Monday February 26 8:00 a.m.-At SJ  Rita Sundrup+
Tuesday February 27 8:00 a.m.-At SJ  Special Intention
Wednesday February 28 8:00 a.m.-At SJ  Eileen Schmitz+
  8:00 a.m.-At OLMC  Germaine Schrad+
Thursday March 1 8:00 a.m.-At SJ  Margaret Schroeder+
  8:00 a.m.-At SB  Maurine Forke+
Friday March 2 8:00 a.m.-At SJ  Carolyn Badding+
  8:00 a.m.-At OLMC  Irma Grotes+
Saturday March 3 5:30 p.m.-At SJ  Bill Berg+
Sunday March 4 8:00 a.m.-At OLMC  Special Intention
  10:00 a.m.-At SB  AJ/Ruth Schwarzkopf+

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: St. Bernard’s – Sunday’s 9:30-9:45a.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

Finances for Week of February 18

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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is asking everyone to participate in a Call-in Day to Congress on Monday, February 26, 2018! Your advocacy is critical to help the nearly 1.8 million Dreamers, young people who were brought into the United States by their parents as children. They may face deportation as soon as March 6, unless Congress reaches a bipartisan deal to protect them. Please follow these easy steps to help: 1. Please call 855-589-5698 to reach the Capitol switchboard, and press 1 to connect to your Senators. Once you are connected to each Senator’s office, please ask the person on the phone to deliver this simple message: “I urge you to support a bipartisan, common-sense, and humane solution for Dreamers:

• Protect Dreamers from deportation and provide them with a path to citizenship.
• Reject proposals that undermine family immigration or protections for unaccompanied children.
• As a Catholic, I know that families are not “chains,” but a blessing to be protected.
• Act now to protect Dreamers, our immigrant brothers and sisters.”

2. Please call 855-589-5698 a second time to reach the Capitol switchboard again, and press 2 to connect to your Representative. Once you are connected to the Representative’s office, please ask the person on the phone to deliver the same message as above. Thanks for your participation!

FROM THE DESK OF THE Regional PAROCHIAL VICAR: On this Second Sunday in Lent, I am here. Thank you to our parish employees and volunteers who assist with snow/ice removal to the best of their abilities. NOTE: All Mass Offering requests are to be given to me so I may record and schedule them. Thank you. Please remember your parish in your will…..Your bequest is a testimony to your faith in our future. —Fr. Mark
For All Parishes:

- **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 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.

- **THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU** will be held in many parishes across the Diocese on Tuesday March 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Fr. Mark, at St. Bernard and Fr. Remmes, at St. John, will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please come! Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation include before Saturday/Sunday Masses and on Sunday March 11, 1:00 p.m. If it has been over a year since your last confession, please come—do not be afraid.

- **WHERE?** full-length contemplative film biography/drama [96 minutes] sharing the true mesmerizing story of Saint Therese of Lisieux, an ordinary farm girl and soul at a modern times, who through her 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.]

- **THE Eucharistic Miracles of the World** is a Vatican International exhibit presented by the Real Presence Education & Adoration Association and sponsored by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Mount Carmel, Iowa. This exhibit will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The exhibit presents the true stories of over 140 miracles associated with weakened faith, honored saints, apparitions, humble peasants, animals, fire, floods, and theft through a self-guided walking tour of 180 color posters. Scientific evidence, video, and CDs will be available. A special children’s area will also be available. Coffee and pastries will be offered. This is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted for The Real Presence.org. For questions or special groups please contact Shari or Myron Schulte 712-790-9377 / 9424.

- **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!

- **ST. LAWRENCE PRAYERS** will offer “A Lent To Remember” from formed.org beginning February 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Colliison Hall. Each session will last about an hour and includes a video from Formed and discussion. Make this Lent a life changing time and be fully prepared for Easter. Below is a description of each session. Contact Phil Phillips (792-5610) if you have any questions. Week Two—March 1—An Encounter with Mercy: Sin always damages our relationships with God and with others, and, depending on the gravity of the sin, it may even rupture these relationships. Pray for us as we ask to the Sacrament of Reconciliation not only to forgive us and wash away our sins, but also to heal our wounds and the root causes of our sins. We are not defined by our mistakes, we are defined by the Father’s love for us!

