

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 20, 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.

Christ the King Sunday celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of the cosmos. Officially called the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, it is celebrated on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Advent.

Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. Pope Pius connected the denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism. At the time of *Quas Primas*, secularism was on the rise, and many Christians, even Catholics, were doubting Christ's authority, as well as the Church's, and even doubting Christ's existence. Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders.

The Pastor's Toolbox

Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was most needed. In fact, it is still needed today, as these problems have not vanished, but instead have worsened.

For some, the only authority in the world is the individual self. The idea of Christ as ruler is rejected by individualism. Also, many balk at the idea of kings and queens, believing them to be oppressive. Some even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. However true these statements might be (some kings have been oppressive), these individuals miss the point: Christ's kingship is one of humility and service. Jesus said:

You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:42-45, NAB).

And, Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"... Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b, 36-37).

Thus, Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular kings, and in contrast to them, he connected his role as king to humble service, and commanded his followers to be servants as well. While Christ is coming to judge the nations, his teachings spell out a kingdom of justice and judgment balanced with radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to die for humanity and whose "loving-kindness endures forever." Christ is the king that gives us true freedom, freedom in Him. Thus we must never forget that Christ radically redefined and transformed the concept of kingship.

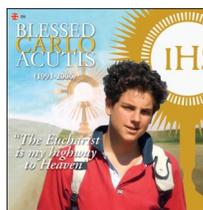
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

| Day | Date | Time | Mass Intentions | Parish |
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| Monday | November 21 | | No Mass | |
| Tuesday | November 22 | 9:00 AM | Vince Topf | St. Joseph |
| Wednesday | November 23 | 8:45 AM | Scott Ellis | St. John |
| Thursday | November 24 | 9:00 AM | Bert & Ella Ullrich | St. Joseph |
| Friday | November 25 | 8:45 AM | Pete Mortensen | St. John |
| Saturday | November 26 | 4:00 PM | Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John & St. Joseph | St. Joseph |
| Sunday | November 27 | 9:00 AM | John & Marjorie Zink & Bob Zink | St. John |
| | | 11:00 AM | Nick, Lucy & Lawrence Topf | St. Joseph |

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

Formation News



Carlo's Corner

“Continuously ask your guardian angel for help. Your guardian angel has to become your best friend.”

Blessed Carlo Acutis



| What | When | Time |
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| No Classes | Wednesday, November 23, 2022 | Closed |
| Classes | Wednesday, November 30, 2022 | 6:30—7:45 PM |
| Holy Day (Vigil) | Wednesday, December 7, 2022 | See bulletin |
| Classes | Wednesday, December 14, 2022 | 6:30—7:45 PM |
| Classes | Wednesday, December 21, 2022 | 6:30—7:45 PM |
| No Classes | Wednesday, December 28, 2022 | Closed |

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. Here's what they have to say:

☞ “The (Chapter 5) video was *fabulous*. I can now see why [Fr. John Riccardo] led us through the sad news first. I won't look at the crucifix the same way again.”

— Middle school student to his parents

☞ “We really like [*The Rescue Project*].”

☞ Overwhelmingly, they have learned what an **ambush predator** is, and that **Jesus, lifted on the cross, is an ambush predator.**

— Several students to DRE

Miracles of Grace – They Happen All the Time! This retreat will be offered at the Saint Benedict Center in Schuyler, NE on December 9th and 10th. Fr. Joseph A. Miksch, from Columbus, NE, will lead the retreat. In his book, *Fantastic Vocation*, Fr. Joe writes that his numerous “near death” experiences don't compare to the joy and excitement he experiences in his priestly ministry where he has the privilege of witnessing “miracles of grace” time and again while administering the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. The retreat begins on Friday, December 9th at 7:30 PM and runs through Saturday, December 10th, 4:00 PM, concluding with Mass. Register at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

Finally, one adult summed it up in this manner:

☞ The students will know more than their parents at the end of this year.

If these testimonies peak your curiosity, consider joining the Rescue Project Team at your parish. More information next week on training and planning events. *You were born for this.*

ST. JOHN & ST. BERNARD NEWS

| St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering | |
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| November 6, 2022 Registered Families: 185 | |
| Envelopes and Loose Giving | \$2314.00 |
| E-Offering | |
| Misc. Funds | \$125.00 |
| Tile repair/Tuck Pointing | |
| St. Bernard | \$230.00 |
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| Total for November 6, 2022 | \$2669.00 |

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!"*

Tune into Faith in Action at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 21. Host Joanne Fox interviews Patrick Demers and his donation of stem cells through Be the Match, a national stem cell and bone marrow registry. Faith in Action re-plays at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26.



