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

**Eucharistic Ministers:**
- Pat Vogl (HB)
- Deacon Greg, Margaret Gruba

**Ushers/Greeters:**
- Bob & Irene Schroeder

**Gift Bearers:**
- Al Pudenz, Dean Pudenz, Ed Habeer
- Russ & Marie Pudenz Family

**Servers:**
- Andrea & Emily Gehling
- Dayna Toft

**Readers:**
- Pat Vogl
- Kenny Nee

**Rosary Leaders:**
- Jerome & Norma Henkenius
- Marvin & Betty Huegerich

**Money Counters:**
- Mary Jo Berning
- Rita Bruch

**Finances for Week of February 11/12**

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR: The wine we use for Mass is to make only from grapes. Some vineyards add other fruits to their wines. For example, we have been using Red Rose wine from Livingston Cellars which may be purchased from Hy-Vee for table use. This wine contains an extract from Elderberries and thus is not to be used for Mass. Thus, we are switching to a Rosato wine made specifically for Sacramental use by Mont La Salle vineyard which contains 12% alcohol. And speaking of Holy Communion—we will monitor the severity of the flu season. In the meantime, we will continue to offer the Precious Blood and the sign of peace. If you are uncomfortable with receiving from the chalice or sharing the sign of peace or you are ill yourself, feel free to refrain from receiving and sharing [especially if you are ill]. Remember—if you truly believe the ‘wine’ in the communion chalice is the Precious Blood of Christ—you will not catch any illness from the chalice. Please remember your parish in your will...Your bequest is a testament to your faith in our future. —Fr. Mark

For All Parishes:
- **USED PALM BRANCHES** may be brought to church and placed in the box marked “Palmes for Ashes for Ash Wednesday” found in each church entrance. These will be burned for ashes to be used Ash Wednesday.
- **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, February 26, 6:30 p.m. with St. Catherine of Siena: The Mystic, Part I in the Family Ministry room in the St. Bernard school building. There is no fee. Please join us even if you missed previous sessions.
- **MASS OFFERINGS:** The Law of the Church permits priests to offer only ONE [1] Mass offering per Mass per day, to offer a Mass for all parishioners at one Sunday Mass, only accept the number of Masses he can fulfill in one year, and to send any excess offerings to the missions through the Propagation of the Faith Office. Mass Offerings may be offered for any living or deceased person[s] or other intentions. Masses for the deceased are for those who may be in purgatory ( traditionally noted with a “+” behind their name[s]). As of January 21, offerings in our three [3] parishes are being accepted only in accordance with Church practice. Please address all Mass Offering requests to Fr. Mark.
• **CHECK OUT OUR PARISH WEBSITE** and Facebook pages for more news [which does not fit into this bulletin] regarding the announcement in the January mailing regarding the Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2025, on Mass Offerings, and from Kueper County.

• **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].

• **DIOCESE 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.scdioce.org/womens-ministry

• **DIOCESE 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 be hosted by All Saints Parish in Le Mars! Cost: $30. More information and register online at www.scdioce.org/mens-ministry.

• Have you ever felt a growing desire to be closer to Christ, wanted to do something extra for Lent or maybe something is missing in your life? Christ Renews His Parish retreat is a perfect time to fulfill these needs. The women’s retreat will be March 18th and 19th, and the men’s retreat will be April 1st and 2nd. If anyone has any questions or would like more details, please call Anne Loew, 712-790-1918 or Kevin Sturm, 712-210-0261. All are welcome!!

• **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 date of Baptism is to be arranged with the pastor after completion of a Baptism Class [held quarterly]. The next Baptism Class is Thursday April 6, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Ministry Room at St. Bernard-Breda.

