

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 18, 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 19	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Lawrence Dentlinger
Tuesday	December 20	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Marilyn Berg
		<b>8:00 a.m.-At SB</b>	<b>Melvin Nieland</b>
Wednesday	December 21	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Bud & Bernice Steinkamp
		<b>8:00 a.m.-At OLMC</b>	<b>Duane Schrad</b>
Thursday	December 22	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Leonard & Armella Venteicher
		<b>8:00 a.m.-At SB</b>	<b>Marilyn Berg</b>
Friday	December 23	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Peter Hansen
		<b>8:00 a.m.-At OLMC</b>	<b>Wilbert &amp; Melvina Wuebker</b>
Saturday	December 24	<b>4:00 p.m.-At SJ</b>	<b>Bernard &amp; Lavine Paige, Leroy Vonnahme, Don Diers, Ava Adams &amp; Marlene Origer</b>
		<b>6:00 p.m.-At SB</b>	<b>Dec'd. of Connie Nieland Fam., Memory Tree, Bette Snyder, Liv. &amp; Dec'd. of Virgil &amp; Betty Neumayer Fam., Edgar, Elva &amp; John Schulte, Dale Snyder, Maxwell Kies, David Gehling, Liv. &amp; Dec'd. of AJ &amp; Ruth Schwarzkopf Fam., Kenny Snyder, Scott Koster &amp; Norman Nieland</b>
Sunday	December 25	<b>9:00 a.m.-At OLMC</b>	<b>Jerry Janning &amp; Parishioners</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>	Deacon Greg, Maureen Freese Julie Eich Jim & Jean Eischeid Pat Vogl (HB)	Deacon Greg, Lori Loneman Dorothy Bellinghausen	Deacon Greg, Jean Grote Gene Nieland
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Dan & Donna Henkenius	Marvin Huegerich, Dave Wittry, Kevin Tigges	John Mueggenberg, Don Rowe
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Brian & Ashten Pottebaum	Wayne & Angie Tigges Family	Rich Mueggenberg Connie & Gene Weber (M) Lois Reiff & Joanel Koster (S) Alvin & Sue Mueggenberg (GB)
<b>Servers:</b>	Justin Schroeder, Kyle Ricke Mikayla Blum, Andrea Gehling	Collin Wiederin, Isaac Evans Joshua Tigges	Colin & Connor, Cami Uhlenkamp & Caden Knobbe
<b>Lectors:</b>	Kimberly Eich	Gary Schmitz	Chris Uhlenkamp
<b>Rosary Leaders:</b>	Marietta Ricke	Norman & Diane Schettler	Gene Nieland
<b>Money Counters:</b>	Mary Jo Berning Rita Bruch	Marvin & Betty Huegerich Michelle Pudenz	Linda Steinkamp Mary Lou Hermsen

**Finances for Week of December 10/11**

<u>St. John</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	<u>St. Bernard</u>
Church Support-Adult \$ 2,370.00	Church Support-Adult \$ 2,240.00	Church Support-Adult \$ 5,331.00
Church Support-Child \$ 5.00	Church Support-Child \$ 0.00	Church Support-Child \$ 0.00
Loose Offering \$ 38.00	Loose Offering \$ 30.00	Loose Offering \$ 121.00
Bazaar Fund II \$ 1,300.00	Candle Money \$ 23.00	Catholic Charities \$ 200.00
		Retired Priests \$ 40.00
Budgeted Mo. Giving \$15,350.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving \$15,000.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving \$20,000.00
Expenses for the Week \$10,317.04	Expenses for the Week \$ 0.00	Expenses for the Week \$ 2,380.28
Expenses for the Month \$13,499.06	Expenses for the Month \$ 2,113.53	Expenses for the Month \$ 5,997.03

**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>	\$8,877.00	\$4,360.00	\$5,490.00
<b># of Pledges Returned:</b>	75/144	50/116	74/189

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:** Thank to everyone who attended one of our three parish Communal Reconciliation [Form II] celebrations and/or who attended our first PIVOTAL PLAYERS session last Sunday. St. Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah in today's Gospel: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" As we begin this fourth week of Advent [which we are able to celebrate for all seven [7] days this year], we continue to prepare for Christ's return by focusing on the fact the Jesus is the reason for this season. Check out our website [christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/advent](http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/advent) 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:**

- **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**, December 25, is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be celebrated Saturday, December 24, 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist and 6:00 p.m. at St. Bernard, and Sunday, December 25, 9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

- **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: 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:** Parents do the best they can with what they have been given, and at Catholic Charities, we try to provide more tools and resources for parenting in today's world. Love & Logic is a program that gives parents basic skills to help parent their child. What a resource-as those of us with kids know that it is the greatest gift in the world to be a mom or dad, and also the hardest. These classes are offered FREE of charge to anyone who is interested because of the generous donations that are given by parishioners at the second collection at Christmas each year. We will take a SECOND COLLECTION after Holy Communion at the Christmas Eve and Day Masses.
- **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. in the Family Ministry Room at St. Bernard-Breda.
- **CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS** will help us discover the figures who shaped the Church and changed the world. In each session we watch a DVD presentation by Bishop Robert Barron as he discusses one of the six people he believes has left an imprint on the work of the Church over the Centuries. We will continue our series of faith formation sessions on Sunday evening, January 8, 6:30 p.m. with St. Francis of Assisi: The Reformer, Part II in the Family Ministry room in the St. Bernard school building. There is no fee. Please join us even if you missed Part I.
- **PLANNED GIVING:** Gifts of Stock Avoid Capital Gains Tax. If you own appreciated stock or property, you may wish to consider giving the stock or property to the parish rather than cash. You are able to deduct the full value of the stock, avoid the capital gains tax and make a substantial gift to the parish. A good steward uses his or her assets in a way that does the most good. For more information on how you might do this, contact the Diocese of Sioux City.
- **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.
- **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. Please return your pledge card in the collection basket or make a donation online at <http://scdiocese.org/daa/>. Thank you to everyone who has returned your card.
- **CONTACT INFORMATION** for Fr. Mark and other parish office staff may be found on our website under ABOUT/STAFF and ABOUT/CONTACT US.
- **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 Arcadia Blood Drive** will be Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. For an appointment please call Sue at 689-2318. Walk-ins are also welcome. You can also download the Blood Donor App at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). to set up an appointment. Also you can speed up the process by doing your history at Rapid Pass.

**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.**
- **Anyone wishing to donate a poinsettia** to decorate our church for Christmas is asked to please set them in the north sacristy the week of December 18.
- The **church support envelopes for 2017** are available in the back of Church.
- 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.
- 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.
- **Raffle Items** are needed for the upcoming Parish Breakfast. Please contact Ann Haberl at 830-7748 or Jen Pudenz at 830-5625.

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

- St. Bernard Choir practice will be held on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in church.
- **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).