Monday January 9 8:00 a.m.-At SJ  Beanie Ricke
Tuesday January 10 8:00 a.m.-At SJ  Ivan, Margaret & Herman Schrad
8:00 a.m.-At SB  Kenny Snyder
Wednesday January 11 8:00 a.m.-At SJ  Walter & Martha Riesberg
8:00 a.m.-At OLMC  Rev. Daniel Lynch
8:00 a.m.-At SB  Ambrose & Ruth Schwarzkopf
Friday January 13 8:00 a.m.-At SJ  Wilbur Hinners
8:00 a.m.-At OLMC  Rev. Msgr. Richard E. Zenk
Saturday January 14 5:30 p.m.-At SJ  Don Diers & Leonard & Armella Venteicher
Sunday January 15 8:00 a.m.-At OLMC  Julian Julich, Wilbert & Melvina Wuebker & Parishioners
10:00 a.m. – At SB  Ruth Schwarzkopf, Clarence & Lillian Ludwig, JoEllen Wessling

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 am. and by appointment

Ushers/Greeters:
Brian & Ashten Pottebaum
Wayne Tiggles, Norm Schettler, Dennis Ludwig
Gary & Marlene Wittrock

Servers:
Emily Hinners, Cole Collison
Blake Pottebaum
Thomas Evans, Owen Nepple
Grant Wiederin

Readers:
Sheila Dentlinger
Dave Wittry
Linda Steinkamp

Rosary Leaders:
Mary Theresa Hoffmann
Marvin & Betty Huegerich
Bob & Dorothy Heisterkamp

Money Counters:
Stephanie Hansen
Wayne & Angie Tiggles
Pat Vogl
John & Beth Evans

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Saturdays 9:30-9:45am.
Mon-Thu 5:00p.m. Fri 5:00p.m.

St. John
Sheila Dentlinger (HB)
Deacon Greg, Kris Collison
Wayne Tiggles

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Deacon Greg, Jason Clausen
Wayne Tiggles

St. Bernard
Deacon Greg, John Wittry
Dale Tiefenthaler
John Wittry (HB)

Users/Greeters:
Wayne Tiggles, Norm Schettler, Dennis Ludwig
Gary & Marlene Wittrock

Greet Bearers:
Don Tiefenthaler, Gene Weber
Don Masching
Tom & Norma Wessling (M)
Urban & Pat Koster (S)
Andy & Kimberly Koster (GB)

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

Church Support-Adult
$ 7,229.00

Church Support-Child
$ 1.00

Loose Offering
$ 47.61

Bazaar Fund II
$ 700.00

Catholic Charities
$ 110.00

Improvement Fund
$ 72.00

Mary, Mother of God
$ 700.00

Budgeted Mo. Giving
$15,350.00

Expenses for the Week
$ 1,429.40

Expenses for the Month
$ 1,429.40

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

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Church Support-Adult
$ 2,519.00

Church Support-Child
$ 0.00

Loose Offering
$ 110.00

Candle Money
$ 238.00

Catholic Charities
$ 80.00

Expenses for the Week
$ 2,264.21

Expenses for the Month
$ 2,264.21

St. Bernard

Church Support-Adult
$ 2,940.00

Church Support-Child
$ 0.00

Loose Offering
$ 171.65

Expenses for the Week
$ 2,906.06

Expenses for the Month
$ 2,906.06

Finances for Week of December 31/ January 1

Diocesan Annual Appeal – To Date

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

Goal:
$7,637.00
$6,172.00
$6,172.00
$7,565.00

Pledged:
$9,087.00
$6,480.00
$6,480.00
$5,750.00

# of Pledges Returned:
80/144
56/116
56/116
81/189

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR: Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ, one of the oldest Christian feasts. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning “to reveal,” and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to humanity. Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East, where it has been held from the beginning almost universally on January 6. In the Roman Catholic Church [Latin Rite] we celebrate this Feast on Sunday between January 2-8. Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Catholic Charities Christmas collection. Please remember your parish in your will….Your bequest is a testimony to your faith in our future. — Fr. Mark

For All Parishes:
- THE 2016 PARISH BOOKS will be closing on Wednesday, January 11th. Please get your contributions in ASAP.
- EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION UPDATING will be offered by Fr. Mark and Deacon Greg for current EMOC [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.
Resistance plays 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.

**HOLY LAND OLIVE ART** is created by Catholic families in the Holy Land using wood from the Olive tree, an ancient symbol of Peace, wisdom, glory, power and pureness. The olive tree and olives are mentioned over 30 times in the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments. Many olive trees are said to be several centuries old. Darker wood from these olive trees is said to be from the time of Christ. Generation after generation, families have taught their children to carve religious figures from Olive wood by hand. For two centuries Catholics have been able to support their families by selling these unique carvings to pilgrims who visit. Today fewer and fewer pilgrims visit due to the bloody military conflicts. The Archbishop of Jerusalem has blessed the mission of selling hand carved olive wood items to Catholics worldwide. Sakar Salman will be visiting all three parishes next weekend, January 14-15 to help support Catholics families and their presence in the Holy Land. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**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. Baptism may also be celebrated during 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 will 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 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 a fee. Please join us even if you missed Part I.

**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 Kueperm.

**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].

**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 best-selling author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, and internationally known speaker, Terresa Baron 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.scdioceose.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 Erpeliding; and Deacons Rick Doder, and Tom Henrich! The Conference will once again be hosted by All Saints Parish in Le Mars! Cost: $30. More information and register online at www.scdioceose.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 with followed by coffee 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, sausages & eggs.

**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 have a late start, Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. daily.

**The July/Aug/Sept circle is reminded of bingo at St. Anthony Nursing Home on Friday, January 13th at 2 p.m.**

**Help is needed** and appreciated in taking down the Christmas decorations following 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, January 7th. Thank you in advance.

**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, 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 Habert 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.**

**Guitar Practice** on Wednesday, January 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in church.

**Card of Thanks** … Many, many thanks to all of you who remembered me with Christmas Cards, gifts and calls. Also, to those who have done so many nice things for me throughout the year. I will be remembering you in my prayers. May God Bless you with a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. –Phyllis Redlinger

**Thank you to the Community of Concern for the thoughtful card.**

**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, purchase tickets or donate please contact any of the committee members: Brian and Kayla Tiefenthaler (830-5166), Alex and Erin Koster (210-2244), Aaron and Alyce Nieland (830-1823), Kevin and Stephanie Neumayer (830-4914), Devin and Mimi Pudenz (770-3553), and Aaron and Carrie Schulz (770-9617).

**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.**

**Lady Foresters** will be having a meeting on Tuesday, January 10th after 8:30 Mass at Victoria’s Restaurant. Later in the morning at 10:00 a.m., St. Bernard Church will hold a birthday party for Julie Stork.

**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 - 5 p.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.

**Ged Bless You**