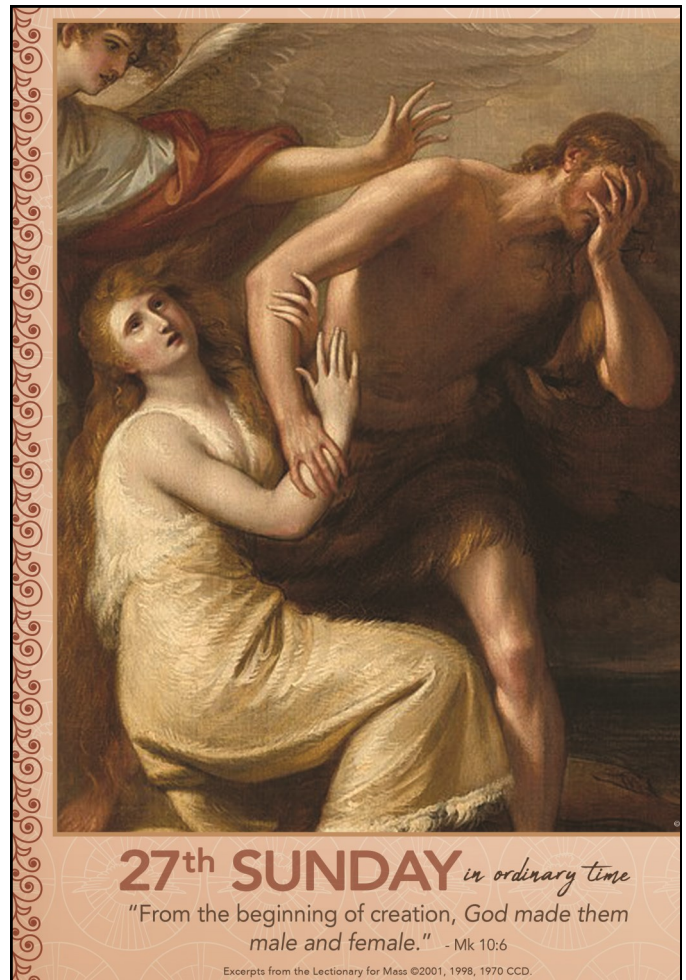
**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 3, 2021**

FROM FR. MICHAEL

## Symbolism of Holy Oil

Oil is a symbol of joy and beauty, and hence of consecration, but it is also a balm (or an ointment as would now say) which relieves pain and strengthens wrestlers, making them suppler and less vulnerable. From this varied symbolism, the Church has concentrated on three types of oil, known as the “holy oils,” the oil of the catechumens gives the strength of the Holy Spirit to those who are going to be baptized and become the wrestlers of God, beside Christ, against the spirit of evil; the oil of anointing is the outward sign (the substance) used in the anointing of the sick on the forehead and the palms of the hands—it relieves the sick with the presence of the Holy Spirit; the holy chrism is a fragrant oil used for anointing during consecrations. After baptism, it marks the top of the head of the new son of God. During confirmation, it crosses the forehead. After an episcopal ordination, it is rubbed into the top of the new bishop’s head; similarly, the hands of a new priest are anointed with it. During the dedication of churches and altars, it is spread over the crosses of consecration and all across the table of the altar. On each of these occasions, anointing with the holy chrism symbolizes the intervention of the Holy Spirit, which according to their mission or function.



## Questions of the Week:

**Adults:** *As I listen to today’s Gospel, what thought patterns or prejudices cry out within me to be opened by the touch of Jesus?*

**Children:** *What does it mean when we say that “actions speak louder than words”?*

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

### ST. JOHN / ST. BERNARD

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#### MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon	No Mass.....	0:00 am
Tue	No Mass.....	0:00am
Wed	No Mass.....	9:00 am
Thurs	No Mass .....	0:00pm
Fri	Gayle Goldsinn.....	9:00 am
Sat	No Mass .....	000 pm
Sun	John & Marjorie Zink.....	9:00 am

#### Stewardship September 26

Envelopes/loose \$	2747.00
building \$	
Retired/rel \$	
E-offering \$	244.58
Needy Fund \$	
Grain \$	
Flowers \$	
Candles \$	
Assumption \$	120.00
St. Bernard \$	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3111.58</b>

St. John Registered Families.....185

### ST. JOSEPH

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon	No Mass.....	0:00am
Tue	No Mass.....	9.00am
Wed	No Mass.....	0:00pm
Thurs	No Mass.....	9:00 am
Fri	No Mass.....	0:00 am
Sat	Gloria Welte.....	4:00 pm
Sun	Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard.....11:00 am	

#### Stewardship September 26

Envelopes \$	3218.00
Loose: \$	41.00
Candles: \$	28.00
Cemetery PC \$	20.00
E-offering: \$	135.00
Maintenance \$	70.00
Emergency \$	
Food Pantry \$	25.00
Mow & snow \$	
Capital Camp \$	
Stained / wind \$	150.00
All Souls \$	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 3687.00</b>

St. Joseph Registered Families .....209

## Religious Education-Formation News

### REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WILL BE ON-GOING AT BOTH PARISHES!

Catechists and parents have received the full policy for St. Joseph and St. John earlier this week, but in summary our programs will follow COVID policies of the State of Iowa (<https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>) and of the Diocese of Sioux City (<https://scdiocese.org/covid-updates>). In summary, we will not require any individual to show proof of vaccination, nor are masks required for attendance. We have provided hand sanitizer in the classrooms and throughout the church buildings, and we have provided masks for anyone who may choose to wear one. We have provided disinfectant in every classroom. Finally, custodial staff at both churches will sanitize the classrooms following class nights. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our COVID policy, please contact Michelle Rethman, Director of Faith Formation.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, please contact the Director of Faith Formation, Michelle Rethman, at the St. Joseph Parish Office at 712-946-5635.

