For All Parishes:

"Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion!"

[Amos 6:1a] These words were addressed to the people of Israel. Yet, they are also addressed to us. Are we complacent in our lives and fail to see those in need, fail to trust in God, or fail to strengthen our faith? This week, make a list of the thousands of families throughout the 24 counties in the Diocese of Sioux City! The diocese also helps advance the work of 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 our lives and fail to see those in need, fail to trust in God, or fail to strengthen our faith? This week, make a list of the thousands of families throughout the 24 counties in the Diocese of Sioux City! The diocese also helps advance the work of 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

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- ALTAR SERVER 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 4th grade and older at the following times and locations: Wednesday October 12, 7:00 p.m. @ St. Bernard; Wednesday October 19, 7:00 p.m. @ St. John; Wednesday October 26, 7:00 p.m. @ Our Lady of Mount Carmel. All interested persons are asked to contact your parish office to confirm your attendance. All current Altar Servers are encouraged to attend the first half of the hour long session for some updating and retraining so all may help reverently assisted the priest and/or deacon during Sunday Mass and at special liturgies throughout the year.
- DAA 2016 began on September 10-11. 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! The diocese also helps advance the work
of parishes with financial assistance and support services. Without your generous support the vital work of the Church would not be possible. Please return your pledge card in the collection basket this weekend. Donations can also easily be made online at http://sdiocese.org/dada.

- PARISH WEBSITE is being developed for the three parishes. At this time, we are announcing the temporary address for the website: http://115062.sites.ecatholic.com/. You may visit and explore the site and offer suggestions for our domain name [name/address for the website] to your parish office [phone, e-mail, USPS, or collection basket] or via the contract form found under the ABOUT-CONTACT US 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].

- FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP: What an important time it is to be a Catholic influencing politics and government! Considering the lack of civility in our political system, the voice of informed Catholics is needed more than ever. The message of our Catholic teaching is one of hope, grounded in faith and reason. Making decisions in the light of our faith will not be easy, and it may lead us to a place we don’t want to go. But it is our life-long obligation to say “yes” to God in all things, and listen for His voice sounding in our heart. For more information, visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

- 40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2016 campaign will begin with the kick-off Mass and rally September 27th at 5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Sioux City. Peaceful prayer and vigil will begin the following day, September 28th, and go until November 6th. The hours of vigil that the campaign will be responsible for are 6 a.m.-11 p.m. throughout the 40 days. It will take place outside of Planned Parenthood in Sioux City, IA, the last abortion clinic in our diocese; let's work to close it! Please get your parishes involved. Thank you.

- MEMORIAL MASS 2016 for babies who died before baptism due to miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, abortion and other infant fatalities will be on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral with Bishop Nickless presiding. Following the homily, names of these children will be read aloud and a candle light in their honor. To include your family, visit our website at: www.sdiocese.org/memorial-mass-for-babies/ to submit your RSVP online by Fri Sep 30. RSVP’s are encouraged, but not necessary to attend the Mass, all are welcome. If you are unable to attend the Mass but would still like your child’s name read and/or to receive a certificate, please let us know. Questions regarding this Mass may be directed to Paula Parmelee at Paulap@sdiocese.org or Kari Smith (712) 233-7530 or karis@sdiocese.org. A reception will be held immediately following the Mass in the Parish Center.

- Catholic Daughters will meet October 6th at Holy Spirit, Rosary at 5:10, Mass at 5:30 followed by Dinner and Meeting in the Greteman Center. For reservations, call Marge Hupp at 792-2583 by Oct. 3. Please bring a baby item for the Carroll County Stork Nest. Also please bring toiletries for our Purses for Domestic Abuse project. There will be a presentation on the trip to Rome for the canonization of Mother Teresa.

- A benefit Car Show/ 5K / Auction for John Vonnamhe will be held on Sunday, September 25th at Swan Lake Shelter House. Food vending from Hy-Vee along with a car show, live & silent auction and 5K run beginning at noon. Blood, Sweat, & Beers 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser on Saturday, October 8th, 11 a.m. at Swan Lake Eastside Shelter. Post run food/drinks and entertainment. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT IOWANS WITH LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA. Register at bloodsweatandbeersiowa.com. For more information, contact Barb Boldt at 712.210.3095.

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

- Thank you to everyone who made our Pancake Breakfast such a wonderful success! A special ‘thank you’ to the Kiwanis for their delicious pancakes and to Arcadia Meats. Thank you to all those who donated prizes for our raffle and everyone who shared their valuable time preparing for and working at the breakfast. To all who attended – we are appreciative of your patronage. We served 496 people.

- St. John’s Guild will meet on Thursday, October 6th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall for the Fall Meeting/Installation of Officers. Lunch & Entertainment Committee Members are: Brenda Johnson, Linda Julin, Lisa Kirsch & Christy Klocke.

- WE ARE ON FACEBOOK at: stjohnparisharcardia

- WANTED: Someone to do snow removal of the church sidewalks & steps. 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.

- Coffee & Rolls will be served after 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 25th. Everyone is welcome to view the new flag pole and landscaping that has been completed at the hall.

- The Parish Council will meet at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27th in the Mary Nieland Center.

- FACEBOOK PAGE exists for the parish but it is unknown who manages the page. If you or someone you knows manages the page, please contact the parish office so we may assist in making this page more active.

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

- New Ministers Schedule are available in the back of Church for Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Greeters, Gift Bearers, Ushers, Money Counters, Rosary Leaders, and Choir Members.

- WE ARE ON FACEBOOK at: StBernardCatholicChurchBredalowa

- St. Bernard Annual Pork Chop Dinner with Dueling Pianos will be on November 5th. Doors open at 6 p.m. for social hour with dinner beginning at 7 p.m. The Entertainment following dinner will be the Dueling Pianos out of Huxley, Iowa. Cost per ticket is 65.00. Tickets can be purchased from Cindy in the parish office or from Russ and Bruce Boes, Mark & Connie Ludwig, John & Ione Koster, Dan & Muriel McDermott, Dick & Janet Steinkamp

Kuemper News:

- Tuesday, September 27: Grades PreK-8 Parent Club’s 1st Annual Fr. Kuemper Walk-a-thon held at the Fieldhouse; VIRTUS class at St. Lawrence Rectory – 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 28: Grades K-5 Mass at Holy Spirit Church – 8:15 a.m.; 2 Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Development; KHS Booster Club Meeting in Library – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29: Grades 6-8 Anointing Mass at St. Lawrence Church with a reception to follow. Everyone Welcome 8:20 a.m. Please RSVP by Sunday, September 25th to Mike McCarty mpmccarty@kuemper.org or call 790-2206 and leave a message. Friday, September 30: Homecoming Mass at Holy Spirit Church – 11:00 a.m.; Homecoming Assembly & Parade – 1:00 p.m.; KHS Booster Club Grilling before Game Saturday, October 1: Carroll Band Day; Homecoming Dance – 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.; KHS Class Reunions: 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1996, 2006; Rite of Welcoming in Parishes for Confirmation Candidates Sunday, October 2: Rite of Welcoming in Parishes for Confirmation Candidates; Senior Omelet Breakfast, Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 8:00 – Noon, Kuemper Cafeteria, Omelets, rolls, fruit, coffee and juice. Free will offering. Scholarships for the Class of 2017