Sunday  December 24  4:00 p.m.-At OLMC  Wilbur/Clarise Pudenz+
Monday  December 25  6:00 p.m.-At SJ  Leroy/ Corine Niehaus+/Ben Obrecht+/Arlene Schroeder+
Tuesday  December 26  9:00 a.m.-At SB  Memory Tree+
Wednesday  December 27  8:00 a.m.-At SJ  No Mass
Thursday  December 28  8:00 a.m.-At OLMC  Glenn Bernholtz+
Friday  December 29  8:00 a.m.-At SJ  Richard Ricke+/Emma Ricke+
Saturday  December 30  5:30 p.m.-At SJ  Living & Deceased of Ed/Dorothy Vogl Family
Sunday  December 31  8:00 a.m.-At OLMC  Marilyn Foley+

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: St. Bernard’s – Saturday’s 5:00-5:15 p.m. 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

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wishes that have been offered, and the gifts and goodies that have been given. The prayerful support and encouragement that you offer to us is greatly appreciated. You are and will continue to be in our prayers! – Fr. Kevin Richter

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule  

Christmas Day Mass Schedule
4:00pm Holy Spirit, Carroll (separate Masses in church and in parish hall)  
8:30am Holy Family, Lidderdale  
4:00pm St. Lawrence, Carroll  
9:00am Holy Spirit, Carroll  
4:00pm St. Elizabeth Seton, Glidden  
9:00am St. Joseph, Dedham  
4:00pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mount Carmel  
9:00am St. Bernard, Breda  
4:00pm Holy Angels, Roselle  
9:00am St. Augustine, Halbur  
5:30pm St. Augustine, Halbur  
10:00am St. Lawrence, Carroll  
6:00pm Annunciation, Cooper Rapids  
6:00pm Holy Spirit, Carroll  
6:00pm St. John, Arcadia

FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIONAL PAROCHIAL VICAR:  
On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, Fr. Kevin Richter is here and I am at Glidden, Dedham, and Cooper Rapids. This fourth week of Advent is very short—only a few hours. I will be with you for Christmas eve and day. This weekend we attend Mass Saturday evening and/or Sunday morning for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Sunday evening and/or Monday morning for Christmas. Thank you to all of our ministers, including decorators, who help to enhance our liturgical celebrations. A Christmas gift from the DCCW may be found at the church entrances, Matthew Kelly’s new book, Perfectly Yourself. Have you finished reading your gift from the parish by Scott Hahn, Joy to the World? Please remember your parish in your will….Your bequest is a testimony to your faith in our future. — Fr. Mark

For All Parishes:

UPCOMING EVENTS: CHRISTMAS

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

Monday January 1 – Solemnity of the Mother of God - Monday January 1 8:00 a.m. - Eucharist at St. John the Baptist; 9:00 a.m. - Eucharist at St. Bernard

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PARISH CHAMPION PROGRAM provides us each month with free copies of books, CDs, or other materials from Dynamic Catholic [Matthew Kelly]. Free this month in church entrances is a copy of The New Testament in a unique cover. Free to everyone to be inspired and to take life to the next level and share!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION will be December 24/25. Bishop Nickles writes: “Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Sioux City works every day to give spiritual and material support to Christ’s little ones. Catholic Charities is an arm of the Church, dedicated to helping the poor, especially those suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, family issues, and other psychological and spiritual poverty. But they also need your help to continue the ministry and good work they do. You can help by your prayerful and generous solidarity. Your prayers for the poor who suffer, and for the daily, often unseen work of the Church to help them, are powerful, and I especially urge you to be diligent in prayers this year. If you can, be blessed by giving to those in need. If you can give, please also let your heart be moved to make a generous donation to support Catholic Charities.” We will take a SECOND COLLECTION after Holy Communion at the Christmas Eve and Day Masses. Please use the envelope in your collection packet.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES from any of these three parishes may be placed in any of the three parishes collection baskets and your contribution will be forwarded to your parish.

CONTRIBUTIONS for 2017 will be accepted up until January 1, 2018 as long as the check is dated 2017 AND the donations must be received (postmarked if mailed) by December 31 in order to be deductible in 2017. If postmarked or received after 12-31-17, the donation will be deductible in 2018. To comply with federal law, we cannot accept donations in 2018 for 2017 or in 2017 for 2018.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, December 25, is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be celebrated Sunday December 24, 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, after the 5:45 p.m. Children’s Christmas Pageant, and Monday December 25, 9:00 a.m. at St. Bernard.

THERE, full-length contemplative film biography/drama [96 minutes] sharing the true mesmerizing story of Saint Therese of Lisieux, an ordinary girl with an extraordinary soul and a very popular saint of modern times, as a young girl’s romance with a young man has to be put aside for the Sorrows of Christ. The film challenges both your faith and your emotions. It is rated PG. Therese will meet on Jan. 4, 2018 at Orchard View Chapel. Rosary at 9:00 a.m. Mass at 9:30 followed by Coffee and Rolls in the Dining Room.

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST, serving fresh homemade pancakes, sausages, and eggs, will be Sunday January 28, 2018 at Mount Carmel Parish Hall 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Adult: $7, children [5-10]: $5.00, children [0-5]: free. Tickets available at the door.

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

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be presented on Sunday December 24, 5:45 p.m. in the church prior to the Christmas Eve [at Night] Mass.

CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES for 2018 are available in the back of Church to be picked up.

WANTED: Someone to do snow removal of the church sidewalks & steps. A snow blower and blower vac are provided. Please contact the Parish Office (689-2595).

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

PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be Sunday January 28, 2018. Work schedules will be available next week in the back of church.

Anyone wishing to donate a raffle item please contact Ann Habel $30-7748 or Lane Pudenz 830-8773.

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

THANK YOU to the National Catholic Society of Foresters and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Court #883 [Breda] for your donation of $2,393.24 to use purchase pantry for the parish center. These donations are from the Pie Day held this past fall.

OUR INCOME, as of this date, is down about $13,879.36 [-16.8%] from a year ago. Can you help?

FURNACE ISSUE: one of our four furnaces in the church developed a cracked heat exchanger. This furnace has been shut down and will be replaced next week. Cost will be around $2,000.

ST. BERNARD'S ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE will be Saturday, February 10, 2018, at the Breda American Legion Hall. The evening will begin with a happy hour 6:00-7:00 p.m. followed by dinner catered by Lidderdale Country Store. Entertainment will be provided by Brad and Corrie Johnson, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Cash drawings will be held throughout the night. Tickets are $75.00 each. Get your tickets before January 21, 2018 to enter into our early bird drawing to win one of 2 $50 cash prizes! For more information, to purchase tickets, or to donate please contact any of the committee members: Kevin and Stephanie Neumayer (830-4014), Devin and Mimi Pudenz (790-2553), Aaron and Carrie Schulz (790-9617), Adam Schelle (790-0980), Russ and Kim Knobbe (830-2698), Cory and Elizabeth Ulhenkamp (830-4754), Chris Ulhenkamp (830-9194), Brett Schwarzkopf (830-6527).

January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: Because this Solemnity falls on a Monday this year, the obligation to attend mass is removed. However, we are still offering a number of opportunities to attend mass:

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6:30pm Sacred Heart, Templeton  
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