

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 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

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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 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

Inspiring Us to Live in the Holy Spirit

Adults: What changes have occurred in my life over the last year? Do I believe that God is with me as I deal with these things?

Children: Has anything changed in my family? Do I know that God's love for me will never change?

The Pastor's Toolbox

Work Quietly and Eat Your Own Food

Paul had won many converts in the city of Thessalonica by speaking of the end of the world. He seriously believed that it was coming soon and pressed his listeners on this point. There was a strong reaction, but one with unexpected weaknesses. Many of the people figured that since the end was coming, they should spend their last days in prayer. Hence they quit their jobs and focused on meditation. This won Christians a bad reputation. Paul tries to counter-act this by citing his own example. He was a tailor by profession and earned enough from this work to pay for his own needs and those of his co-workers.

The Time Has Come!

Many Jews day in the first century anticipated the "Day of the Lord" or Doom's day. John the Baptist had preached its nearness. There was a debate over the exact nature of this event and its imminence. Jesus warns his followers not to become unduly upset over it. He urges them not to be worried over the signs that were said to presage it. He clearly teaches that the "Day" would not bring the destruction of the world, but the conclusion of the pre-Christian era. In the new world, Christians should expect persecution. He promises to give his disciples spiritual wisdom to counter their foes.



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2022

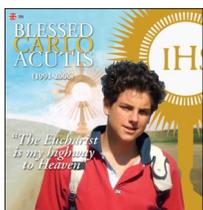
Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Parish
Monday	November 14		No Mass	
Tuesday	November 15	9:00 AM	Errol & LaVonne Brioullette	St. Joseph
Wednesday	November 16	8:45 AM	Father Jerry Cosgrove	St. John
Thursday	November 17	9:00 AM	Walter & Pauline Scott	St. Joseph
Friday	November 18	8:45 AM	Joe Fouts	St. John
Saturday	Nov. 19	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John & St. Joseph	St. Joseph
Sunday	Nov. 20	9:00 AM	Mary Benjamin	St. John
		11:00 AM	Bert & Ella Ullrich	St. Joseph

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

Formation News

Carlo's Corner



"There are people who suffer much more than me."

Blessed Carlo Acutis

What	When	Time
Classes	Wednesday, November 16, 2022	6:30—7:45 PM
No Classes	Wednesday, November 23, 2022	Closed

Volunteers: We welcome adults, 18 years old or older, who would like to volunteer in our catechetical programs. Any adult who volunteers with our children must have a background check and take VIRTUS Training. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Michelle Rethman, Director of Faith Formation, at 712-202-6641, or email at michelle@stjohnparishonawa.com or michelle@stjoeparishsalix.com.

Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 17, 2022 for a staff training day. The St. John Church office will be closed all day; the St. Joseph Church office will close at 10:00 AM following the celebration of daily Mass. Thank you for your understanding. St. John Church office will be open on Friday, November 18th.

American Legion Pancake Breakfast: Please join the American Legion for a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 13, 2022, 9:00 AM—12:00 PM. They will offer scrambled eggs, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage, fresh fruit and beverages. The American Legion Post 662 (901 Topaz St., Sergeant Bluff) hope to see you there!

Only 30% of all Catholics in the pews believe in the Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Fewer Americans attend Church...any church...with regularity.

Fewer families celebrate faith in their homes.

Today's children have more access to more things than any previous generation, and they are more anxious than any previous generation.

These are just a few of today's media headlines.

But what if there is a different story?

We are currently running *The Rescue Project* for our teens as a forerunner to running *The Rescue Project* for the entire parish – adults and teens – for Lent. To be successful, *we need your help*. Please contact Michelle Rethman to discover how you can get involved in *The Rescue Project*. We welcome assistance with:

- ☞ **Decorating Committee:** Help creating a welcoming atmosphere for participants.
- ☞ **Meal Planning and Serving:** Planning and serving meals for our participants.
- ☞ **Small group facilitators:** God doesn't call the equipped; rather, He equips the called. Prayerfully consider volunteering as an adult leader who will facilitate in small group discussion following the video presentation. *We will provide materials* – no degree or advanced degree in Theology is required.
- ☞ **Assistant Coordinator:** This volunteer will communicate with parish staff on various administrative responsibilities to create an organized experience for volunteers and participants.
- ☞ **Prayer Ministry:** We welcome *anyone* and *everyone* to pray for our participants, volunteers, and leaders as we journey through *The Rescued Project*.



ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering	
October 30, 2022 Registered Families: 185	
Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$4968.05
E-Offering	\$244.70
Misc. Funds	\$403.00
Tile repair/Tuck Pointing	\$1096.41
St. Bernard	\$95.00
Total for October 30, 2022	\$6807.16

In memoriam:

The Onawa-Blencoe Knights of Columbus use this month to remember their deceased Knights who gave so much of themselves toward Christian and Charitable efforts. The success of the council is built on the selflessness of these Knights and their supportive families. May our prayers glorify their souls today and throughout the month of November.

Knight of Month: Franklin Heisterkamp...for his organizing C.P.I.D. collection dates and volunteers and presenting the proceeds to Trivium Life Services. (Onawa Democrat, Oct. 26 edition.) *"Thank you!"*

Family of Month: The Wusk Family: Jason & (Doreen) and Paxton, Braeden, (Keagan) & Mason...for their selfless work over many hours during the Demo Derby of Oct. 22. *"Thank you!"*

We need a new Christmas tree for the sanctuary this year. If you would like to contribute to purchasing a new tree, please drop it by the office and give it to Colleen or drop it in the collection basket, marked Christmas tree. Any amount would be appreciated. Thank you!

Save the Date to Attend Burgess People Care's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Need a family to share dinner with on Thanksgiving Day? Please make plans to join Burgess People Care and the family and friends of Nancy Broer as they host the 13th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The Thanksgiving Community Dinner will be held on **Thursday, November 24**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at First Christian Church, 722 15th Street in Onawa, IA. We are serving a Thanksgiving feast of turkey, stuffing, salads, vegetable dishes, other sides, pies, and more. People who wish to attend should make a meal reservation by noon on Friday, November 18, 2022, to ensure there is more than enough food. Please call Burgess Human Resources at 712-423-9200.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Weekly Offering	
October 29-30, 2022 Registered Families: 209	
Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2668.00
E-Offering	
Miscellaneous funds	\$63.00
Boiler Fund	\$5000.00
Diaster Fund	\$403.00
Total for Oct. 29-30, 2022	\$8134.00

We're Hiring

We are advertising for a new secretary at St. Joseph Church. Qualified candidates will be personable and welcoming to all visitors to the church. She or he will possess administrative skills including but not limited to phone etiquette, filing, and computer skills. Organization and work experience with databases is critical. Salary commensurate with experience. Interested candidates should submit their resumes to Fr. Michael Erpelding at father@stjoeparish.com or (712) 898-6712.

Together As One: This year, our parish goal is \$11,583.00. We can achieve our goal with everyone's participation. No contribution is too large or too small. Thank you to everyone who has sent in a donation thus far. We are half way to our goal! Please consider giving to this diocesan fund.

Come in and get warm! We have replaced the boilers at St. Joseph Church, and they work like a charm! Thank you to *everyone* who contributed to this maintenance campaign, and we especially thank Kevin and the crew of Accu-Temp for installing the boilers just ahead of the chill.

Important Parish Office Announcement: Due to a staffing shortage, the parish office hours will temporarily change. Beginning **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**, the office will be open **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM. Staffing will be inconsistent on Wednesdays and Fridays. We recommend you call before coming to the office. Please call 712-202-6641.

++++++ *God Laughs* ++++++

The portliest person at the round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

