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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 3, 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: Does the peace of Christ reign in my home and place of work? Is there anything that I can do to bring it about?

Children: How do I try to bring peace and stop fights among my friends and classmates?

The Pastor's Toolbox

The Marks of Jesus

For Jews, circumcision was as necessary as Baptism is to Christians. It was a permanent mark of their faith. The Church had decided to move away this practice at the Council of Jerusalem. Paul teaches that it is of no importance. He speaks of the "Marks of Jesus" on his body. He could be referring simply to his personal suffering or possibly to the "stigmata". Saint Francis of Assisi was the first person known to have shown signs of the wounds of Christ. Paul may have predated him by 1200 years.

Fall Like Lightning

Jesus had sent his twelve Apostles on a trial to prepare them to be missionaries. Later he sent a larger group. It is equally successful. Christ speaks words of encouragement, noting that he "saw Satan fall like lightning from the sky."

This is an echo of his words in John, "Fear not, I have conquered the world." In other words, we already know the end of our story: WE WIN!



Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Parish</u>
Monday	July 4	9:00 AM	Charles Zobel	St. John
Tuesday	July 5	9:00 AM	Michael & Mary O'Mara	St. Joseph
Wednesday	July 6	9:00 AM	Joe Fouts	St. John
Thursday	July 7	9:00 AM	Thomas Lambert	St. Joseph
Friday	July 8	9:00 AM	Father Patrick O'Kane	St. John
Saturday	July 9	4:00 PM	Glenda Ullrich	St. Joseph
Sunday	July 10	9:00 AM	Thomas Zobel	St. John
		11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John & St. Joseph	St. Joseph

Parish Offices Closed: The parish offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day. Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge New! Programs for Young Adults

Mountain Climbers

Join us on **Sunday, July 10, 6:30 PM, St. John Church.** Please RSVP by the end of the business day on Friday, July 8 to Michelle Rethman at stjoseph6712@gmail.com or 712-202-6641. We

*The mountains are
calling & I must go*
JOHN MUIR



look forward to seeing you there!

Virtual Bible Study for All Young Adults: Two young ladies of our diocese have established a new young adult group, Frassati Fellowship of Northwest Iowa. Check out more about this exciting new group on Facebook and Instagram! And join the virtual Bible study which begins on **Tuesday, July 5, 7:30 PM.** This is a great way to meet young Catholics in our area, grow deeper in your faith, *and* stay connected to home if you are away.

School-Aged Children

Siouxland Catholic Radio's Vacation Bible School: Join KFHC and Fran O'Tool, VBS Director, for Vacation Bible School, August 1–4. This year's theme is *Love Like Jesus: Brave, Bold, Loud, and Proud!* **Space is limited!** Registration deadline is Thursday, July 14, 2022, 12:00 PM. The registration fee is \$40 (if paid with check) or \$43 (if paid with debit/credit card) per student. The registration fee is waived for younger siblings of group leaders, and scholarships are available. For more information, please visit www.siouxlandcatholicradio.com, or call (712) 224-5342.

Religious Education Catechists: If you haven't already had your exit interview with Michelle, please schedule an interview with her before July 22, 2022. *Thank you.*



St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

June 19, 2022
Registered Families: 185

Envelopes and Loose Giving	1306.10
E-Offering	\$454.58
Building Fund	
Hall Rental	
Needy Fund	
Grain	
Catholic Communications	
Candles	
St. Bernard	\$110.00
Retired/Infirmary	
Total for June 19, 2022	\$1870.68

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, Dana Herman, Denis Herman, 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.

The Monona County Fair will run from July 12- thru July 17th. The Knights of Columbus will again be manning their booth and suppling all fair-goers with delicious food, snacks and ice cold beverages. Please plan on supporting our knights by stopping by the booth and/or volunteering some time helping with the booth. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

We need your help! On July 11th, rock is being delivered for the flower beds around the Church. Volunteers have been working hard to get our flower beds and landscaping in order, but we still need help to complete this. If you or your teenagers are available to help on the 11th, or with some weeding of the beds, we would appreciate it. Please contact Doug Zima @ 420-6702 or the office at 423-1004. Thank you!

We are looking for volunteers for a committee to help us care for the outside and the inside of the Church. This committee will meet about 4 times a year and will assess the conditions of our church buildings and grounds. The committee will then make recommendations to Father and our Finance committee. If you are interested, please contact the office @ 423-1004, Amy Christensen @ 712-490-4484 or Annette Linden @ 420-8698.

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

June 18-19, 2022
Registered Families: 209

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$2030.00
E-Offering	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Maintenance Fund	
Emergency Fund	
Candles	\$54.00
Food Pantry	
Peters Pence	
Aid to Domestic Church	
Ascension of the Lord	
Cemetery Fund/ John Huot	
Cemetery Fund	
Total for June 18-19, 2022	\$2084.00

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, Naina Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Bryson Harder, Sophie Helvey, Richard Hentges, Roger Huot, Elliott Johnson, 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, Frances Schulte and Cal Worrell. For all who travel, those who grieve, those in the military, veterans and their families, and our nation's leaders.



God Laughs

A Minnesotan decides to try horseback riding, despite having had no lessons or prior experience. He mounts the horse unassisted and the horse immediately springs into motion. It gallops along at a steady rhythmic pace, but the Minnesotan begins to slip from the saddle. In terror, he grabs for the horse's mane, but cannot seem to get a firm grip. He tries to throw his arms around the horse's neck, but he slides down the side of the horse anyway. The horse gallops along, seemingly oblivious to its slipping rider. Finally, giving up his frail grip, he leaps away from the horse to try and throw himself to safety. Unfortunately for the Minnesotan, his foot becomes entangled in the stirrup and is now at the mercy of the horse's pounding hooves as his head is struck against the ground again and again. His head is battered against the ground, mere moments away from unconsciousness when...Stan, the Walmart manager, runs out to shut the horse off.

Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph

July 9 @ 4:00 PM

Servers: Hudson Schuetz, Collin & McKenzie Haskell

Eucharistic Minister: Paula Olson

Lector: Michelle Mareau

Greeters: Pete & Marge Rinaldi

Ushers: Bert Ullrich, Monica Kavanaugh
Pete & Marge Rinaldi

Gifts: Paula Olson & Monica Kavanaugh

Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph

July 10 @ 11 AM

Servers: Luke & Levi Willis, Ava Kazos

Eucharistic Minister: Tom Becker

Lector: Mary Herbst

Greeters: Eric Eliason Family

Ushers: Tom & Doreen Becker
John & Heather Hensley

Gifts: Tom & Doreen Becker

Communion to Homebound: Pam Eliason
Monica Kavanaugh

Stewards: Mary Lander & Deanna Smith
10 AM Monday @ St. Joseph



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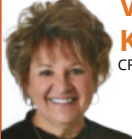
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