

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 3, 2017

ST. JOHN

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

ST. BERNARD

Father Kevin Richter, Pastor ~ Father Mark Stoll, Parochial Vicar PH: 712-673-2351 after 4 p.m.

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Website: ChristTheKingCatholicCommunity.org

Monday	December 4	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Eileen Schmitz+
Tuesday	December 5	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Living & Deceased of the Otmar & Elaine Bierl Family
		8:00 a.m.-At SB	Mike Snyder+
Wednesday	December 6	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Alfred & Evelyn Wiederhold+
		8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	Germaine Schrad+
Thursday	December 7	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Vince & Francis Wolterman+
		8:00 a.m.-At SB	Eunice Reising+
		7:00 p.m.-At SB	Maxwell Kies+
Friday	December 8	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Donna Tigges+
		8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	Don Hannasch+
Saturday	December 9	5:30 p.m.-At SJ	Family of Ava Adams, Rita Sundrup+
Sunday	December 10	8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	Ray Schettler+
		10:00 a.m.-At SB	Liv. & Dec'd of AJ & Ruth Schwarzkopf Fam., Bette Snyder+

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

PRESIDER: Fr. Brian Feller

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Volunteers (All Parishes)

	<u>St. John</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	<u>St. Bernard</u>
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pat Vogl (HB) Mary Jo Berning, Rita Bruch	Bob & Mary Pat Venner Alan Lemker	Deacon Greg, Chuck Thatcher Mary Kay Uhlenkamp Chuck Thatcher (HB)
Ushers/Greeters	Bob & Julie Steinkamp	Youth	Jasen Tiefenthaler, Chris Koster
Gift Bearers:		Youth	Mike Koster Larry & Karla Stork (M) Urban & Pat Koster (S) Mike & Ginny Uhlenkamp (GB)
Servers:	Brianna, Blake & Brett Lux	Isaac Evans, Carter Pudenz Ben Schmitz	Tre, Caden & Mya Knobbe
Readers:	Peg Scheidt	Michelle Pudenz & youth	Gene Nieland
Rosary Leaders:	Mary Theresa Hoffmann	Wayne & Angie Tigges	Gene Nieland
Money Counters:	Mary Jo Berning Rita Bruch	Gary & Ann Schmitz Michelle Pudenz	Linda Steinkamp Mary Lou Hermsen

Finances for Week of November 26

<u>St. John</u>		<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>		<u>St. Bernard</u>	
Church Support-Adult	\$ 6,965.00	Church Support-Adult	\$ 745.00	Church Support-Adult	\$ 1,330.00
Church Support-Child	\$ 2.00	Church Support-Child	\$ 14.00	Church Support-Child	\$ 2.00
Loose Offering	\$ 77.00	Loose Offering	\$ 157.00	Loose Offering	\$ 147.00
Guild Dues	\$ 2.00	Candle Money	\$ 17.00	Candle Money	\$ 12.00
CCHD	\$ 275.00	Cemetery (OLMC-MC)	\$ 1,000.00	For Gym Floor	\$ 100.00
		CCHD	\$ 115.00	CCHD	\$ 99.00
Budgeted Mo. Giving	\$20,040.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving	\$17,015.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving	\$28,502.00
Income this month	\$25,587.78	Income this month	\$15,708.70	Income this month	\$ 8,545.10
Expenses for the Week	\$ 6,842.06	Expenses for the Week	\$ 1,209.05	Expenses for the Week	\$ 3,966.54
Expenses for the Month	\$41,629.18	Expenses for the Month	\$ 4,188.96	Expenses for the Month	\$10,815.43
DAA Goal	\$ 7,064.00	DAA Goal	\$ 5,709.00	DAA Goal	\$ 8,848.00
DAA Pledged/Given	\$ 7,162/\$7,162	DAA Pledged/Given	\$ 4,085/\$3,835	DAA Pledged/Given	\$5,545/\$5,020
54 Cards Returned		46 Cards Returned		72 Cards Returned	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Advent Season: Having entered the Advent season, I remind you that we have Free Books (Joy to the World by Scott Hahn) and Free Advent Candles sets. The books and candles can be found in the church entrances or at your parish office. I also encourage you to sign up for the Free Advent online retreat at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Holy Day Masses: This coming Friday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast for our country and a holy day of obligation. Every Catholic is expected to attend Mass on this day. Listed below is our schedule of Masses throughout the cluster parishes of the county:

