

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 10, 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.

Fr. Richard Remmes, PH: 712-790-6888; Deacon: Rev. Mr. Greg Sampson

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St. Bernard/OLMC stbernard@westianet.net, PH: 712-673-2582 9a.m.-4 p.m.

Website: ChristTheKingCatholicCommunity.org

Monday	December 11	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Rita Knutson+
Tuesday	December 12	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Charlotte Schweers+
		8:00 a.m.-At SB	Morning Prayer with Deacon Greg
		8:25 a.m.-At KCS-SL	Albert & Marian Berning+
		10:00 a.m.-At Regency	Fr. Gene Walding+
Wednesday	December 13	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Eileen Schmitz+
		8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	Germaine Schrad+
Thursday	December 14	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Lorraine Vonnahme+
		8:00 a.m.-At SB	Laura Boes+
Friday	December 15	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Arlene Schroeder+
		8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	Don Hannasch+
Saturday	December 16	5:30 p.m.-At SJ	Joseph & Mary Anstoeter+/Marvin Hoffmann+
Sunday	December 17	8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	Glenn Bernholtz+
		10:00 a.m.-At SB	Virgil & Betty Neumayer+, Dale Snyder+, Becky & Bill Mueggenberg+

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. Mark Stoll

	<u>St. John</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	<u>St. Bernard</u>
Eucharistic Ministers:	Ed Vogl (HB) Deacon Greg, Jerome Henkenius	Deacon Greg, Jim Baumhover Brian Hoffman	Deacon Greg, Leonard Grote Chris Koster Lori Snyder (HB)
Ushers/Greeters	Kraig & Renee Lux	Kevin Tigges, Dave Wittry, Russ Pudenz	Jasen Tiefenthaler, Chris Koster
Gift Bearers:		Bob & Jenny Bauer Family	Mike Koster Marilyn Snyder, Pat Schwarzkopf (M) Don Rowe, Myrna Snyder (S) Gene & Becky Nieland (GB)
Servers:	Colin Johnson, Jacob Blum Emily Hiners	Grant Wiederin, Owen Nepple Samantha Schmitz	Keagan & Bryce Wiskus Nick Lucas
Readers:	Kimberly Kraus	Gary Schmitz	Alvin Mueggenberg
Rosary Leaders:	Jerome & Norma Henkenius	Marvin & Betty Huegerich	Gene Nieland
Money Counters:	Mary Jo Berning Rita Bruch	Scott & Donna Wiederin Marvin & Betty Huegerich	Linda Steinkamp Mary Lou Hermsen

Finances for Week of December 3

<u>St. John</u>		<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>		<u>St. Bernard</u>	
Church Support-Adult	\$ 3,623.00	Church Support-Adult	\$ 3,770.00	Church Support-Adult	\$ 2,145.00
Church Support-Child	\$ 1.00	Church Support-Child	\$ 13.00	Church Support-Child	\$ 100.00
Loose Offering	\$ 164.00	Loose Offering	\$ 115.00	Loose Offering	\$ 287.00
Hall Rental	\$ 50.00	Candle Money	\$ 36.00	Candle Money	\$ 4.00
CCRE	\$ 50.00			Other Income	1,666.55
				CCHD	\$ 1.00
				Rental	\$ 275.00
Budgeted Mo. Giving	\$20,040.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving	\$17,015.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving	\$28,502.00
Income this month	\$ 3,888.00	Income this month	\$ 3,934.00	Income this month	\$ 4,477.55
Expenses for the Week	\$ 4,401.27	Expenses for the Week	\$12,622.17	Expenses for the Week	\$16,144.32
Expenses for the Month	\$ 4,401.27	Expenses for the Month	\$12,622.17	Expenses for the Month	\$16,144.32
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	\$ 4,110/\$3,860	DAA Pledged/Given	\$5,545/\$5,020
54 Cards Returned		47 Cards Returned		72 Cards Returned	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: Ministry 2025: The meetings have been continuing, with dialogue back and forth between the diocese and our local committee (consisting of the two directors from each of the parishes). The conversations have been very difficult but necessary. We hope to firm up a plan some time in early 2018. Please continue to keep this process in your prayers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Having moved into the heart of the Advent season, I encourage everyone to include the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of your preparation for Christmas. In addition to the communal celebrations of reconciliation offered in the cluster (check bulletin for times/places), I remind you that the priests are available 30 minutes before almost all of the weekend masses to celebrate the sacrament with you.

