

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 11, 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	December 12	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Living & Deceased of the Erwin & Rita Vonnahme Family
Tuesday	December 13	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Vernis Bueltel
		<b>8:00 a.m.-At SB</b>	<b>John Nevicosi</b>
Wednesday	December 14	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	M/M Leo Timmerman
		<b>8:00 a.m.-At OLMC</b>	<b>Joe Reiff Family</b>
Thursday	December 15	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Don Lampman
		<b>8:00 a.m.-At SB</b>	<b>Ed &amp; Gary Boes</b>
Friday	December 16	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Wilbur Hinners
		<b>8:00 a.m.-At OLMC</b>	<b>Glenn Bernholtz</b>
Saturday	December 17	<b>5:30 p.m.-At SJ</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased of the Al &amp; Evelyn Wiederhold Family, Bob Sundrup, Rita Sundrup, Richard Ricke &amp; Parishioners</b>
Sunday	December 18	<b>8:00 a.m.-At OLMC</b>	<b>Myrtle Goecke &amp; Julian Julich</b>
		<b>10:00 a.m.-At SB</b>	<b>Dale Snyder, Liv. &amp; Dec'd. of Eugene &amp; Irma Schrad Fam., Margaret Nagl, Lawrence &amp; Mary Haverman, Roger Snyder</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>	Joel Dentlinger (HB) Deacon Greg, Margaret Gruba	Deacon Greg, Annette Haberl Arlene Wittrock	Deacon Greg, Marri Wittry Mary Kay Uhlenkamp Lori Snyder (HB)
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>		Al Pudenz, Dean Pudenz, Ed Haberl	John Mueggenberg, Don Rowe
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Tammy Blum, Michelle Schuette	Ed & Annette Haberl	Rich Mueggenberg Chuck & Mary Thatcher (M) Gene & Becky Nieland (S) Mike & Ginny Uhlenkamp (GB)
<b>Servers:</b>	Chris & Andrea Gehling Emily Gehling	Nolan Toms, Colby Pudenz Ben Schmitz	Lexi & Regan Gerken Mya Knobbe
<b>Lectors:</b>	Joel Dentlinger	Michelle Pudenz	John Wittry
<b>Rosary Leaders:</b>	Mary Theresa Hoffmann	Marvin & Betty Huegerich	Gene Nieland
<b>Money Counters:</b>	Mary Jo Berning Rita Bruch	Scott & Donna Wiederin Gary & Ann Schmitz	Linda Steinkamp Mary Lou Hermsen

### **Finances for Week of December 3/4**

<u>St. John</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	<u>St. Bernard</u>
Church Support-Adult \$ 3,491.00	Church Support-Adult \$ 3,010.00	Church Support-Adult \$11,876.00
Church Support-Child \$ 13.55	Church Support-Child \$ 0.00	Church Support-Child \$ 2.00
Loose Offering \$ 95.00	Loose Offering \$ 49.00	Loose Offering \$ 86.10
Bazaar Fund II \$ 900.00	Candle Money \$ 18.00	
Candle Money \$ 150.61		
Budgeted Mo. Giving \$15,350.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving \$15,000.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving \$20,000.00
Expenses for the Week \$ 3,182.02	Expenses for the Week \$ 2,490.51	Expenses for the Week \$ 3,993.74
Expenses for the Month \$ 3,182.02	Expenses for the Month \$ 2,490.51	Expenses for the Month \$ 3,993.74

### **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>	\$8,877.00	\$4,360.00	\$5,340.00
<b># of Pledges Returned:</b>	75/144	50/116	72/189

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:** St. James writes: "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient." Patience is a virtue much needed in our lives. If you have trouble with patience, perhaps it is time to go to confession. Please plan to attend one of 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. Check out our website [christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/reconciliation](http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/reconciliation) for more information.

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. The first 10 persons/couples to arrive will receive a free CD of meditations for the Christmas Season by Bishop Robert Barron.

- **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.
- **COLLECTION ENVELOPES** from any of these three parishes may be placed in any of the three parishes collection baskets and your contribution will be forwarded to your parish.
- **CONTACT INFORMATION** for Fr. Mark and other parish office staff may be found on our website under ABOUT/STAFF and ABOUT/CONTACT US.
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** will be December 24/25. Children make up almost half of the clients seen at Catholic Charities each year. They come to us having suffered from abuse, experiencing problems at school, and broken. Our licensed therapists are able to help them heal and build healthy relationships with the safe people in their lives. Catholic Charities is able to provide these services on a sliding fee scale basis because of the generosity of our parishes that take up a second collection at Christmas each year.
- **PLANNED GIVING:** Will your estate be eaten up by taxes? It doesn't have to happen. Planned giving programs can help you avoid gifting the state when you didn't intend to, as you preserve your Catholic heritage. 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].
- 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.
- Carroll Community Blood Drive will be held at the National Guard Armory on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 6 p.m. Call Deb 712-830-7612 to make an appointment.

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

- **BEGINNING MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. FOR THE WINTER.**
- **As we enter the winter season, if school is cancelled or having a late start, no week day Mass that day.**
- 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** Pizza will be provided for the helpers.
- Plans are being made for the **Christmas Pageant at the Christmas Eve Mass** at St. John's at 4 p.m. Families with students K-6th grade are asked to contact Maureen Freese at 689-2394 or Mae Vonnahme at 689-2470 if they would like to participate. We will set up a practice time after we are assured that we have enough children who would like to be involved.
- **WANTED: Bids are being taken** 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.**

- Anyone wishing to **donate towards the seasonal purchase of flowers for the church altars** please put your donation in the Sunday regular collection with "Flowers" noted on the envelope.
- **Choir practice** on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!
- We will be **decorating the church for Christmas** after 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please also join us for coffee and donuts that morning.
- 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.**

- There will be **Coffee and Cookies after Mass** Sunday morning, December 11th. Everyone is welcome to join us after Mass.
- **Choir Practice** on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Church.
- **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our **FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE SALE.**
- Lady foresters will meet on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 p.m. at Victoria's for a Christmas Party of cards and short meeting. Guest are welcome!!
- **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.
- There will be a **birthday party for Romaine Wittry** on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. at the Regency Park Nursing Home in Carroll. Everyone is welcome to join the party. For a ride, Please call Arlene Mueggenberg at 673-2649.
- **Get your early bird Valentine dance tickets!** Now is the time to start thinking about getting your early bird tickets for the **St. Bernard's annual Valentine Dance.** This year's event will be held Saturday, February 18, 2016, at the Breda American Legion Hall. The evening will start with a happy hour from 6-7 PM followed by a dinner catered by Lidderdale Country Store. Tickets are \$75.00 each. Entertainment will be provided by Brad Morgan. Cash drawings will be held throughout the night. Get your tickets before January 8, 2017 to be entered into an early bird drawing to win one of 2 \$50 cash prizes! Semi-formal dress is required. For more information, purchase tickets or donate please contact any of the committee members: Brian and Kayla Tiefenthaler (830-5166), Alex and Erin Koster (210-2244), Aaron and Alyce Nieland (830-1823), Kevin and Stephanie Neumayer (830-4914), Devin and Mimi Pudenz (790-2553), Aaron and Carrie Schulz (790-9617).