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The EMOHC [including those who take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound] at the following times and locations: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Saturday's 5:00 p.m. and by appointment.

Pat Vogl (HB)

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Server: Andrea & Emily Gehling
Dayna Toft

Readers: Kimberly Eich
Jason Clausen

Rosary Leaders: Jerome & Norma Henkenius
Norman & Diane Schettler

Money Counters: Stephanie Hansen
Pat Vogl

St. John
Church Support-Adult $ 3,844.00
Church Support-Child $ 30.00
Loose Offering $ 256.00
Bazaar Fund II $ 470.00
Catholic Charities $ 819.00
Candle Money $ 135.51
Budgeted Mo. Giving $15,350.00
Expenses for the Week $ 4,573.35
Expenses for the Month $ 27,693.37

Diocesan Annual Appeal – To Date

St. John
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
St. Bernard

Goal: $7,637.00
Pledged: $9,087.00
# of Pledges Returned: 80/144

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR: This week I will be traveling to St. Charles, Illinois to participate in a Mass of Consecration to the Blessed Mother, Mary, Star of Evangelization, for ODB Films on Wednesday January 4. I have been a fan and supporter of ODB Films since their inception in 2005 as Outside da Box and currently serve as an Honorary Committee Member for their Partners on the Journey Campaign to raise $1.75 million to produce a full-length film on the life of St. Paul and other inspiring award winning videos for teens and adults on the Catholic faith as they have done since 2005 including their 2015 award winning full-length movie, FULL OF GRACE, on Mary of Nazareth’s last earthly days as she helps the fractious early Church regain their faith in the faith. Thus, I will be out of town Tuesday afternoon until Thursday afternoon and the EMOHC training at St. Bernard has been postponed from January 4 to January 25.

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For All Parishes:

- EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION UPDATING will be offered by Fr. Mark and Deacon Greg for all current EMOHC [including those who take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound] at the following times and locations: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wednesday January 11, 7:00 p.m.; St. John–Wednesday January 18, 7:00 p.m.; St. Bernard–Wednesday January 25, 7:00 p.m.; This will be not more than an hour-long session.
RESISTING HAPPINESS by Matthew Kelly [in short chapters designed for busy people] helps readers discover that only by unmasking resistance and defeating it in their own lives can they really experience the happiness God created them to experience. Readers play a powerful role in each of our lives every day. Free copies of these books were handed out to everyone after the Christmas Eve/Day Masses. We still have free copies available. Please help yourself and share with family, friends, and neighbors.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended our READER OF GOD'S WORD [LECTORS] update training offered in December at the three [3] parishes. READERS: if you were not able to attend a session, please pick up a copy of the updated instructions from the sacristy at your parish church.

BAPTISM CLASS ... if you are expecting a child or wishing to baptize a child, please contact the pastor 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 Church asks us to baptize as soon as possible after the birth of a child. Baptism is often celebrated outside of Mass. In fact, it is preferred to celebrate baptisms during Mass especially if both parents are Catholic as we have a larger community present to welcome the new child of God. Celebrating Baptism during Mass adds only a few minutes to the Mass. The date of Baptism is to be arranged with the pastor after completion of a Baptism Class [held quarterly]. The next Baptism Class is Thursday January 12, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Ministry Room at St. Bernard-Breda.

CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS will help us discover the figures who shaped the Church and changed the world. In each session we will watch a DVD presentation by Bishop Robert Barron as he discusses one of the six people he believes has left an imprint on the work of the Church over the Centuries. We will continue our series of faith formation sessions on Sunday evening, January 8, 6:30 p.m. with St. Francis of Assisi: The Reformer, Part II in the Family Ministry room in the St. Bernard school building. There is no fee. Please join us even if you missed Part I.

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.

CHECK OUT OUR PARISH WEBSITE and Facebook pages for more news [which does not fit into this bulletin] regarding the pending announcement in January regarding the Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2025, on Mass Offerings, and from Kueumper.

PERSONS IN 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].

MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE 2017 in Des Moines to be held on January 14, 2017 has been cancelled.

