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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR: In recent weeks, I have begun to have meetings with the Finance Councils /Pastors of each of the parishes that are now part of this cluster in Carroll county. Again, people have been very gracious and welcoming. It is good to meet with people who are so deeply and passionately invested in their respective parishes! I will continue to have meetings with more parishes in the coming weeks.

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-- Fr. Kevin Richter
FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIONAL PAROCHAL VICAR: This weekend we welcome Fr. John Gerald, one of the four Parochial Vicars to thirteen parishes in Carroll County, as presider. Fr. John was ordained in 1982 in India and now resides at Coon Rapids. This weekend I will be presiding at the Masses at Holy Spirit-Carroll.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fatima movies this past Tuesday. Yes, it has been 100 years since Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal on the 13th day of the month between May and October 1917. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

For the youth [Grades 9-12] at St. Bernard and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, you will be receiving on a bi-monthly schedule in the near future contribution envelopes as do your younger siblings and your friends at St. John the Baptist. Everyone, youth and adults, are encouraged to place your weekly envelopes in the collect basket each and every Sunday, Holy Day, and special collection. You may also have the option to write a prayer or good deed they have done in place of giving a monetary donation. Thank you for using your envelopes.

If you have any questions, pastoral needs, etc., please contact me at the office in Breda.

Please remember your parish in your will.....Your bequest is a testimony to your faith in our future.—Fr. Mark

For All Parishes:

- CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED for CCCR for all grades. Help pass on the faith and grow in yours. Groups are small and a book is your guide. Contact Deacon Tim Murphy at 712-792-0513 to find out more.
- 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: Tuesday August 8, 7:00 p.m. @ St. Bernard; Wednesday August 9, 7:00 p.m. @ St. John; Sunday August 20, 7:00 p.m. @ Mount Carmel; Saturday August 26, 7:00 p.m. @ Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Sunday August 27, 7:00 p.m. @ St. John.
- Invitations for all 4th graders have been mailed. All other interested persons are asked to contact your parish office to register for office attendance. All current Altar Servers are encouraged [not required] to attend the hour-long session for a refresher all may help reverently assist the priest and/or deacon during Sunday Mass and at special liturgies throughout the year.
- 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/RJC] [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.
- THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will meet on Aug. 3rd at Holy Spirit, Rosary at 5:10 followed by Mass at 5:30. Dinner and meeting to follow. Contact Marge Hupp at 792-2583 or call Marge Hupp at 792-2583 by July 31. Sisters of the area will be our guests. Please bring wrapped gifts for the White Elephant Bingo.
- DO YOU SENSE THAT SOMETHING IS MISSING IN YOUR LIFE? Do you feel that if weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled and maybe even a better person? Come to the next Christ Renews His Parish/Welcome Weekend. It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. The Women's retreat is September 9th & 10th, the Men's, Sept 30th & October 1st. Brochures available in the back of all county churches. For additional information please contact Sue Boes 712-792-1248 or Brandon Nepper 712-790-8316.
- ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WILLEY invites you to join us: Due to our dedication to our parish family, desire for continued vocations, need for increased evangelization and personal intentions, the St. Mary Parish family invites all to dedicate yourself, your family, your friends and neighbors to our 101 Hours of Devotion Prayerathon. Beginning with Mass at St. Mary on August 10, this will be followed by 101 consecutive hours of private devotion, songs, rosaries, Adoration of the Eucharist, Stations of the Cross, and novenas devoted through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. The devotion will end with Mass at St. Mary at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 14, at the vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mark your calendars and plan to participate at St. Mary in Willey during our 101 Hours. For any questions, please call Sue Riesselman, 790-2423; Mary Schreck, 836-5277; Shelly Schreck, 830-5859; or Brenda Klein, 790-8026.
- 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 689-2381 or you can go online 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.

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER to take care of the flowers & decorating in the Church. Please contact Parish Office if interested. Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Parish Office, 712-673-2582, Hours: Tues. – Fri. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

THANK YOU to everyone who is sharing your time, talent, and treasure with the parish. Due to your generosity, this past week we have been able to pay off all past due investment obligations to Kuemper for all of 2016-2017!

MICHAEL SCHRECK and Zach Curtis Collison and Julianna Christine Loneman, 19 August 2017.

Kuemper News:

- Thursday, Aug 3: Walk-in Registration in KHS Cafeteria – Noon–7 p.m.; New Family Orientation in KHS Library – 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Kuemper Ball Golf Outing: A Knight at the Club - Kuemper’s 4 Person Best Ball Tournament will be August 18th at the Carroll Country Club. Team slots and sponsorship opportunities still available. Prizes on every hole. Not a golfer? Please join us for dinner from 5-8pm. Dinner tickets can be purchased for $25 each. Call 712-792-2212 to reserve your spot today. Proceeds to benefit the 2018 Friends of Kuemper Ball.