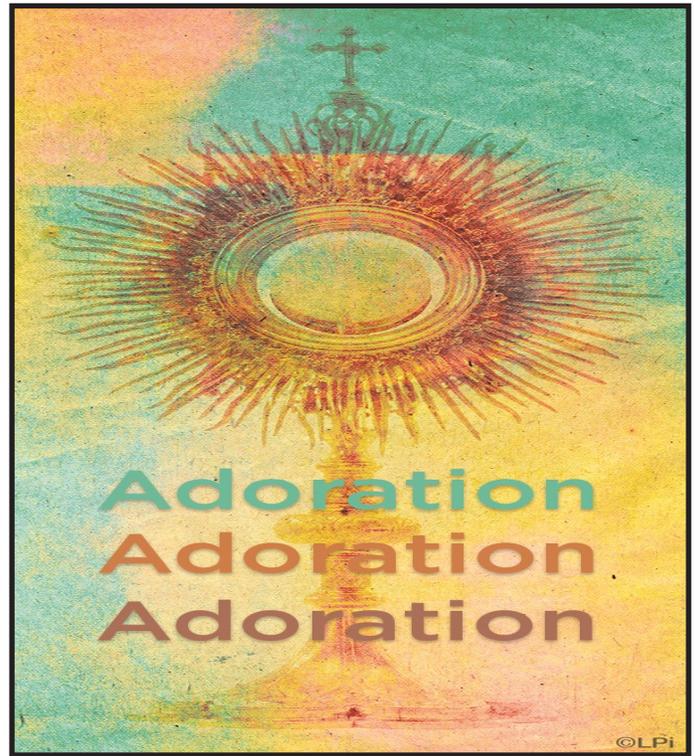
I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.



Henriette DeLille bravely committed her life to the instruction of free and enslaved children and adults in New Orleans, founding the Sisters of the Holy Family. She is the first native-born African American whose cause for canonization has been officially opened by the Catholic Church!

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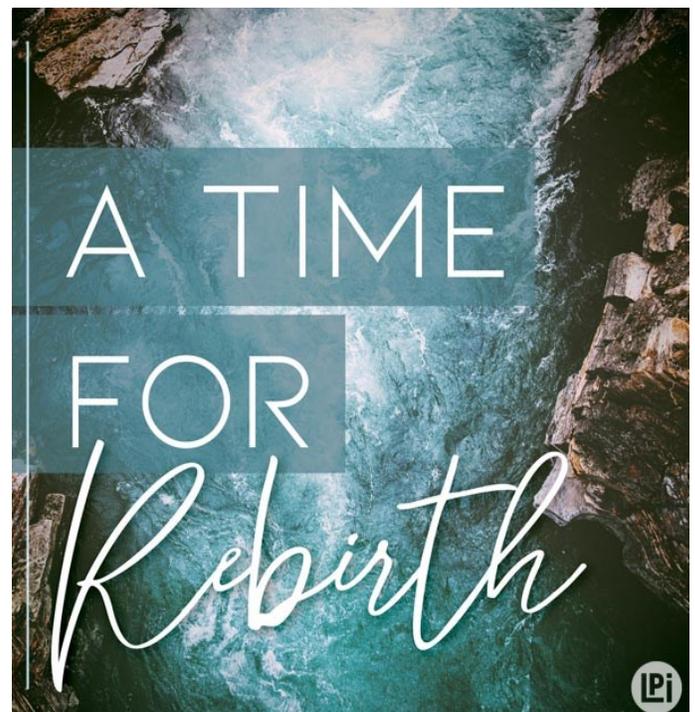


The bishops of the United States have called upon all the faithful to renew their belief and worship of the Eucharist. Each month the members of the three local churches will have the opportunity to pray during the exposition of the Eucharist.

Sunday, December 4: St. John, Onawa, 10 AM to 2:00 PM in the main Church.

Sunday, January 22: St. Joseph, Salix, Noon to 2:00 pm, in the daily Mass chapel

St. Joseph Minister Schedule for Nov.19-20		
Ministry	Saturday, Nov. 19	Sunday, Nov. 20
Altar Servers	Hudson & Lawson Schuetz Kellen Hunold	Joe & J.T. Dewald Allyson Harpenau
EMHC	Monica Kavanaugh	Linda Adkins
Lector	Mike Donnelly	Mary Herbst
Greeters	Kenny & Mary Kay Miller	Tom & Doreen Becker
Gifts	Kenny & Mary Kay Miller	Tom & Doreen Becker
Ushers	Bert Ullrich, Paula Olson Aaron Skatges Family	Ron & Margaret Wood John & Heather Hensley
Communion to the Homebound: Mary Parker & Mary Herbst		
Stewards, Monday, Nov. 21 @ 10 AM: Kenny & Mary Kay Miller		



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