Tuticorin, was able to attend Holy Cross School due to the support of my family. This school is significant because it is considered to be one of the oldest Roman Catholic Schools in South India. After graduating from High School, I joined Little Flower minor Seminary in 1972. In this setting, I lived and studied for four years under the guidance of the Brothers of Charity. The influence of the Brothers of Charity deeply shaped my character and prepared me for my future ministry.

In 1974, I went to Chennai which is the capital of my State, Tamil Nadu. Here, I pursued Philosophy and Theology at Sacred Heart College. The decision to pursue higher education in Chennai was a pivotal moment in my life as it allowed me to immerse myself in the intellectual and cultural milieu of the city. The experience of living and studying in Chennai was notable for its diversity and rich history, which I believe has had a profound impact on my worldview and understanding of the world.

I was not only privileged to be born and raised in a Catholic family but also to belong to the diocese of Tuticorin where the Catholics are only 3%. My upbringing and education in a Catholic environment have played a significant role in shaping my identity and faith.

As part of my preparation for the Ministry 2025 process, I have been visiting various parishes in the county helping to familiarize myself with each of the sites. By rotating through the parishes, we will have a broader picture of who we are, what we are doing, and how we can support each other. As the Pastor of these parishes, I especially feel more closely interconnected and unified in the future.

In these very early stages of the Ministry 2025 process, it is an important reminder that all of these church sites are connected, and we are working towards a common goal. The goal of Ministry 2025 is to prepare us for the future, and we are doing so by laying the foundation now.

Expenses for the Week 8/9

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR: As the team of priests has begun to find ministry routines and rhythms here in Carroll county, we have been asked by a number of people why we are rotating through all of the parishes on the weekends? Why don’t we just stay at the sites where we reside? In response, we remind parishioners that each one of us has been assigned to thirteen parishes in the county. In these very early stages of the Ministry 2025 process, it is an important reminder that all of these church sites will be even more closely interconnected and unified in the future. As the Pastor of these parishes, I especially feel that it is incumbent upon me to familiarize myself with each of the sites. By rotating through the parishes, we will have a broader picture of who we are as the Catholic Church in Carroll County, and will be better prepared for the Ministry 2025 pastoral planning process that will unfold this fall. While we certainly understand the desire for each site/cluster to have “their own priest,” we have tried to strike a balance by having priests on the team live at the church sites throughout the county rather than living together at a central site. In this way, priests are more readily available throughout the week for any particular needs or circumstances that may arise at the individual sites.
I was ordained to priesthood on April 14, 1982. I did my priestly ministry in India for twenty years and then moved to the United States in 2002. My first assignment was at St. Anthony Padua church in Boston. I moved to Carroll in 2007. I spent three and a half years at Holy Spirit, Carroll and St. Mary’s Willey, and three 1/2 years at St. Joseph in Sioux Rapids, Sacred Heart in Laurens and St. Louis in Royal and three years at Sacred Heart in Manning and Manilla. I moved to Coon Rapids on June 27th. I am residing in Coon Rapids and ministering to the parishes of Annunciation in Coon Rapids, St. Joseph in Dedham and St. Elizabeth Seton in Glidden during the week and ministering to the Carroll county parishes on weekends. We are all going through a big change. May we all be guided by the Holy Spirit that we may together discern what is best for our Catholic communities in Carroll County. May we all work together to build up the Kingdom of God. —Fr. Kevin Richter

FROM THE DESK OF THE Regional PAROCHIAL VICAR: This weekend we welcome Fr. Kevin Richter, our pastor, as presider. Fr. Kevin was ordained on 16 July 1989 [29 years ago today!] This weekend I will be attending the parishes at Glidden, Dedham, and Coon Rapids. If you have any questions, pastoral needs, etc., please contact me at the office in Breda. Thank you to the youth in our parishes who are using their contribution envelopes. Last weekend 3 youth at St. Bernard and 11 youth at Our Lady of Mount Carmel returned their envelopes to the parish!! Thank you. And thank you to the 24 persons who took part in our PIVOTAL PLAYERS sessions since December. Deacon Greg and I found the sessions enlightening and we hope to do something similar later this year again. Please remember your parish in your will…..Your bequest is a testimony to your faith in our future. —Fr. Mark