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

4:00pm Holy Spirit, Carroll (separate masses in church and in parish hall)
 4:00pm St. Lawrence, Carroll
 4:00pm St. Elizabeth Seton, Glidden
 4:00pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mount Carmel
 4:00pm Holy Angels, Roselle
 5:30pm St. Augustine, Halbur
 6:00pm Annunciation, Coon Rapids
 6:00pm Holy Spirit, Carroll
 6:00pm St. John, Arcadia

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

8:30am Holy Family, Lidderdale
 9:00am Holy Spirit, Carroll
 9:00am St. Joseph, Dedham
 9:00am St. Bernard, Breda
 9:00am St. Augustine, Halbur
 10:00am St. Lawrence, Carroll

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9:00pm Sacred Heart, Templeton
12:00am St. Mary, Willey

FROM THE DESK OF THE Regional PAROCHIAL VICAR: On this Second Sunday of Advent we welcome Fr. Brian Feller as the president. Check out our website <https://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/advent> for more information about Advent and the Christmas page for our Christmas schedule. **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**
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 Tuesday December 19, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Ministry Room at St. Bernard-Breda. [PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.]
- **DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PARISH CHAMPION PROGRAM** provides us each month with free copies of books, CDs, or other materials from Dynamic Catholic [Matthew Kelly]. Free this month in church entrances is a copy of The New Testament in a unique cover. Free to everyone to be inspired and to take life to the next level and share!
- **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 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.
- **THERESE**, full-length contemplative film biography/drama [96 minutes] sharing the true mesmerizing story of Saint Therese of Lisieux, an ordinary girl with an extraordinary soul and a very popular saint of modern times, as a young girl's romance with God including her faith, trials, and sacrifices are revealed in a way of life based on love and simplicity. This film, released in October 2004, is rated PG for some mild thematic elements. You are invited to join us Thursday January 11, 2018, 7:00 p.m. in the St. Bernard School Gym [theater] for the FREE showing of this film which is open to the public. A drawing for a free copy of the film will be done at the end of the evening.
- **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].
- **THE ARCADIA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** will be on Tuesday, December 19 from 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Please call Sue at 689-2318 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Arcadia to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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

- **CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES FOR 2018** are available in the back of Church to be picked up.
- **ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE A POINTSETTIA** to decorate the Church for the Christmas season is asked to please drop them off in the north sacristy the week of December 17.
- **CEMETERY UPDATE:** The fence and trees along the south side of the existing cemetery has been removed and dirt work is being done in the new 2.45 acres to prepare the ground for future burials. 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.
- **HELP NEEDED** decorating the Church on December 20th beginning at 6 p.m. This would be a great opportunity for any student needing service hours.
- **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.
- **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.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE** will be held on Monday, December 11 at 6:30. All are welcome!

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

- **THE MEMORY TREE** has been set up by the Altar of Mary. The ornament is a gift package cut out of cedar. Three Masses will be offered during the Christmas Season for those remembered on the Memory tree. To order an ornament, \$5.00 donation, see or call Mary Kay Uhlenkamp [673-4695].
- **CHOIR PRACTICE** on Sunday, December 17th @ 9:15 AM in school.
- **LENDING LIBRARY** is available at St. Bernard in the entrance of the church. **HAVE YOU CHECKED IT OUT?**
- **LADY FORESTER CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m. at Kay's Corner. Bingo will be played. Guests are welcome.
- **THE NURSING HOME BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE** has scheduled a birthday party at the Regency in Carroll for Romayne Wittry at 2:00 on Wednesday Dec. 13th. Everyone is invited to help Romayne celebrate.