

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 24, 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

Sunday	December 24	4:00 p.m.-At OLMC 6:00 p.m.-At SJ	Wilbur/Clarise Pudenz+ Leroy/ Corine Niehaus+/Ben Obrecht+/Arlene Schroeder+
Monday	December 25	9:00 a.m.-At SB	Memory Tree+
Tuesday	December 26	8:00 a.m.-At SJ 8:00 a.m.-At SB	John Berning+ No Mass
Wednesday	December 27	8:00 a.m.-At SJ 8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	No Mass Glenn Bernholtz+
Thursday	December 28	8:00 a.m.-At SJ 8:00 a.m.-At SB	Richard Ricke+/Emma Ricke+ Bette Snyder+
Friday	December 29	8:00 a.m.-At SJ 8:00 a.m.-At OLMC	Al Dentlinger+ Bro. Paul Rosonke, CSC+
Saturday	December 30	5:30 p.m.-At SJ	Living & Deceased of Ed/Dorothy Vogl Family
Sunday	December 31	8:00 a.m.-At OLMC 10:00 a.m.-At SB	Marilyn Foley+ PARISHIONERS

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

CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY

	<u>St. John-6 p.m. Dec. 24</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-4 p.m. Dec. 24</u>	<u>St. Bernard-9 a.m., Dec. 25</u>
Eucharistic Ministers:	Deacon Greg Tom & Julie Eich	Deacon Greg, Alan Lemker Jason Clausen	Deacon Greg, Jean Grote Jen Tiefenthaler Lori Snyder (HB)
Ushers/Greeters	Dan & Donna Henkenius	Jim Rohe, Tim Schulte, Dennis Ludwig	Jasen Tiefenthaler, Chris Koster
Gift Bearers:		Kelly & Brenda Foley Family	Mike Koster Leonard & Jean Grote (M) Joanell Koster, Lois Reiff (S) Urban & Pat Koster (GB)
Servers:	Andrea & Emily Gehling Kyle Ricke	Thomas Evans, Samantha Schmitz Joshua Tigges	Dawson & Aaron McDermott Hayden Vonnahme
Readers:	Sheila Higgins	Brian Hoffman	Linda Steinkamp

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DECEMBER 30/31

	<u>St. John</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	<u>St. Bernard</u>
Eucharistic Ministers:	Shirley Tomka (HB) Bob & Irene Schroeder	Arlene Wittrock, Lori Loneman Dorothy Bellinghausen	Deacon Greg, Joanell Koster Gene Nieland, Leonard Grote (HB)
Ushers/Greeters	Chris & Brenda Johnson	Norman Schettler, Wayne Tigges, Ed Haberl	Jason Tiefenthaler, Chris Koster
Gift Bearers:		Ed & Annette Haberl	Mike Koster Rich Mueggenberg/Don Masching (M) Connie & Gene Weber (S) Jasen & Jen Tiefenthaler Fam. (GB)
Servers:	Ryan & Kyle Sundrup Brenden Vonnahme	Kaylyn & Colin Wiederin Joshua Tigges	Jack, Jair & Mitchel Tiefenthaler
Readers:	Brianna Lux (YR), Pat Vogl	Alan Lemker	Don Masching
Rosary Leaders:	Mary Theresa Hoffmann	Wayne & Angie Tigges	Gene Nieland
Money Counters:	Stephanie Hansen Pat Vogl	Dennis & Connie Ludwig Allan & Nancy Pudenz	Linda Steinkamp Mary Lou Hermsen

