

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 4, 2016

ST. JOHN

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

ST. BERNARD

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

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Website: ChristTheKingCatholicCommunity.org

Monday	December 5	7:30 a.m.-At SJ	Ivan, Margaret & Herman Schrad
Tuesday	December 6	7:30 a.m.-At SJ	Marilyn Berg
		8:00 a.m.-At SB	Roger Snyder, Maxwell Kies
Wednesday	December 7	7:30 a.m.-At SJ	Vince & Frances Wolterman
		7:00 p.m.-At OLMC	Judy Loneman
Thursday	December 8	7:30 a.m.-At SJ	Letty Stender
		8:00 a.m.-At SB	Albert Ludwig Family, Marilyn Berg
Friday	December 9	7:30 a.m.-At SJ	Rita Sundrup
		8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	Ruth Bellinghausen
Saturday	December 10	5:30 p.m.-At SJ	Living & Deceased of the Eugene & Irma Schrad Family,
			Richard Ricke & Don Lampman
Sunday	December 11	8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	Leo & Margaret Huegerich
		10:00 a.m.-At SB	Melvin & Darlene Clark, Neil Reising, Elva Schulte,
			Melvin Nieland & Parishioners

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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th – Weekday Ministers/Volunteers – All Parishes

	<u>St. John</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	<u>St. Bernard</u>
Eucharistic Ministers:	Ed Vogl (HB) Jim & Jean Eischeid	Deacon Greg, Brian Hoffman Joe Lenaghan	Judy Koster, Joanel Koster Jen Tiefenthaler Chuck Thatcher (HB)
Ushers/Greeters		Wayne Tigges, Norman Schettler, Dennis Ludwig	John Mueggenberg, Don Rowe
Gift Bearers:	Bob & Irene Schroeder	Craig & Lisa Wiederin Family	Rich Mueggenberg Rich & Linda Huegerich (M) Dale & Arlene Mueggenberg (S) Bob/Dorothy Heisterkamp (GB)
Servers:	Mikayla & Jacob Blum Cooper Pottebaum	Jessica Venner, Kaylyn Wiederin Samantha Schmitz	Jordan Stork, Britt Pudenz Keagan Wiskus
Lectors:	Shirley Tomka	Brian Hoffman	Dorothy Heisterkamp
Rosary Leaders:	Jerome & Norma Henkenius	Wayne & Angie Tigges	Gene Nieland
Money Counters:	Mary Jo Berning Rita Bruch	Brian & Joan Hoffman Ed & Annette Haberl	Linda Steinkamp Mary Lou Hermsen

Finances for Week of November 26/27

<u>St. John</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	<u>St. Bernard</u>
Church Support-Adult \$ 3,049.00	Church Support-Adult \$ 1,995.00	Church Support-Adult \$ 3,830.00
Church Support-Child \$ 13.00	Church Support-Child \$ 0.00	Church Support-Child \$ 2.00
Loose Offering \$ 73.00	Loose Offering \$ 43.25	Loose Offering \$ 85.00
CCHD \$ 200.00	Candle Money \$ 10.00	
St. Joseph Education \$ 100.00	CCHD \$ 10.00	
Budgeted Mo. Giving \$15,350.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving \$15,000.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving \$20,000.00
Expenses for the Week \$ 3,743.83	Expenses for the Week \$11,508.14	Expenses for the Week \$29,050.44
Expenses for the Month \$13,129.45	Expenses for the Month \$13,117.70	Expenses for the Month \$31,913.47

Diocesan Annual Appeal – To Date

	<u>St. John</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	<u>St. Bernard</u>
Goal:	\$7,637.00	\$6,172.00	\$9,565.00
Pledged:	\$8,767.00	\$4,360.00	\$5,340.00
# of Pledges Returned:	74/144	50/116	72/189

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” is the cry of John the Baptist in the desert of Judea. Have you repented? Check out our website christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/reconciliation for more information. Congratulations to our second-grade students who celebrate their First Reconciliation this weekend. 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:

- **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**, December 8, is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be celebrated December 7, 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, December 8, 7:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist and 8:00 a.m. at St. Bernard.
- **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.
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** will be December 24/25. In 2015, Catholic Charities served over 1,500 people, 50% of which earned a family income of less than \$37,000. Most of the clients who receive counseling services would have otherwise not been able to access mental health care. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners who were able to give at the annual Christmas collection, these services were accessible to those who have the greatest need.
- **BAPTISM CLASS ...** if you are expecting a child or wishing to baptize a child, please contact the pastor to register for baptism class [if this is your first child or if it has been more than five years since the baptism of your previous child]. The Church asks us to baptize as soon as possible after the birth of a child. Baptism is often celebrated outside of Mass. Baptism may also be celebrated during Mass. In fact, it is preferred to celebrate baptisms during Mass especially if both parents are Catholic as we have a larger community present to welcome the new child of God. Celebrating Baptism during Mass adds only a few minutes to the Mass. The date of Baptism is to be arranged with the pastor after completion of a Baptism Class [held quarterly]. The next Baptism Class is Thursday, January 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Family Ministry Room at St. Bernard-Breda.
- **PLANNED GIVING:** Don't cancel life insurance you no longer need. By naming your parish as beneficiary, you'll provide lasting financial support and possibly qualify for tax benefits as well. Leave a legacy by calling your insurance agent for more information. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your policy and it can be done in less than five minutes. Contact the Diocese of Sioux City to learn more.
- **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.
- **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].
- **HOUR OF GRACE:** St. Rose of Lima #6 Catholic Daughters will be hosting the Hour of Grace again this year on Thursday, December 8th at Holy Spirit Church at 12 noon. The prayer service consists of Psalm 51, the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome!
- There will be a **Carroll Community Christmas Concert** on Sunday, December 11th at Holy Spirit in Carroll at 3 p.m.
- 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.

- **As we enter the winter season, if school is cancelled or having a late start, no week day Mass that day.**
- **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**.
- The **Parish Council** will meet on **Tuesday, December 6th at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- The **church support envelopes for 2017** are available in the back of Church.
- **Help is needed** in decorating the Church for Christmas on **Tuesday, December 13th at 6 p.m.** Pizza will be provided for the helpers.
- **WANTED: We are desperately looking for 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.

- Due to everyone's busy schedules and the holidays upon us, we will not be having the Election of Officer's dinner. The Men's and Women's Club officers for the New Year are Ann and Greg Haberl and Steve and Jen Pudenz.

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

- **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**.
- **Choir Practice** on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. in Church.
- **Guitar Practice** on Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 p.m. in 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 7th** 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 5th to Mary Lou Grabner 673-2707, Joan Halbur 673-2534 or Christi Haberl 210-6375.
- Our Parish family is having a birthday card shower for **Earl Boes**. His address is: St. Anthony Nursing Home---406 E. Anthony, Carroll.