- **CATHOLIC KID’S YOUTH MINISTRY (CCYM)** is hosting a prayer event for students in grades 9-12 on Sunday, February 24, from 7-8 pm in Colliison Hall at St. Lawrence Church. There will be a short talk and time for reflection on the simplest and best prayer we have, the Lord’s Prayer. CCYM will now have events every Sunday night - stay connected in the bulletin as well as on Instagram and Facebook @CCYMCatholic to see the latest!

- **JOIN US THIS SATURDAY, March 3 from 9-10 a.m. in Colliison Hall at St. Lawrence for the third week of Blessed Conversations, a women's study about ways to pray. Please RSVP to Carly Meixner by emailing coordinator.ccm@gmail.com or by call or text at 712-357-5406.

- **BIBLE STUDY:** All sixth and seventh grade girls are invited to a Bible study on Thursday, March 1 from 7-8 pm in the Family Room at St. Lawrence. This study is led by Kuemper High School freshman Hannah Casebeer, and this week's Bible passage is Matthew 5:13-16. Please contact Carly Meixner, CCYM coordinator, with any questions by email at coordinator.ccm@gmail.com or by call or text at 712-357-5406.

- **DAILY SCHOOLS POSTPONEMENT** will be used to purchase a new Sound System for St. Joseph Church. St. Joseph Raffle drawing is March 2 at the Fish Fry at the OLMC parish hall in Mount Carmel on the days schools are postponed or cancelled due to winter weather and at St. John-Arcadia on the days schools are 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. Sometimes, these persons do not get everything cleared, especially when the snow is falling, and the wind is blowing during parish activities. Thus, if you volunteer and pick up a shovel or broom or ice melt to clear areas around any parish facility, please note this on the snow removal log.

- **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.

- **ST. ROSE OF LIMA #6 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 on Monday, February 26th.

- **TRIVIA NIGHT:** Our annual Trivia Night fundraiser for Domus Trinitatis is coming up on March 10. Get your table together now-tables are beginning to fill up!! Doors open at 6, Trivia starts at 6:30 in the Greteman Center. Tables of 8 are $200/individuals $25. Sign up via email: homeofethrinity@gmail.com or call Julie at 712-292-3011. See you there!

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

- **GET YOUR ST. JOSEPH PARISH RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!!!** $5000 in prizes to be given away...only $20.ticket. All Raffle money will be purchased to purchase a new Sound System for St Joseph Church. St. Joseph Raffle drawing is March 2 at the Fish Fry at the Dedham Legion Hall.

- **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 Lawrence County Stew. Adults - $10; Children (5-9) - $5; 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.

- **Saturday, March 10, 10:00 a.m.** in the St. Bernard Church to seek input from parishioners as we begin our plans for this celebration. All are welcome.

- **HOSTED BY THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE MOST Holy Trinity** in Iowa City, this study is led by Kuemper High School freshman Hannah Casebeer, and this week’s Bible passage is Matthew 5:13-16. If you have any questions, please contact Carly Meixner, CCYM coordinator, with any questions by email at coordinator.ccm@gmail.com or by call or text at 712-357-5406.

- **LORD’S PRAYER:** Prayer is the first step to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please come! Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation include before Saturday/Sunday Masses and on Sunday March 11, 1:00 p.m. If it has been over a year since your last confession, please come—do not be afraid.

- **THE RCIA FIRST SCRUTINY** is celebrated on the Third Sunday of Lent with the Elect (unbaptized) in the parish. This ritual is for the purification and strengthening for baptism for the elect. The priest and the people of God pray over and for the Elect that they may acknowledge their sinfulness and be protected from evil so that the Elect “may come to worship the Father in truth.” Dan Mueggenboer will celebrate this Rite next Sunday!

- **CHURCH CLEANING** is being done once or twice each month by families of the parish. With winter here, we have volunteers and hired persons to clear the snow and ice from sidewalks, steps, and parking. Sometimes, these persons do not get everything cleared, especially when the snow is falling, and the wind is blowing during parish activities. Thus, if you volunteer and pick up a shovel or broom or ice melt to clear areas around any parish facility, please note this on the snow removal log.

- **FAMILY GATHERING** will be held on Saturday, March 10, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the OLMC parish hall in Mount Carmel.

- **THE FREE FILM “THE POWER OF SINGING” will be shown on Saturday, March 10, 7:00 p.m. in the St. Bernard Church. The 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.]

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