BEQUEST is a testimony to your faith in our future.

Friday, and the Easter Vigil and Easter. I invite you to make this your best Lent ever! In addition, if you wish to participate in many or most of our Lenten events including Stations of the Cross, Adoration/Benediction, and especially ALL the liturgies of Holy Week—especially Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil! I encourage you to invite family and friends to attend Mass with you. Please make every effort to attend all four Holy Week liturgies.

FROM THE DESK OF THE Regional PAROCHIAL VICAR

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. Kevin Richter, Pastor ~

Friday, March 23 – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Confessional.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. Mark Stoll, Parish Vicar ~

Saturday, March 24 – 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Confessional.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. Greg Sampson, Deacon ~

Saturday, March 24 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Confessional.

I am here. I am present. I am for you. I am with you. I am in you. I am the light of the world. I am the God of peace. I am the renewal of all things. I am the forgiving Father. I am the resurrection and life. Come to me and I will give you rest. Learn from me and I will lead you. Follow me and I will guide you. Trust me and I will heal you. Believe in me and I will save you. Be with you and I will strengthen you. Be for you and I will empower you. Be in you and I will comfort you. Be with me and I will show you the way. Be with me and I will offer you peace. Be with me and I will bring you joy. Be with me and I will give you hope. Be with me and I will provide for you. Be with me and I will love you. Be with me and I will forgive you. Be with me and I will welcome you. Be with me and I will wash your feet. Be with me and I will clothe you. Be with me and I will feed you. Be with me and I will give you the kingdom of heaven. Be with me and I will make you happy. Be with me and I will make you blessed. Be with me and I will make you powerful.

St. John

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Ushers/Greeters...

Gift Bearers...

Servers...

Readers...

Rosary Leaders...

Money Counters...

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: St. Bernard’s – Sunday’s 9:30 – 9:45a.m. and by appointment

St. John’s – Sunday’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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On this First Sunday in Lent, I am here. I invite everyone to make a commitment to participate in many or most of our Lenten events including Stations of the Cross, Adoration/Benediction, and especially ALL the liturgies of Holy Week—especially Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Our Lenten practices prepare us for the great Liturgies of the Triduum [Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil] and Easter. I invite you to make this your best Lent ever! In addition, if you wish to participate in Dynamic Catholic’s “Best Lent Ever”, visit https://dynamincatholic.com/bestlentever for more information and to sign up. Please remember your parish in your will…your bequest is a testimony to your faith in our future. —Fr. Mark

For All Parishes:

• SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING LENT: On Ash Wednesday the collection was for AID TO WORLD-WIDE CHURCHES. Today the collection is for BLACK, INDIAN, AND CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS. These collections are great ways for us to give Alms, support mission efforts, and assist those who are in need.

• FREE BOOK FOR LENT—The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ by Dr. Brant Pitre, scripture scholar and bestselling author is available in the church entrance on the table with free items. Dr. Pitre uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the “case for Jesus” by exposing the problems with the many false theories that have been introduced over the past hundred years resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian faith. He tackles head-on questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more. Pick up your copy today. Read. Share!

• THERESI, 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 God included faith, trials,
and sacrifices are revealed in a way of life based on love and simplicity. This film, released in October 2004, is rated PG for some mild thematic elements. You are invited to join us Wednesday March 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m. in the St. Bernard School Gym [theater] for the FREE showing of this film which is open to the public. A drawing for a free copy of the film will be done at the end of the evening. [This is the makeup date for the postponed January 11th date.]

**ST. JOHN LAWRENCE PARISH** will offer “A Lent To Remember” from formed.org beginning February 22 at 7:00 pm in Collin Hall. Each session will last about an hour and include a video from Formed and discussion. Make this Lent a life changing time and be fully prepared for Easter. Contact Phil Phillips (792-5610) if you have any questions. Week One—February 22—Where are you? What are we to do with guilt? Should it be ignored, or does it present an opportunity we don’t want to miss? The truth is, God seeks us out when we have sinned, not to scold or punish us, but to offer his healing and his forgiveness. It’s certainly true that God is omnipotent and just, but before all else he is our loving and merciful Father.

**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. St. John’s has scheduled a baptism class for March 12 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 February 28, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Ministry Room at St. Bernard-Breda.

**STEBENHEIM YOUTH CONFERENCES,** is a high-energy youth conference held around the country where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. All high school students are invited to join other young Catholics across the county, diocese, and region at this year's Stebbenheim Conference in Springfield, Missouri July 13-15. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Carl Meixner, CCYM coordinator, by text or call at (712) 357-5406, or email her at coordinator.cccym@gmail.com

**UPCOMING DOMUS TRINITATIS RETREATS** Creation Retreat: Retreat: February 24-25, Reclaiming a Sacramental Vision of Reality. For info or to register, please call Julie, 712-292-5011.

