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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER-DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 24, 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 do I believe about God and the world around me? How do my beliefs shape how I think and act?

Children: How does my belief in God affect how I act with my family and friends?

The Pastor's Toolbox

Christ came into the world not just to save human beings and reshape human history, but to save and reshape the earth as well.

Christ came to save the world, not just the people living in it. We see the deep proof of this in the resurrection. Jesus was raised from death to life. A dead body was resurrected and that, clearly, has a dimension that goes beyond the mere psychological and spiritual. There is something radically physical in the resurrection. Simply put, when a dead body is raised to new life the physical structure of the universe is being altered, atoms and molecules are being rearranged. Thus, Jesus' resurrection is about more than simply new hope being born inside of human consciousness. It is also about a change in our planet.

Granted, the resurrection is about human hope. Without belief in the resurrection there is no horizon and no promise beyond the asphyxiating confines of this life. The resurrection opens us to possibilities beyond this life. It gives us a meta-future. But it gives a meta-future to the world, our planet, as well. Christ came to save the earth, not just those of us who live on it, and his resurrection is also about the future of this planet.

Ron Rolheiser – see <http://www.ronrolheiser.com/>



Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Parish
Monday	April 25		No Mass	
Tuesday	April 26	9:00 AM	Kavanaugh Family	St. Joseph
Wednesday	April 27	9:00 AM	Breyn Maule	St. John
Thursday	April 28	9:00 AM	Errol & Lavonne Brouillette	St. Joseph
Friday	April 29	9:00 AM	Jerry & Colleen Sievers	St. John
Saturday	April 30	4:00 PM	Earl & Thelma Johnson	St. Joseph
Sunday	May 1	9:00 AM	Joe & Mabel Hewitt	St. John
		11:00 AM	Delores & Clyde & Stanley Johnson	St. Joseph

Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge Religious Education News

Religious Education – This is our final class night of the year. Information regarding the 2022 – 2023 school year will be sent soon. Please register your child(ren) early so we may plan accordingly for the year. *Thank you.*

April	
27 th	Last Class Night, 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

High School News

Graduation Masses: St. John and St. Joseph Churches will celebrate our high school graduates on **Sunday, May 1, 2022**. We have mailed letters to the students which give more information. If you haven't received a letter, please contact Michelle Rethman at (712) 202-6641.

Emmaus: Registration is now open! What is Emmaus? Emmaus is a new summer camp, June 15 – 19, for students who have completed the 10th – 12th grades. The aim is for young people to encounter Christ and live as life-long disciples. This five-day faith camp will include formative talks, small group discussions, games, hiking, campfires, and a daily emphasis on prayer and worship, including Mass and Adoration. Learn more or register online at <https://scdiocese.org/emmaus>. Registrations are due May 5th, so register now!

Walking With The Lord Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism Class: Please contact Michelle Rethman for more information. The next scheduled Baptism Class will be on **Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church.**

First Holy Communion: We will celebrate First Holy Communion today! St. John will celebrate at the 9:00 AM Mass, and St. Joseph at the 11:00 AM Mass. Welcome, children, to the table of the Lord!

St. John Church

PATRICK BOSANEK	ANDREW CARD
MILES DEHN	DASCHLE GIBLER
LAWSON GUALAZZI	WILDER KUKER
ISAAC LAHR	COOPER PEKAREK
REECE STURGILL	

St. Joseph Church

BENJAMIN ELIASON	ELSIE HANCOCK
COLLIN HASKELL	KELLEN HUNOLD
VIVIAN JOHNSON	ALEX KAZOS
AVA KAZOS	TORAH LOW
GRADY OLSON	JORDYN SEGGERMAN
RYDER WORRELL	

The Vineyard Around the Area

Upcoming Event at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, NE:

Everyday Spirituality: Living the Ordinary Extraordinarily: Join us April 29 – May 1 for this retreat with Wil Hernandez, PhD, Obl OSB. Employing Henri Nouwen's rich insights into our spirituality, we will examine more closely how the ordinariness of our daily life can be lived out extraordinarily when we learn to be truly present in the moment. The retreat runs from Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Sunday after lunch. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819. Social distancing and masks are recommended.

St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

April 10, 2022
Registered Families: 185

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2261.00
E-Offering	299.40
Building Fund	\$93.00
Hall Rental	
Needy Fund	\$40.00
Grain	
Holy Land	50.00
Candles	\$.00
St. Bernard	\$155.00
Retired/Infirmary	\$20.00
Total for April 10, 2022	\$2918.40

Please pray for the sick of our parishes: Midge Stanley, Margaret Hansen, Pam Turner, Loretta Simoff, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Florence Ibsgaard, Gina Mortensen, Judson Bramow, Anita Gerum, and 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 at the parish office, 423-1004.

St. John Catholic Church Parishioners:

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the West Central Food Pantry. You are helping so many families at this hard time of year. We appreciate everything you do for our organization!
Amy Johnston

Attached to this weeks bulletin is an insert from the Monona County Soil Water Conservation District. Soil and Water Stewardship is observed April 24-May1.

Thank you to all who have helped with cleaning and decorating to get our Church ready for Easter. A special thank you to our High school seniors who helped to decorate the Church and Parish center. You did a great job!

Thank you to all who donated Memorial flowers for their loved ones. What a loving tribute to their memories and a beautiful gift to our Church.

