

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 17, 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 18	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Leroy Vonnahme+
Tuesday	December 19	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Donna Tigges+
		8:00 a.m.-At SB	Ambrose Schwarzkopf+
Wednesday	December 20	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Elaine Dentlinger+
		8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	Glenn Bernholtz+
Thursday	December 21	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Scott Kasperbauer+
		8:00 a.m.-At SB	Albert & Marian Berning+
Friday	December 22	8:00 a.m.-At SJ	Lauretta & Jake Scheidt+
		8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	Germaine Schrad+
Saturday	December 23	5:30 p.m.-At SJ	Don & Della Berg+
Sunday	December 24	8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	PARISHIONERS+
		10:00 a.m.-At SB	Kenny 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. Kevin Richter

	<u>St. John</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	<u>St. Bernard</u>
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sheila Dentlinger (HB) Julie Steinkamp, Margaret Gruba	Deacon Greg, Joe Lenaghan Annette Haberl	Mary Thatcher, Jolene Eischeid Pat Schwarzkopf Mary Kay Uhlenkamp (HB)
Ushers/Greeters	Brian & Ashten Pottebaum	Tim Pudenz, Ken Vonnahme, Wayne Bruening	Jasen Tiefenthaler, Chris Koster
Gift Bearers:		Jason & Debra Clausen Family	Mike Koster Tom & Norma Wessling (M) Russ & Lisa Schelle (S) Andy & Kimberly Koster (GB)
Servers:	Kenadie & Kaylie Wolterman Caden Vonnahme	Thomas Evans, Jake Kemper Lauren Lenz	Meridith Sturm, Kyla Wiskus Macy Tiefenthaler
Readers:	LuAnn Vollstedt	Jason Clausen	Cory Uhlenkamp
Rosary Leaders:	Mary Theresa Hoffmann	Norman & Diane Schettler	Gene Nieland
Money Counters:	Mary Jo Berning Rita Bruch	Russ & Marie Pudenz Tim & Denise Heinrichs	Linda Steinkamp Mary Lou Hermsen

Finances for Week of December 10

<u>St. John</u>		<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>		<u>St. Bernard</u>	
Church Support-Adult	\$ 4,574.00	Church Support-Adult	\$ 1,655.00	Church Support-Adult	\$ 3,365.00
Church Support-Child	\$ 1.00	Church Support-Child	\$ 12.00	Church Support-Child	\$ 0.00
Loose Offering	\$ 49.00	Loose Offering	\$ 193.00	Loose Offering	\$ 184.01
Candle Money	\$ 134.35	Candle Money	\$ 23.00	Candle Money	\$ 13.00
DAA Payback	\$ 4,011.00				
Immac. Conception	\$ 1.00				
Bazaar Fund II	\$ 1,875.00				
Budgeted Mo. Giving	\$20,040.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving	\$17,015.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving	\$28,502.00
Income this month	\$ 9,909.35	Income this month	\$ 5,817.00	Income this month	\$ 7,964.56
Expenses for the Week	\$ 8,225.97	Expenses for the Week	\$ 39.72	Expenses for the Week	\$ 0.00
Expenses for the Month	\$12,627.24	Expenses for the Month	\$12,661.89	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	\$ 4,935/\$4,685	DAA Pledged/Given	\$5,895/\$5,370
54 Cards Returned		51 Cards Returned		74 Cards Returned	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: Gaudete Sunday..... This weekend, we light the rose [pink] candle on the Advent wreath as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" means "rejoice," and it is an invitation for us to intensify our anticipation of the coming of Christmas, rejoicing in the promise of "Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." May we know that promise deeply in the very core of our being. It is the presence of God that provides deep and profound meaning to every action we undertake and every word that we speak. –Fr. Kevin Richter

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

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

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE Regional PAROCHIAL VICAR: On this Third Sunday of Advent, Guadete ["rejoice"] Sunday, I am here!! The life of the parish is enhanced by the involvement of its parishioners. We are blessed to have a great group of parishioners who share their time, talent, and treasure to help enhance the life and vitality of the parish. We are blessed by those who are present for our Masses, parish functions, etc. When there is a parish function, small or large, I invite you to make room in your calendar to join us. **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.
 - **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 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.ccm@gmail.com or by call/text at 712-357-5406.
 - **CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** will be December 24/25. Bishop Nickless writes: "Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Sioux City works every day to give spiritual and material support to Christ's little ones. Catholic Charities is an arm of the Church, dedicated to helping the poor, especially those suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, family issues, and other psychological and spiritual poverties. But they also need your help to continue the ministry and good work they do. You can help by your prayerful and generous solidarity. Your prayers for the poor who suffer, and for the daily, often unseen work of the Church to help them, are powerful, and I especially urge you to be diligent in prayers this year. If you can, being blessed by God with more to give, please also let your heart be moved to make a generous donation to support Catholic Charities." We will take a **SECOND COLLECTION** after Holy Communion at the Christmas Eve and Day Masses. Please use the envelope in your collection packet.
 - **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.
 - **CONTRIBUTIONS** for 2017 will be accepted up until January 1, 2018 as long as the check is dated 2017.
 - **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**, December 25, is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**. Masses will be celebrated Sunday December 24, 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, after the 5:45 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant, and Monday December 25, 9:00 a.m. at St. Bernard.
 - **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.
 - **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.**
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Wick Allen Liechti, son of Kevin & Kenzie Liechti who was baptized last weekend.
 - **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** will be presented on Sunday December 24, 5:45 p.m. in the church prior to the Christmas Eve [at Night] Mass.
 - **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 have 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 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. **Pizza will be served in the Parish Hall prior to decorating.**
 - **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.**
- **SET UP OF OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** will begin Sunday December 17 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. If you are able to assist, your help will be greatly appreciated.
 - **CHOIR PRACTICE** at Mt. Carmel on Monday night at 6:30.
 - **PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be Sunday January 28, 2018. Work schedules will be available next week in the back of church. Anyone wishing to donate a raffle item please contact Ann Haberl 830-7748 or Lane Pudenz 830-8773.
 - **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended and shared food at our parish Christmas potluck party last Sunday.
 - **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.**
- **CHOIR PRACTICE** at St Bernard on Sunday, December 24th at 9:15 a.m. at school.
 - **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].
 - **LENDING LIBRARY** is available at St. Bernard in the entrance of the church. **HAVE YOU CHECKED IT OUT?**
 - **ST. BERNARD'S ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE** will be Saturday, February 10, 2018, at the Breda American Legion Hall. The evening will begin with a happy hour 6:00-7:00 p.m. followed by a dinner catered by Lidderdale Country Store. Entertainment will be provided by Brad Morgan 7:00-11:00 p.m. Cash drawings will be held throughout the night. Tickets are \$75.00 each. Get your tickets before January 21, 2018 to be entered into an early bird drawing to win one of 2 \$50 cash prizes! For more information, to purchase tickets, or to donate please contact any of the committee members: Kevin and Stephanie Neumayer (830-4914), Devin and Mimi Pudenz (790-2553), Aaron and Carrie Schulz (790-9617), Adam Schelle (790-0980), Russ and Kim Knobbe (830-2698), Cory and Elizabeth Uhlenkamp (830-4754), Chris Uhlenkamp (830-9194), Brett Schwarzkopf (830-0257).