

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ NOVEMBER 27, 2016

**ST. JOHN**

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL**

**ST. BERNARD**

*Father Mark Stoll, PH: 712-673-2351 after 4 p.m.*

*Deacon: Rev. Mr. Greg Sampson*

*St. John [stjohnnarcadia@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnnarcadia@gmail.com), PH: 712-689-2595;*

*St. Bernard/OLMC [stbernard@westianet.net](mailto:stbernard@westianet.net), PH: 712-673-2582 9a.m-4 p.m.*

*Website: [ChristTheKingCatholicCommunity.org](http://ChristTheKingCatholicCommunity.org)*

Monday	November 28	7:30 a.m.-At SJ	Marlene Origer
Tuesday	November 29	7:30 a.m.-At SJ	Lawrence Dentlinger
		<b>8:00 a.m.-At SB</b>	<b>Bette Snyder, Ava Adams</b>
Wednesday	November 30	7:30 a.m.-At SJ	Leonard & Armella Venteicher
		<b>8:00 a.m.-At OLMC</b>	<b>Leo &amp; Margaret Huegerich</b>
Thursday	December 1	7:30 a.m.-At SJ	Beanie Ricke
		<b>8:00 a.m.-At SB</b>	<b>All Souls</b>
Friday	December 2	7:30 a.m.-At SJ	Art & Marjory Gerken
		<b>8:00 a.m.-At OLMC</b>	<b>Msgr. Richard Zenk</b>
Saturday	December 3	<b>5:30 p.m.-At SJ</b>	<b>Don &amp; Della Berg, Liv. &amp; Dec'd. of the Ed &amp; Dorothy Vogl Family, Ava Adams &amp; Marilyn Berg</b>
Sunday	December 4	<b>8:00 a.m.-At OLMC</b>	<b>Julian Julich, Paul Grote &amp; Parishioners</b>
		<b>10:00 a.m.-At SB</b>	<b>Mike Snyder, Bette Snyder, Robert Gosch, Francis Olerich, Liv. &amp; Dec'd. of Evelyn Wolterman Fam., Alfred &amp; Alyce Gosch</b>

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** *St. Bernard's* – Sunday's 9:30- 9:45am. and by appointment

*St. John's* – Saturday's 5:00-5:15 p.m. and by appointment, *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel* – Sunday's 7:30-7:45 a.m. and by appointment

	<u>St. John</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	<u>St. Bernard</u>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Sheila Dentlinger (HB) Deacon Greg, Rita Bruch	Jim & Marie Baumhover Gary Schmitz	Gene Nieland, Mary Thatcher Dale Mueggenberg John Wittry (HB)
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>		Tim Schulte, Wayne Bruening, Jim Rohe	John Mueggenberg, Don Rowe
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Randy & Karen Dopheide	Ken & Diane Vonnahme Family	Rich Mueggenberg Larry & Karla Stork Family (M) Russ & Lisa Schelle (S) George & Kay Wernimont (GB)
<b>Servers:</b>	Brianna & Brett Lux Blake Lux	Grant Wiederin, Megan Pudenz Carter Pudenz	Nick Lucas, Grant Gerken Jair Tiefenthaler
<b>Lectors:</b>	Jerome Henkenius	Allan Pudenz	Gene Nieland
<b>Rosary Leaders:</b>	Bob & Sue Hackfort	Norman & Diane Schettler	Gene Nieland
<b>Money Counters:</b>	Stephanie Hansen Pat Vogl	Wayne & Angie Tigges John & Beth Evans	Linda Steinkamp Mary Lou Hermsen