Thursday, December 7 (Vigil Mass)

5:00pm Holy Angels, Roselle
5:30pm St. Elizabeth Seton, Glidden
5:30pm Holy Spirit, Carroll
6:30pm Sacred Heart, Templeton
6:30pm St. Mary, Willey
7:00pm St. Bernard, Breda

Friday, December 8

7:00am Holy Spirit, Carroll
8:00am St. John, Arcadia
8:00am Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mt. Carmel
8:00am Annunciation, Coon Rapids
8:00am Holy Family, Lidderdale
8:00am St. Augustine, Halbur
8:25am St. Lawrence, Carroll
8:25am Holy Spirit, Carroll
12:00pm St. Lawrence, Carroll
5:30pm St. Lawrence, Carroll
5:30pm St. Joseph, Dedham

Fr. Kevin Richter

FROM THE DESK OF THE Regional PAROCHIAL VICAR: This weekend Fr. Brian Feller is the presider as we kick off Advent. Check out our website <https://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/advent> for more information about Advent including two prayers that may be used to bless the Advent Wreath in the home. **Please remember your parish in your will.....Your bequest is a testimony to your faith in our future.** —Fr. Mark

For All Parishes:

- **UPCOMING EVENTS: ADVENT-CHRISTMAS**
Friday December 8 – HOLY DAY: Immaculate Conception of Mary
Thursday December 7 - 7:00 p.m.- Eucharist at St. Bernard; Friday December 8 - 8:00 a.m.- Eucharist at Our Lady of Mount Carmel; 8:00 a.m.- Eucharist at St. John the Baptist
Sunday December 17 - CTKCC Communal Reconciliation Liturgy/Celebration 1:00 p.m. at St. Bernard
Monday December 25 – HOLY DAY: Nativity of the Lord
Sunday December 24 - 4:00 p.m. Eucharist at Our Lady of Mount Carmel; 6:00 p.m. Eucharist at St. John the Baptist
Monday December 25 - 9:00 a.m. Eucharist at St. Bernard
Monday January 1 – Solemnity of the Mother of God - Monday January 1 8:00 a.m. - Eucharist at St. John the Baptist;
9:00 a.m. - Eucharist at St. Bernard
- **BAPTISM CLASS** ... if you are expecting a child or wishing to baptize a child, please contact the parish office at Breda 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 date of Baptism is to be arranged with the pastor after completion of a Baptism Class [held quarterly]. The next Baptism Class is Wednesday December 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Ministry Room at St. Bernard-Breda.
- **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development last weekend.
- **BEST ADVENT EVER**...Rediscover the joy of preparing for Christmas. Sign up for free daily videos and words of inspiration sent to your e-mail address each day during Advent at BestAdventEver.com/Youreinvited
- **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** for mothers to help us enter into the Advent season in a meaningful way, sponsored by the Carroll County Youth Ministry and lead by Carly Meixner, will be held Saturdays 8:30-9:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence-Carroll and Thursday, December 7, 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Augustine-Halbur, Tuesday, December 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Family Ministry Room at St. Bernard-Breda, and Monday, December 18, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Annunciation-Coon Rapids. No sign-up is required. If you have any questions, please contact Carly by email at coordinator.ccy@gmail.com or by call/text at 712-357-5406.
- **MEN'S WELCOME WEEKEND RETREAT** will be March 3-4, 2018, and **WOMEN'S WELCOME WEEKEND RETREAT** will be March 24-25, 2018. We have transitioned to Welcome, a product from Dynamic Catholic. If "Rediscover Jesus", "Resisting Happiness" or "Rediscover Catholicism" spoke to you, this is the retreat weekend for you!
- **READERS OF GOD'S WORD**...the Workbook for 2018 to prepare for each Sunday's readings is available in each sacristy for your use. Please borrow and return.
- **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**...the Handbook for 2018 to assist you when you visit the homebound is available in each sacristy for your use. Please borrow and return.
- **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL [DAA]** continues. Thank you to the parishioners who have returned your pledge cards. If you have not returned your card with pledge and payment, please do so this week.
- **NEW MINISTERS** [Rosary Leaders] are needed in each parish. Contact your parish office.
- **GRAIN DONATIONS** are accepted by the parish IF the farmer transfers ownership of the grain to the parish using the proper Grain Transfer Form found on the parish website. Then the grain cooperative is to contact the parish office to notify the staff that the parish is now owners of the grain. It is then the responsibility of the parish staff to sell the grain at its discretion. We are grateful for any and all donations which are made to the parish for the mission of the parish. The most convenient donations are made via cash donations [cash or check] from the donors' bank account. The custom where by farmers take a load of grain to their local cooperative and ask the cooperative to write a check out to the parish is illegal according to IRS rules and thus the parish has the right and will refuse to accept grain checks using this procedure. If you have any questions, please contact your parish office. Thank you.
- **JOB OPENING:** Parish Bookkeeper/Secretary PART-TIME to complete all financial transactions for St. Bernard & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. For more information and/or to apply contact Fr. Mark at 712-673-2582. Application is available on the parish website.
- **NEW PARISHIONERS** may register in the parish of their choice by visiting <http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/parish-registration> [under the ABOUT drop-down menu].
- **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 Dec. 7th at Holy Spirit with Rosary at 5:10 and Mass at 5:30 with Dinner and Meeting to follow in the Greteman Center. For reservations, call Marge Hupp at 792-2583 by Dec. 4th. Entertainment will be provided by the Dea Family. Please remember to bring your donation for the Food Pantry, as well as Rosaries for the CDA State project.
- **SAVE THE DATE!!** September 29-30, 2018 Christ Our Life Conference at Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines, IA. Hear world class speakers, celebrate Mass among thousands, fill your spirit with music, attend reconciliation, visit Jesus in adoration and feel your soul rejoice. To check it out go to www.christourlifeiowa.com or we also have a facebook page...<https://www.facebook.com/ChristOurLifeIowa> Invite a friend to join you in this new experience! We hope to see you in Des Moines.