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED** to a three-week study on prayer, through the organization Blessed is She. Meetings will be on Saturdays February 24 and March 3, with a closing potluck brunch on March 10, from 9-10 a.m in Collin Hall at St. Lawrence Parish. There is an $8 fee for study material. For more information or to study materials, please contact Carl Meixner at coordinator.cccym@gmail.com or by phone at 712-357-5406.

**BIBLE STUDY:** All girls in grades 6 and 7 are invited to a 5-week Bible study, led by Kuempel High School freshman Hannah Casetteer. This study will take place each Thursday from February 15 to March 15, from 7-8 pm in the Family Room at St. Lawrence Parish. No RSVP is required. With questions, please contact Carl Meixner, CCYM coordinator, via text or call at (712)-357-5406 or via email at coordinator.cccym@gmail.com.

**DAILY MASS** will be cancelled at Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Mount Carmel on the days schools are postponed or cancelled due to winter weather. Daily Mass at St. Bernard-Breda will still be held on those days.

**SNOW/ICE REMOVAL** - With winter here, we have volunteers and hired persons to clear the snow and ice from sidewalks, steps, and parking areas.

**ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH FISH FRY** will be Friday, March 2. Serving 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Dedham Legion Hall. Fish, potatoes, coleslaw, bun and dessert. Adults-$9, 6-12-5$, 5 and under Free. Drive up available from 5:00 until 7:30...No need to call ahead.

**ST. JOHN’S PARISH FISH SUPPER** will be held on Friday, March 9 at the Arcadia Legion Hall, serving from 5-8 p.m. Fish made on site by Lidderdale Country Store. Adults - $10, Children (5-10) - $6.50; Preschool Free. Tickets for $5 will be sold for the 50/50 Raffle.

**VENDOR CRAFT FAIR** sponsored by the OLMC Men’s/ Women’s Club will be Saturday March 10, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the OLMC parish hall in Mount Carmel.

**CARROLL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** will be held at the National Guard Armory on Wednesday, February 21 from 12-6 p.m. To make an appointment, call Deb (830-7612).

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the repose of the soul of Carolyn Badding whose funeral was held on Friday at St. John’s. May she rest in peace.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the repose of the soul of Joseph ‘Dean’ Berg whose funeral was held on Thursday at St. John’s. May he rest in peace.

**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).

**SNOW REMOVAL LOG** found in the entrances of our parish facilities as required by our insurance company. Thank you.

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

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA** will meet on Thursday, March 1st at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Stations of the Cross at 5:10 p.m. with Mass to follow at 5:30 p.m. Pat Vogl will have a program on “The Franciscan Sister Water Project”. Dinner reservations need to be made to Marg Hupp at 712-792-2583 by Monday, February 26th.

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**SUSCIPENTENIAL [150th]** in is 2019! A town hall meeting sponsored by the Men’s/ Women’s Club will be held Sunday February 25, 4:00 p.m. in the parish hall to seek input from parishioners as we begin our plans for this celebration. All are welcome.

**CHURCH CLEANING** (general dusting, vacuuming, and bathroom cleaning) is being done once or twice each month by families of the parish. We have openings for April, June-December 2018. This is good service hours for youth. Please sign up for a month on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

**ST. BERNARD PARISH OFFICE, 712-673-2582, HOURS:** Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**RITE OF SENDING** will be celebrated today at the 10:00 a.m. Mass with Dani Mueggenberg [catechumen with her godparent-Susie Boles who has been preparing for many months to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist and Stephanie Neumayer [candidate with her sponsor-Angie Killeen who has been preparing for many months to join the Catholic Church through Rite of Reception, Confirmation, and Eucharist]. This rite offers the local parish the opportunity to express our approval of the catechumens and candidates to send them forth to the Bishop for the Rite of Election [for Dani] and Rite of Calling to Continuing Conversion [Stephanie] with the assurance of the parish’s care and support. This afternoon at St. Mary Church-Storm Lake, catechumens from around the Diocese will gather with their godparents to be chosen, accepted, and elected by the Bishop to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. After this rite they are no longer known as catechumens, but “The Elect.” The Church community plays an important role in giving good example to the elect as we prepare to celebrate the Easter solemnities that has the focus the Sacrament of Baptism. At the same ceremony, candidates from around the Diocese will gather with their sponsors to be affirmed by the Bishop as they enter the final weeks of preparation complete their initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

**THANKS** to everyone who attended, planned, and/or assisted at the February 10th Valentine’s Dinner/Dance. CONGRATULATIONS to the winners: Early Birds [$50] = Kristen Young, Lisa Schelle; $100 = Theresa Tiefenthaler, Kevin Koster, Jane Klaver, Dennis Kliver, Elizabeth Uhlenkamp; $250 = Chris Huegerich, Jeff Koster; and $500 = Jon Tiefenthaler.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Sunday, February 25th at 9:15 a.m. at school. New voices welcome anytime. Come join us this season of Lent.

**THE NURSING HOME BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE** has scheduled a birthday party for Jim Koster at Twilight Acres in Wall Lake on February 22 at 2 p.m. If you need a ride to the party, please call Arlene Mueggenberg at 673-292-5011.

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