### Finances for Week of November 19/20

<u>St. John</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	<u>St. Bernard</u>
Church Support-Adult \$ 4,713.00	Church Support-Adult \$ 6,190.00	Church Support-Adult \$ 3,495.00
Church Support-Child \$ 3.50	Church Support-Child \$ 0.00	Church Support-Child \$ 2.00
Loose Offering \$ 73.00	Loose Offering \$ 113.00	Loose Offering \$ 86.00
CCHD \$ 2.00	Candle Money \$ 15.00	
Arch. Of Military Serv. \$ 2.00	St. Joseph Education \$ 20.00	
Church Projects \$ 5,000.00		
Improvement Fund \$ 5.00		
Budgeted Mo. Giving \$15,350.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving \$15,000.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving \$20,000.00
Expenses for the Week \$ 5,049.97	Expenses for the Week \$ 9,431.97	Expenses for the Week \$26,710.97
Expenses for the Month \$ 9,385.62	Expenses for the Month \$11,041.53	Expenses for the Month \$28,863.03

### Diocesan Annual Appeal – To Date

	<u>St. John</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	<u>St. Bernard</u>
<b>Goal:</b>	\$7,637.00	\$6,172.00	\$9,565.00
<b>Pledged:</b>	\$8,767.00	\$4,335.00	\$5,340.00
<b># of Pledges Returned:</b>	74/144	49/116	72/189

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:** “Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” [Mt 24:42] is the call of Jesus as we begin ADVENT. This is the season we are called to focus our attention on how we always prepare ourselves for the return of Jesus. The ADVENT WREATH reminds us of the days that are numbered until Jesus’ return, the exact day we do not know. Today is the day we are to be ready. Are you ready? Check out our website [christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/advent](http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/advent) for more information.

During Advent I used the EUCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION II [p.95 in the missal]. This prayer reminds us of the continual call to be reconciled with God. Please pray for our second-grade students who are preparing for their First Reconciliation [December 3/4]. Please plan to attend our parish Communal Reconciliation [Form II] celebrations on Sunday December 11, 1:00 p.m. at St. John, 2:00 p.m. at St. Bernard, and 3:00 p.m. at OLMC. Three priests will be present for confessions.

**Please remember your parish in your will....Your bequest is a testimony to your faith in our future. —Fr. Mark**

**For All Parishes:**

- **CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS** will help us discover the figures who shaped the Church and changed the world. We will be kicking off a series of faith formation sessions on Sunday evening, December 11, 6:30 p.m. with future sessions to be

held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of January and February. In each of these sessions you will be watching a DVD presentation by Bishop Robert Barron. Nobody has ever fallen asleep during any of Bishop Barron's presentations. He really knows his stuff, and presents some fairly deep material. Yet he always is very clear. In this series entitled "The Pivotal Players", Bishop Barron discusses one of the six people he looks upon as leaving an imprint on the work of the Church over the Centuries. In the first session, we will learn all about St. Francis of Assisi and why his message was as important today as it was in the Thirteenth Century. Subsequent sessions will cover St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, Blessed John Newman, G.K. Chesterton, and Michelangelo. Please join us in the Family Ministry room in the St. Bernard school building on December 11. There is no fee.