Finances for Week of December 17

St. John		Our Lady of Mt. Carmel		St. Bernard	
Church Support-Adult	\$ 6,353.00	Church Support-Adult	\$ 570.00	Church Support-Adult	\$ 775.00
Church Support-Child	\$ 0.00	Church Support-Child	\$ 3.27	Church Support-Child	\$ 0.50
Loose Offering	\$ 159.00	Loose Offering	\$ 754.00	Loose Offering	\$ 2,272.14
Bazaar Fund II	\$ 710.00	Candle Money	\$ 9.00	Candle Money	\$ 6.00
FAC-Dividend	\$ 14.76	Christmas Flowers	\$ 100.00	Parish Improvements	\$ 2,643.24
		Choir	\$ 50.00	Rental	\$ 125.00
		DAA Payback	\$ 2,363.00	Guild Party	\$ 307.00
		Men's/Women's Club	\$ 150.00	Other Income	\$ 1,466.66
		Parish Center (rentals)	\$ 1,300.00	DAA Payback	\$ 942.00
				Choir	\$ 50.00
Budgeted Mo. Giving	\$20,040.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving	\$17,015.00	Budgeted Mo. Giving	\$28,502.00
Income this month	\$17,146.11	Income this month	\$11,149.27	Income this month	\$16,552.10
Expenses for the Week	\$ 1,724.61	Expenses for the Week	\$ 1,106.77	Expenses for the Week	\$ 1,819.37
Expenses for the Month	\$14,351.85	Expenses for the Month	\$13,029.83	Expenses for the Month	\$17,973.61
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: Christmas Greetings: On behalf of the team of priests and deacons serving the parishes of Carroll County, I want to extend our prayers and blessings to everyone for a grace-filled and holy Christmas season. We are grateful to everyone for the many prayers and good

wishes that have been offered, and the gifts and goodies that have been given. The prayerful support and encouragement that you offer to us is greatly appreciated. You are and will continue to be in our prayers! –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

January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: Because this Solemnity falls on a Monday this year, the obligation to attend mass is removed. However, we are still offering a number of opportunities to attend mass:

Sunday, December 31

5:00pm Holy Angels, Roselle
5:30pm Elizabeth Seton, Glidden
6:30pm Sacred Heart, Templeton

Monday, January 1

8:00am St. John, Arcadia
8:00am St. Joseph, Dedham
8:00am St. Mary, Willey
9:00am St. Bernard, Breda

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

9:00am St. Augustine, Halbur
9:30am Holy Spirit, Carroll
10:00am Annunciation, Coon Rapids

FROM THE DESK OF THE Regional PAROCHIAL VICAR: On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, Fr. Kevin Richter is here and I am at Glidden, Dedham, and Coon Rapids. This fourth week of Advent is very short—only a few hours. I will be with you for Christmas eve and day. This weekend we attend Mass Saturday evening and/or Sunday morning for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Sunday evening and/or Monday morning for Christmas. Thank you to all of our ministers, including decorators, who help to enhance our liturgical celebrations. A Christmas gift from the DCCW may be found at the church entrances, Matthew Kelly's new book, Perfectly Yourself. Have you finished reading your gift from the parish by Scott Hahn, Joy to the World? **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: CHRISTMAS**

- **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

- **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!
 - **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 AND the donations must be received (or postmarked if mailed) by December 31 in order to be deductible in 2017. If postmarked or received after 12-31-17, the donation will be deductible in 2018. To comply with federal law, we cannot accept donations in 2018 for 2017 or in 2017 for 2018.
 - **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.
 - **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS** will meet on Jan. 4, 2018 at Orchard View Chapel. Rosary at 9:00, Mass at 9:30 followed by Coffee and Rolls in the Dining Room.
 - **ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**, serving fresh homemade pancakes, sausages, and eggs, will be Sunday January 28, 2018 at Mount Carmel Parish Hall 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Adult: \$7, children [5-10]: \$5.00, children [0-5]: free. Tickets available at the door.
- St. John: Parish Office, Julie Eich, 712-689-2595, Hours: Mon. & Fri. 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**
- **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.
 - **WANTED:** Someone to do snow removal of the church sidewalks & steps. A snow blower and 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 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.

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

- **THANK YOU** to the National Catholic Society of Foresters and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Court #883 [Breda] for your donation of \$2,393.24 to use to purchase propane for the parish center. These donations are from the Pie Day held this past fall.
- **OUR INCOME**, as of this date, is down about \$13,879.36 [-16.8%] from a year ago. Can you help?
- **FURNACE ISSUE:** one of our four furnaces in the church developed a cracked heat exchanger. This furnace has been shut down and will be replaced next week. Cost will be around \$2,000.
- **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).