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2017 will feature bestselling author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, and internationally known speaker, Teresa Tomeo Saturday 25 March 2017, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll, IA. The Conference will also feature breakout sessions with Laura Anderson, Mary Brandt and more! Cost: $30 before March 10th, $35 after March 10th. Mother/Daughter discount: $25. More information and register online at www.scdiocese.org/womens-ministry

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE 2017 will feature Deacon Alex Jones and Marcel LeJeune Saturday 1 April 2017, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for our 4th annual Diocesan Men's Conference. This coming year, breakout speakers will include: Fr. Shane Deman, Fr. Pat Behm, Fr. Michael Erpelding; and Deacons Rick Roder, and Tom Henrich! The Conference will once again by hosted by All Saints Parish in Le Mars! Cost: $30. More information and register online at www.scdiocese.org/mens-ministry

The Catholic Daughters will meet on January 5th at the Orchard View Chapel. Rosary at 9:00 and Mass at 9:30 followed by rolls and coffee.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 29th at the Mt. Carmel Parish Hall from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Adults $7; Children (5-10) $5. Serving fresh homemade pancakes, sundaes & eggs. More information and register online at www.scdiocese.org/m mens-ministry

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Women’s Retreat is being planned for Saturday March 11th at the Mt. Carmel Parish Hall from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The theme is Learning to Pray. More information and register online at www.scdiocese.org/womens-ministry

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

Weekday Masses will be at 8 a.m. for the winter. Also, as we enter the winter season, if school is cancelled or having a late start, no week day Mass that day.

The July/Aug/Sept circle is reminded of bingo at St. Anthony Nursing Home on Friday, January 13th at 2 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Brad Morgan. Cash drawings will be held throughout the night. Get your tickets 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, Cindy Masching, 712-673-2582, Hours: Mon.- Fri. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Raffle Items are needed for the upcoming Parish Breakfast. Please contact Ann Haberl at 830-7748 or Jen Pudenz at 830-5625.

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

St. Bernard Ministrates Ministry Schedules for January-February-March 2017 are in the back of Church for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Greeters, Gift Bearers, Rosary Leaders, Ushers, Money Counters, and Musicians.

Get your early bird Valentine dance tickets! Now is the time to start thinking about getting your early bird tickets for the St. Bernard’s annual Valentine Dance. This year’s event will be held Saturday, February 18, 2017, at the Breda American Legion Hall. The evening will start with a happy hour from 6-7 PM followed by a dinner catered by Lidderdale Country Store. Tickets are $75.00 each. Entertainment will be provided by Brad Morgan. Cash drawings will be held throughout the night. Get your tickets before January 8, 2017 to be entered into an early bird drawing to win one of 2 $50 cash prizes! Semi-formal dress is required. For more information or to purchase tickets or donate a display of the committee members: Brian and Kayla Tiefenthaler (830-2244), Alex and Erin Koster (210-2244), Aaron and Alyce Nieland (830-1823), Kevin and Stephanie Neumayer (516-4914), Devin and Mimi Pudenz (790-2553), Aaron and Carrie Schulz (790-9617).

There will be a birthday party for Julie Stork on Tuesday, January 10th at St. Anthony Nursing Home. The party will be held in the Courtyard Garden Room on the first floor from 10:00-11:00 in the morning. Julie will be celebrating her 103rd birthday. For a ride, call Arlene Mueggenberg at 673-2649. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

The Catholic Order of Foresters will have their Christmas Party on Sunday, January 8, 2017. The evening will begin with a Social Hour from 3 – 5p.m., at the Ray Huegerich home at 407 Harrison St., Lake View, IA. The group will then have supper at Ryan's in Lake View. If you are attending, you will need to RSVP to Ray at raymondhuegerich@gmail.com or by calling or texting 712-830-0186 before Friday, January 6.

Kueumper News:

Preschool registration: Preschool registration for the 2017-2018 school year is now open! Visit www.kueumper.org to register. This is a state funded program and tuition free. Students must be 4 years old by September 15, 2017.