- **READER OF GOD'S WORD [LECTORS] TRAINING** will be offered by Fr. Mark and Deacon Greg for all persons [boys, girls, men, and women] who have received their First Eucharist and are in the 5th grade and older at the following times and locations: St. Bernard-Wednesday December 14, 7:00 p.m.; Our Lady of Mount Carmel -Wednesday December 21, 7:00 p.m.; St. John-Wednesday December 28, 7:00 p.m. All current Readers of God's Word [Lectors] are encouraged to attend hour-long session for some updating so all may help proclaim the Word of God clearly and understandably so that all who hear may respond. Youth Readers [grades 5-HS] will be assigned the First Reading.
- **MEMORIAL MASS IN WILLEY** will be held **Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Mary to remember all children who died before baptism due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion and other infant fatalities. Names of these children will be read and parents may light candle lit in their honor. If you want your child remembered at this mass, call Brenda at 712-790-0626 or Therese at 712-683-5833.
- **PLANNED GIVING:** Do you own stock which has appreciated greatly since you acquired it? You may be able to make a gift to your parish and receive immediate tax benefits as well as annual income. Contact the Diocese of Sioux City to learn more.
- **DAA 2016, the Bishop's Diocesan Annual Appeal**, assists with supporting Catholic ministries, your parish and our diocese, including pastoral, educational, spiritual and human services that benefit thousands of families throughout the 24 counties in the Diocese of Sioux City! The diocese also helps advance the work of parishes with financial assistance and support services. Without your generous support the vital work of the Church would not be possible. Please return your pledge card on the collection basket this weekend. Donations can also easily be made online at <http://scdiocese.org/daa/>. Thank you to everyone who has returned your card.
- **PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], may contact the pastor at any time of the year to begin the process known as RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ]/RCIC [Rite of Christian Initiation of Children]..
- **The Catholic Daughters** will meet on December 1<sup>st</sup> for the **Christmas Party**. Rosary at 5:10 with Mass at 5:30, followed by Dinner and meeting in the Greteman Center. For reservations, call Marge Hupp at 792-2583 by Nov. 28. Please bring items or a cash donation for the Food Pantry.
- If you enjoy delightful music and powerful witness talks, plan to attend the **Holy Spirit Advent Parish Mission on Dec. 12, 13, & 14 at 7 p.m.** each night. Michael and Mary Poirier have produced 12 Christian music CD's and entertained groups all over the United States for years. No charge. Everyone is welcome.

**St. John: Parish Office, Julie Eich, 712-689-2595, Hours: Mon. & Fri. 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

- The **Parish Council** will meet on **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **WANTED:** Someone to do snow removal of the church sidewalks & steps. A snow blower & blower vac are provided. Please contact the parish office (689-2595).

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Parish Office, Cindy Masching, 712-673-2582, Hours: Mon.- Fri. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**St. Bernard: Parish Office, Cindy Masching, 712-673-2582, Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

- **Choir Practice** on Thursday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m. at Church.
- **FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE SALE** will be held Saturday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Mary Nieland Center. Volunteers [especially parents and children] are encouraged and needed to help with the baking. Orders for six varieties of cookies [to be baked on December 10] are now being taken using the attached order form on St. Bernard's bulletins or the parish website. Completed orders may be picked up December 10, 2:00-4:00 p.m. and after Mass on Sunday, December 11 in the Mary Nieland Center. This is a fundraiser for the Parish of St. Bernard.
- **The Memory Tree** will be up again this year. This year's ornament will be a star that will be placed on the Memory Tree in remembrance of a loved one. There will be three Masses offered while the tree is up in church. If you would like to place an order for a memory tree ornament, please contact Mary Kay Uhlenkamp at 673-4695 or at home at 673-2847. A donation of \$5.00 is asked to place your order. All donations for the memory tree will be given to the St. Bernard Environmental committee to be used for decorations for the church.
- **St Bernard will be kicking off its first Hats and Mittens Drive** through the holiday season. They can be dropped off in the parish office or left in front of St. Joseph's Altar. All hats and mittens collected will be given to local children in need at Christmas.
- The **Guild Christmas Party** will be held on **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Mary Nieland Center. Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m with dinner at 7 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$10. Please RSVP by December 5<sup>th</sup> to Mary Lou Grabner 673-2707, Joan Halbur 673-2534 or Christi Haberl 210-6375.
- Breda ladies will be playing **Bingo** at the Hawkeye Care Center at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. At 3 p.m., we will celebrate with a **birthday party for Leona Buelt**. Leona resides at the Hawkeye Care Center. Everyone is welcome to join the party. For a ride, please call Arlene Mueggenberg at 673-2649.
- Our Parish family is having a birthday card shower for **Earl Boes**. His address is: St. Anthony Nursing Home---406 E. Anthony, Carroll.

**Kuemper News:**

- **Wednesday, November 30:** Grades K-5 Mass at Holy Spirit Church – 8:15 a.m.; Kuemper High School Reconciliation at Holy Spirit Church – 10:30 a.m.
- **Thursday, December 1:** Grades 6-8 Mass at St Lawrence Church – 8:20 a.m.; Catholic Identity Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m.



*God Bless You*