ST. JOSEPH NEWS

| St. Joseph Weekly Offering | |
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| November 5-6, 2022 Registered Families: 209 | |
| Envelopes and Loose Giving | \$2,730.00 |
| E-Offering | \$466.32 |
| All Saints' Day | \$20.00 |
| All Souls' Day | \$3.00 |
| Miscellaneous Funds | \$337.00 |
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| Total for Nov. 5-6, 2022 | \$3,090.00 |

Important Parish Office Announcement: Due to a staffing shortage, the parish office hours will temporarily change. Beginning **Wednesday, November 9, 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.

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 over 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! Thank you to *everyone* who contributed to this maintenance campaign, and we especially thank Paul Wranger and his crew for donating their time and talent to this project. *We sincerely appreciate it.*



Congratulations to Kelsey Whitney and Grant Weepie who were married in St. Joseph Church on September 30, 2022. We pray for you as you begin your journey together.

Congratulations to Rachel DeCarlo and Braden Christensen who were married in St. Joseph Church on October 22, 2022. May God bless you and keep you as you begin your union.

Congratulations to Alexander and Joanna (Parker) Konczal on the baptism of their son, Lev Anselm, on November 6, 2022. Welcome, Lev, to the family of God!

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

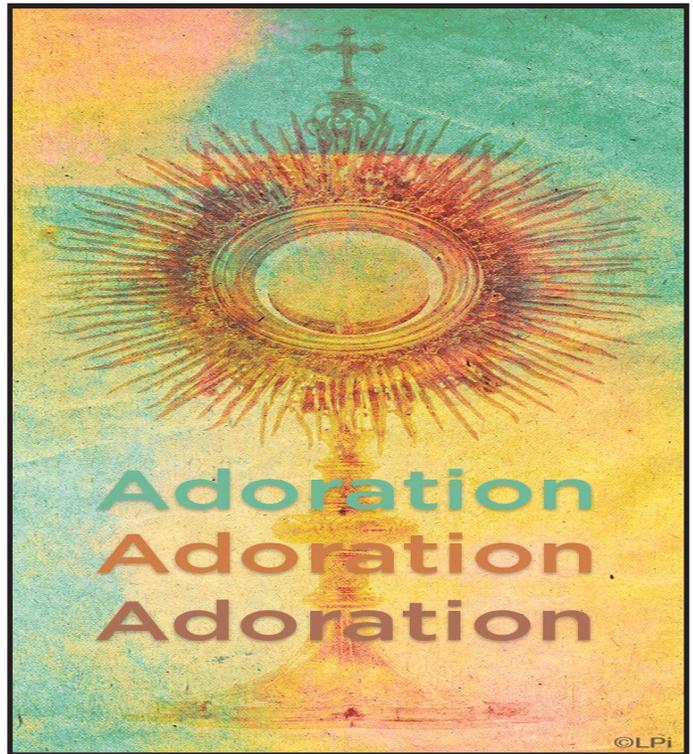
A priest put sanitary hot air hand dryers in the restrooms at his church and after two weeks took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine, but when he went in there he saw a sign that read, "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

Questions of the Week

Inspiring Us to Live in the Holy Spirit

Adults: Following the example of Jesus, what is the best way to exercise your authority over others?

Children: What qualities would a good leader have? Which of these are you trying to develop?



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. 26-27 | | |
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| Ministry | Saturday, Nov. 26 | Sunday, Nov. 20 |
| Altar Servers | Landen Schuetz Madelyn & Grady Olson | Luke & Levi Willis Grace Lewis |
| EMHC | Michelle Mareau | Brenda Hinrickson |
| Lector | Al Stuhrenberg | Kathy Baker |
| Greeters | Pete & Marge Rinaldi | Tom & Doreen Becker |
| Gifts | Pete & Marge Rinaldi | Tom & Doreen Becker |
| Ushers | Bert Ullrich, Paula Olson Pete & Marge Rinaldi | Kyle & Eric Eliason Ryan Willis Family |
| Communion to the Homebound: Deb Craig & Mary Lander | | |
| Stewards, Monday, Nov. 28 @ 10 AM: John Janson & Kathy Baker | | |