• **FACILITATORS WANTED** to facilitate local parish/cluster level meetings to help draft local three-year pastoral plans. The parish/cluster planning phase, guided by the Ministry 2025 Guidebook, will require the facilitator to guide 4-5 meetings over the course of several months in the parish cluster. Facilitators will be assigned one to two parish/clusters within a short distance of their home, but not their own parish/cluster. There are needed 4-5 facilitators for each deanery with a total of about 15-20 as this will be a major commitment of time over the course of several months and there will be an extreme gratitude for such generosity. All materials and training will be provided. Facilitators need to be able to:
  1. Attend the training session on March 4, 2017 in Storm Lake
  2. Travel across the diocese late afternoons and late evenings
  3. Lead meetings [professional experience in leading meetings, facilitating process development, comfortable working and speaking in front of groups that are large and diverse is helpful]
  4. Be comfortable dealing with change, uncertainty and loss
  5. Be supportive of the Ministry 2025 plan—accept the principles and goals of the plan
  6. Work with pastors and people of the parishes they are assigned

Facilitators will be:
  1. reimbursed for mileage at the current IRS mileage rate (53.5 cents per mile) for travel to the training day on March 4, 2017 from the parish to which they belong
  2. offered a standard stipend of $75/meeting plus mileage for each meeting they facilitate by the parish(es) comprising that new parish/cluster unit.

Persons may “opt out” of being a facilitator for personal reasons as some may realize, after the training, that they cannot do the task at hand. Please contact Fr. Mark if you are interested or know a qualified person.

• **Magnificant** will be held on Friday, March 10th beginning at 6 p.m. at Pocahontas Catholic School. Guest speaker will be Dr. Margaret A. Schlientz. Tickets are $10 and on sale through Friday, March 3rd. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please RSVP to Margie Leiting, 19546 Aspen Ave., Westside, IA 51467; PH: 712-663-4584.

• **A great way to start the Lent Season! COME JOIN US!** Frank Runyeon will be performing “LIVE” February 22nd at Nativity Church, 4241 Natalia Way, Sioux City. 1st PERFORMANCE- 5:30 p.m.: He will be performing Salt & Light (geared towards a younger crowd k-5) but ALL ages are WELCOME! Amid squeals of laughter, and an ocean of hands of eager volunteers Frank guides the kids through selected riddles and Bible stories. 2nd PERFORMANCE - 7:00 p.m.: He will be performing Sermon on the Mount (more for adults/6th-12th grades) –In this dramatic setting, suddenly the lines heard so often have new meaning. And the very human stories of the people Matthew may have addressed come to life. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS WONDROUS ENLIGHTENING PERFORMANCE! (Free with offering)

• **Relay For Life Kickoff Rally & Survivor Celebration** will be held on February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Carrollton Centre. Featured speaker will be Michael DeSanti, a health coach and author. A Rally Social, with entertainment by “All Strings Attached,” will begin at 6 p.m. For more information, go to www.RelayForLife.org/carrollcountyia.

• **St. Elizabeth Seton, Glidden, Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, February 26th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Adults $6; Children $4

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MELODIE JENNISON, daughter of Mitchol and Cassandra, who was baptized February 11.**

• When school has a 2 hour late start, Fr. Remmes will have morning mass at 8 a.m. Only when there is No School will mass be cancelled.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: **Parish Office, Cindy Maching, 712-673-2582, Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

• **PARISH POTLOCK/TOWN HALL MEETING** will be Sunday, February 19 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Each person is asked to bring a side dish. Meat will be provided. All parishioners, including guests, are encouraged to attend. After the meal, the Town Hall Meeting will discuss the parish breakfast, future event planning, and Ministry 2015.

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

• **THANK YOU TO THE VALENTINE’S DINNER/DANCE COMMITTEE** and everyone who purchased tickets and made donations to make this years’ event a success.

• Thank You to Mary Kay and her helpers who make the memory tree ornaments. The money they make goes to the Environmental Committee for their expenses throughout the year. We appreciate this generous gift. ~Environmental Committee

St. Bernard’s Girl Scout Parishioners will be selling Girl Scout Cookies next weekend, February 26th following 10 a.m. Mass. $4/box.

Siouxland Bloodmobile will be at the Breda Legion on February 27th from Noon to 6 p.m.

Kueper News:

• “A Knight on the Red Carpet” will be celebrated on May 6th. Donation envelopes are available in the back of church. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2017 Kueper Ball. You can return your donation to the ushers during collection, to Kueper, or to Carroll County State Bank. You are also able to donate online at www.kueper.org (Kueper Ball 2017). Thank you.