For All Parishes:
- THE 13TH DAY, full-length film [1 hour/50 minutes], is a true story of the miracle of the appearance of Our Lady to three children in Fatima on the spring-summer-fall of 1917. Released in September 2010 and filmed on location in Fatima, Portugal; the film depicts the world torn apart by persecution, war and oppression, three children are chosen to carry a message of hope to the world. You are invited to join us Tuesday July 25, 7:00 p.m. in the St. Bernard School Gym [theater] for the showing of this film. The animated short film [30 minutes] THE DAY THE SUN DANCED: THE TRUE STORY OF FATIMA will be shown at 6:30 p.m. for families with children.
- 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].
- JOB OPENING: Parish Bookkeeper/Secretary PART-TIME to complete all financial transactions for St. Bernard and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishes in a timely and efficient manner and to perform secretarial and clerical support duties for the Pastor (and staff), i.e., typing, filing, mailing, recording data, and scheduling appointments to provide for the efficient operations of the office and enhancement of staff effectiveness. For more information and/or to apply contact Fr. Mark Stoll at 712-673-2582. Application available on the parish website, http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org or at the parish office, 306 N 2nd St, Breda, Iowa.
- PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, LOURDES & THE HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN: November 3-13, 2017 hosted by veteran pilgrimage leader Fr. John Vakuškas Jr. $3,189 (Chicago), $3,289 (Omaha), includes R/T Air, First Class Hotels, daily tours and transfers, most meals, Daily Mass and more. For more information contact Fr. John Vakuškas Jr., P.O. Box 347, Okoboji, IA 51355, johnvukukas@email.com . 712-490-8047.
- THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is having a blood drive on Tuesday, August 1st at the Arcadia Legion Hall from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. To make an appointment call Sue at 689-2318 or you can go on line also to set up an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

St. John: Parish Office, Julie Eich, 712-689-2595, Hours: Mon. & Fri. 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the repose of the soul of Eileen Schnitz, who passed away on Monday and whose funeral was held on Saturday. May she rest in peace.
- LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER to take care of the flowers & decorating in the Church. Please contact Parish Office if interested.
- THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL GUILD MEETING AND FUNERAL BYLAWS are located at the entrances of the Church.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Parish Office, 712-673-2582, Hours: Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- “BAZAAR COLLECTION” will be taken as the second collection, after Holy Communion, today Sunday, July 16th with the hopes to bring back this annual giving that seemed to have faded away. However, this year more than ever we could use the additional parish support to remain a strong viable parish community.
- COFFEE/ JUICE/ ROLLS in the parish hall after Mass.
- THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who participated in our ANNUAL PARISH GRILL OUT last Sunday, to Dr. Evans, Annette Haberl, and Marie Pudenz who demonstrated the new AED, and to everyone who participated in our Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

St. Bernard: Parish Office, 712-673-2582, Hours: Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- THE ST. BERNARD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING AND TOURNAMENT is Sunday July 16 at Breda Golf Course with “4 Person Best Ball”; 2:00 p.m. shot gun start. $100 entry per team. 1st Flight Prizes-1st place = $300, 2nd place = $200, 3rd place = $100; 2nd Flight Prizes-1st place = $100, 2nd place = $75, 3rd place = $50. Pork Chop Dinner available to everyone after 4:00 p.m. $8.50. Other activities: putting contest, door prizes, hole prizes, Golfer’s Challenge, Par 3 Hole-in-One challenge. Please register your team before the event--call Breda Golf Course 712-673-4653.

Kuemper News:
- Open Positions: Kuemper has the following positions available for the 2017-2018 school year: Full-time Assistant Teacher for the KuemperCares program & various coaching positions. If interested, please contact John Steffes at 792-3313 or jsteffes@kuemper.org.
- Kuemper Busing for 2017-2018 school year: Families who ride Kuemper’s private bus on either the North Route (Lake View area, Auburn, Lake City, Glidden) or West Route (Denison, Vail, Westside, Arcadia) must fill out and return the registration form to Kuemper. Bus forms can be mailed to or dropped off at Kuemper at 116 S. East Street, Carroll, between 8:00 am-4:00 pm Monday through Thursday or from 8:00 am-1:00 pm on Friday. Forms can also be emailed to jmbuelt@kuemper.org or returned at registration day on August 3rd.

God Bless You