Monday December 4 8:00 a.m.-AT SJ Eileen Schmitz+
Tuesday December 5 8:00 a.m.-AT SJ Living & Deceased of the Otmar & Elaine Bierl Family
Wednesday December 6 8:00 a.m.-AT SB Mike Snyder+
Thursday December 7 8:00 a.m.-AT SJ Germaine Schrad+
Friday December 8 8:00 a.m.-AT OLMC Donna Tigges++
Saturday December 9 5:30 p.m.-AT SJ Family of Ava Adams, Rita Sundrup+
Sunday December 10 8:00 a.m.-AT OLMC Ray Schetter+ 10:00 a.m.-AT SB Liv. & Dec’d of AJ & Ruth Schwarzkopf Fam., Bette Snyder+

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

PRESIDER: Fr. Brian Feller

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Volunteers (All Parishes)

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Ushears/Greeters: Bob & Julie Steinkamp
Gift Bearers: Youth

Servers: Brianna, Blake & Brett Lux
Isaac Evans, Carter Pudenz
Ben Schmitz

Readers: Peg Scheidt
Michelle Pudenz & youth
Tre, Caden & Mya Knobbe

Rosary Leaders: Mary Theresa Hoffmann
Wayne & Angie Tigges
Gene Nieland

Money Counters: Mary Jo Berning
Gary & Ann Schmitz
Linda Steinkamp
Rita Bruch
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Mary Lou Hermens

**Finances for Week of November 26**

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Budgeted for Giving $20,040.00
| Budgeted Mo. Giving: | $17,015.00 |
| Budgeted for Giving: | $15,708.70 |
| Income this month: | $1,209.05 |
| Expenses for the Week: | $ 4,188.96 |
| DAA Goal: | $ 5,709.00 |
| DAA Pledged/Given: | $ 4,085/3,835 |
| 54 Cards Returned: | 46 Cards Returned |

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:**
Advent Season: Having entered the Advent season, I remind you that we have Free Books (Joy to the World by Scott Hahn) and Free Advent Candles sets. The books and candles can be found in the church entrances or at your parish office. I also encourage you to sign up for the Free Advent online retreat at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

**Holy Day Masses:** This coming Friday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast for our country and a holy day of obligation. Every Catholic is expected to attend Mass on this day. Listed below is our schedule of Masses throughout the cluster parishes of the county.

**Thursday, December 7 (Vigil Mass)**
5:00pm Holy Angels, Roselle
5:30pm St. Elizabeth Seton, Glidden
5:30pm Holy Spirit, Carroll
6:30pm Sacred Heart, Templetov
6:30pm St. Mary, Willey
7:00pm St. Bernard, Breda

**Friday, December 8**
7:00am Holy Spirit, Carroll
8:00am St. John, Arcadia
8:00am Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mt. Carmel
8:00am Annunciation, Coon Rapids
8:00am Holy Family, Lidderdale
8:00am St. Augustine, Halbur
8:25am St. Lawrence, Carroll
8:25am Holy Spirit, Carroll
12:00pm St. Lawrence, Carroll
5:30pm St. Lawrence, Carroll
5:30pm St. Joseph, Dedham

Fr. Kevin Richter
UPCOMING EVENTS: ADVENT-CHRISTMAS

Friday December 8 – HOLY DAY: Immaculate Conception of Mary
Thursday December 7 - 7:00 p.m.- Eucharist at St. Bernard; Friday December 8 - 8:00 a.m.- Eucharist at Our Lady of Mount Carmel; 8:00 a.m.- Eucharist at St. John the Baptist

Sunday December 17 – CTKCC Communal Reconciliation Liturgy/Celebration 1:00 p.m. at St. Bernard

Monday December 25 – HOLY DAY: Nativity of the Lord
Sunday December 24 - 4:00 p.m. Eucharist at Our Lady of Mount Carmel; 6:00 p.m. Eucharist at St. John the Baptist

Monday December 25 - 9:00 a.m. Eucharist at St. Bernard

BAPTISM CLASS: If you are expecting a child or wishing to baptize a child, please contact the parish office at Breda 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 Wednesday December 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Ministry Room at St. Bernard-Breda.

NEW PARISHIONERS: If you are a new member of the parish, please contact your parish office.

GRAIN DONATIONS: Are accepted by the parish IF the farmer transfers ownership of the grain to the parish using the proper Grain Transfer Form (see bulletin). The parish website is to contact the parish office to notify the staff that the parish is now owners of the grain. It is then the responsibility of the parish staff to sell the grain at their discretion. We are grateful for any and all donations which are made to the parish for the mission of the parish. The most convenient donations are made via cash donations [cash or check] from the donors’ bank account. The custom where by farmers take a load of grain to their local cooperative and ask the cooperative to write a check out to the parish is illegal according to IRS rules and thus the parish has the right and will refuse to accept grain checks using this procedure. If you have any questions, please contact your parish office. Thank you.

JOB OPENING: Parish Bookkeeper/Secretary PART-TIME to complete all financial transactions for St. Bernard & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. For more information and/or to apply contact Fr. Mark at 712-673-2582. Application is available on the parish website.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: The Handbook for 2018 to assist you when you visit the homebound is available in each sacristy for your use. Please borrow and return.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL [DAA] continues. Thank you to the parishioners who have returned your pledge cards. If you have not returned your card with pledge and payment, please do so this week.

NEW MINISTERS: [Rosary Leaders] are needed in each parish. Contact your parish office.

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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).

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CHRISTMAS CARPETING will be replaced this fall. The deteriorating carpet has been removed. This project was approved by the Parish Council earlier this year.

CHURCH CLEANING—families are asked to pick a month of the year to clean the church cleaning (general dusting, vacuuming, and bathroom cleaning) once or twice during your appointed month. This is good service hours for youth. Please sign up for a month on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

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

THANK YOU to everyone who assisted with church cleaning this past week.

GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY is Wednesday December 6 with social hour at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost is $8. Call Deb Nieland 673-2659 or Karen Nieland 673-4483 to make reservations by December 3.

LENDING LIBRARY is available at St. Bernard in the entrance of the church. HAVE YOU CHECKED IT OUT?

WE WILL BE DOING THE MEMORY TREE AGAIN THIS YEAR. The ornament for this year will be a gift package cut out of cardboard. Same as last year but different design. There will be a smaller version. Tree and ornaments will be sold during the Christmas Season for those remembered on the Memory tree. To order an ornament, see or call Mary Kay Uhlenkamp (673-4695)