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

April 9 and 10, 2022
Registered Families: 209

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$3078.00
E-Offering	
Holy Land	\$10.00
Maintenance Fund	
Emergency	\$20.00
Candles	\$75.00
Food Pantry	
Boiler Fund	
Easter Flowers	\$115.00
Palm Sunday	\$488.00
Retired & Infirmary Priest	\$50.00
Total for April 9 & 10, 2022	\$3836.00

Remember to pray for the sick of our parish: Doreen Becker, David Bogenrief, Christian Case, Vincent Choquette, Kathy Clayton, Ben Cooper, Linda Donnelly, Colleen Ebner, Mike Franken, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Bryson Harder, Sophie Helvey, Richard Hentges, Roger Huot, Sue LaCroix, Gerrie Lamoureux, Justin Lamoureux, Brian Mareau, Helen Martin, David Menard, Fran Mitchell, Tristan Parks, Mark Rinaldi, Mary Lue Schneiders, Stella Serviss, Nick & Ally Spohr, Kathy Stahmer, Connie Wagner, Paula Wagner, Brady Worrell, and Cal Worrell. For all who travel, those who grieve, those in the military, veterans and their families, and our nation's leaders.

TIME & TALENT I am getting ready to put out a Time and Talent sheet for May, I was wondering if there are people out there that still want to help out but did not send in Time and Talent Sheet sent out in December. We need more Lectors, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Gifts, Greeters, Steward counters. We never have too many love to hear from you if you want to be on the List. Thank You.

EASTER FLOWERS WERE DONATED IN MEMORY OF Stan Johnson, Tiny Johnson, Snowball Johnson, Connor Norgelas, Lawrence & Eileen Topf, Vincent Topf, Glendon Baker, Donald Domsch, Nick Steinhoff, Corey Loreth, Earl & Helen Putnam, Agnes Wickencamp, Clyde & Dolores Johnson, Bud & Rita Brassfield, James & Elizabeth O'Mara, Elmer & Evelyn Brouillette, Errol & Lavonne Brouillette, Tom Brennan, Linda Mahlberg, Maurice & Marguerite Choquette, Steve Olson, Roger & Kathryn Huot, Karen Huot Kucera, Jim & Dolores O'Keefe, Tim & Ed Conley, Huot & O'Keefe Families, Darrell & Carole Lux, Rodney Lux, Joshua Lux, Alyssa Lux, Bernie Nevin, Roy and Vera Swanson, Andrew & Alta Lux, Earl & Thelma Johnson, Benard & Kathryn Nevin, Jim Reisch, Amy & Jake Lander, Reisch Family

God Laughs

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



Congratulations to all our
First Communicants!



Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph

April 30 @ 4:00 PM

Servers: Levi Willis, Hudson & Landen Schuetz

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Parker

Lector: Michelle Mareau

Greeters: Kenny & Mary Kay Miller

Ushers: Bert Ullrich, Pete & Marge Rinaldi,
Lawson Schuetz

Gifts: Kenny & Mary Kay Miller

Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph

May 1 @ 11 AM

Servers: Braden & Joleigh Hensley, Addison
Goodin

Eucharistic Minister: Bev Weikel

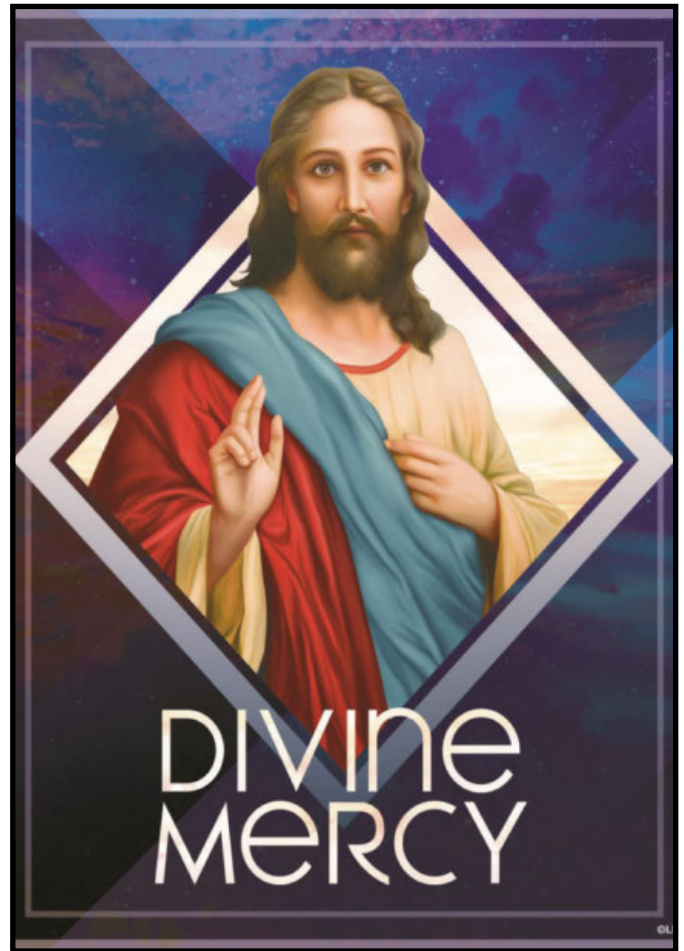
Lector: Judy Milos

Greeters: Tom & Doreen Becker

Ushers: John & Heather Hensley
Eric & Kyle Eliason

Gifts: Tom & Doreen Becker

Stewards: Kathy Baker & John Janson
10 AM Monday @ St. Joseph



Please save the date for a celebration of **Fr. Michael's 60th Birthday and anniversary of his ordination** on **Saturday, June 4, 2022**, following the Mass at 4:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, Salix. We would love for your family to join us for food, fellowship, and fun! Looking forward to seeing you at our celebration of our wonderful pastor, Fr. Michael!

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