Rekindle :Sunday, October 17 Carroll Kuemper Catholic High School in Carroll Iowa.

REGISTRATION begins @9:45 The event ends at 7:00 pm For all students grades 7 –12 . Mass, lunch ,supper and a snack will be provided. Keynote speaker Chris Padgett Register before October 1st at your parish If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Rethman @ 712-946-5635



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:**

Father Patrick O'Kane, Midge Stanley, Margaret Hansen, Pam Turner, Loretta Simoff, Pete Mortensen, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Florence Ibsgaard, Gina Mortensen, Chris Metzger, Judson Bramow, Anita Gerum & Eddie & Ann Womack. 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, contact Colleen @ office 423-1004

**Thank you to all who helped with the Chicken dinner. Those who worked, donated salads and desserts, sold tickets or came to eat and support us. Your help is appreciated more than you know. Again, Thank you!**

Knight of Month: *Franklin Heisterkamp*...for chairing and organizing C.P.I.D. collections.  
Family of Month: *Marv & Marilyn Maly*...for organizing pro-life awareness events this month.

It's here! Let's work Together As One to help support our future. Check your mailboxes this week and make a gift to strengthen our Catholic community. When our parish goes over its diocesan support goal of \$14462.00, 100% of that overage amount is returned to our parish for our use. Last year, over \$466,000 was given back to parishes across the Diocese.

—————*Just For Laughs*—————

**What was the best thing before sliced bread?  
 One nice thing about egotists... ..they don't  
 talk about other people.**

**Does the Little Mermaid wear an 'algebra'?  
 How is it possible to have a civil war?**

**If one synchronized swimmer drowns... ..do  
 the rest drown, too?**

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**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES.** Father O'Kane, Fran Mitchell, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Mike Franken, David Bogenrief, Linda Donnelly, Sue LaCroix, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Doreen Becker, Roger Huot, Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner, Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell, Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Gerrie Lamoureux, Darrell Lux, Richard Hentges, Paula Wagner, Mary Lue Schnieders, Brian Mareau, Mark Rinaldi, David Menard, Kathy Stahmer & Vincent Choquette. 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.

**YOUTH CHOIR WILL BE SINGING ON SUNDAY  
 OCTOBER 10TH, AT THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
 MASS SO COME AND HEAR OUR BEAUTIFUL  
 YOUTH CHOIR.**

The next Funeral Committee is Chairladies: Julie Case, 490-8939, Mary Herbst, 389-7466, assisted by Carla Cleveland, 943-5532, 253-7751, Joan Crawford, 428-3760, Brenda Croghan, 428-4726, Jeanne Davis, 253-0470, Amy Derochie, 574-9763, Niki Dewald, 428-4733, 444-0852, Sharla Dicks, 946-7124, Lisa Dirksen, 880-2779, Lori Donnelly, 428-4158, 574-9760, Mary Doyle, 428-7008, 259-2773, Pam Eliason, 946-5409, 253-6899, Vicky Eliason, 251-4224, Dawn Fischer Teel, 515-230-6321, Mary Fischer, 943-1301, Michelle Gaukel, 898-5417, Emilee Gehling, 898-5417, Judy Gehling, 870-1273, Deborah Gemberling, 428-4181, Joan Gengler, 253-3909, Pat Folsom, 251-5293.

**STAINED GLASS WINDOWS** We have reached \$121,130 of our goal of \$125,000 only need \$3,870.00 to get there. Everyone pitch in a little and we will soon be there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. To understand this feast, we need to go back in time. In the 16th century, the Islamic Ottoman Empire presented a serious military threat to western Europe and sent a fleet of ships to attack Christian defences in southern Europe. Pope Pius V recognised the grave danger and organised a fleet called the Holy League to confront the navy of the Ottoman Turks. On October 7, 1571, the two navies engaged in a pivotal battle that would determine who controlled maritime traffic in the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Aegean seas. The fate of western Europe depended upon the success of Christians in this navy battle, which involved more than 400 warships (it was the largest naval battle in Western history for centuries). Pius V knew he needed more than just military strength to defend Christian Europe, so he asked that all the faithful pray the rosary, requesting the intercession of the Blessed Mother. At the end of the Battle of Lepanto, the Holy League was victorious and the maritime expansion of the Ottoman Empire was permanently prevented. The next year, Pius V established a feast on October 7 in honour of the Blessed Mother, originally called Our Lady of Victory. After a few centuries, the name was changed to Our Lady of the Rosary to more clearly recognise that prayer was the greatest power at work that day on the seas.*

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**PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY:**

Blessed souls, you are suffering and asking suffrage from me: I am in great danger and need, and I await aid and protection from you. So for this year I will offer all my prayers and especially all my good works for you. And you in turn remember my needs, deliver me from the dangers I face and in particular, obtain for me this grace (mention petition). And let the first of you to enter heaven not cease to plead before the Divine Mercy until I, too arrive there. May the Sacred Heart bless this agreement. Amen.

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The annual Life Chain will be held on Sunday October 3 from 2-3PM in front of the Court House. It is a time for silent prayer to end abortion. All are welcome.

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