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

- **CEMETERY UPDATE:** Now that we have completed the purchase process of the 2.45 acres south of the existing cemetery, work has begun to remove the fence on the south side of the existing cemetery and install a fence on the west side of the new property. Volunteers are needed on the Cemetery Committee which will meet this winter to discuss and plan cemetery work.
- **WANTED: Children to sing at our Christmas Eve Mass.** Choir practice will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 2 p.m. and Wednesday, December 20 at 4 p.m. in the Church for ALL children, kindergarten-12th grade in our parish wishing to sing.
- **WANTED:** New members for the Cemetery Committee. Please contact Fr. Mark.
- **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, 712-673-2582, Hours: Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- **PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be Sunday December 10, 4:00-7:00 p.m. in parish hall. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making a visit 4:15-4:30 p.m. Supper will begin at 5:00 p.m. Each family is asked to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Please sign up in the back of church to indicate your attendance so the Men's/Women's Club can plan on how much meat to prepare. All are welcome.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Monday, December 4 at 6:30. All are welcome!
- **FRONT STEPS CHURCH CARPETING** will be replaced this fall. The deteriorating carpet has been removed. This project was approved by the Parish Council earlier this year.
- **CHURCH CLEANING**—families are asked to pick a month of the year to clean the church cleaning (general dusting, vacuuming, and bathroom cleaning) once or twice during your appointed month. This is good service hours for youth. Please sign up for a month on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

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

- **THANK YOU** to everyone who assisted with church cleaning this past week.
- **GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY** is Wednesday December 6 with social hour at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$8. Call Deb Nieland 673-2659 or Karen Nieland 673-4483 to make reservations by December 3.
- **LENDING LIBRARY** is available at St. Bernard in the entrance of the church. **HAVE YOU CHECKED IT OUT?**
- **WE WILL BE DOING THE MEMORY TREE AGAIN THIS YEAR.** The ornament for this year will be a gift package cut out of cedar. Same as before, \$5.00 donation. Three Masses will be said during the Christmas Season for those remembered on the Memory tree. To order an ornament, see or call Mary Kay Uhlenkamp.[673-4695].