FROM THE PASTOR...Today’s Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation to the Gentiles (in the persons of the Magi) of the life of God Himself. God, who in the person of Jesus, shared in our humanity in order to allow us to share in his divinity forever. Like the Magi, each person’s journey to Christ has its own direction and trail; and for each who pays Christ homage and offers the treasures one holds, the reward is the same: a path away from the dangers of sin and death and toward life. We now have one more week to celebrate Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who sent Christmas cards and gifts [food, cash, gift cards, etc.] to Fr. Schott, Deacon Greg, and I. May God continue to bless you.

Please remember your parish in your will.....Your bequest is a testimony to your faith in our future. —Fr. Mark
USHERS are asked to gather the collection immediately after the Universal Prayers [Prayers of the Faithful, Petitions] at all Holy Day Masses as well as Sundays [Saturday evenings]. Envelopes are provided in parishioner’s packets for Holy Days too. Thank you.

DAILY MASS will be cancelled at our parishes on the days schools have a late start or are cancelled due to winter weather. Daily Mass at St. Bernard-Breda will still be held on Tuesdays. Parish activities may be postponed or cancelled in the case of days of early dismissals or no school. Check the parish website for announcements.

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

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS for 2018 will only be accepted up until 31 December 2018 if the check is dated 2018 AND the donation is received in the parish office (or postmarked if mailed) by December 31 in order to be deductible in 2018. If postmarked or received after 31 December 2018 the donation will be deductible in 2019. To comply with federal law, we cannot accept donations in 2019 for 2018.

ALL WEEKLY DONATIONS are anonymous. Please be assured that we cannot, may not, and will not publish the names of donors and the amount of their donations to the parish in accord with Diocesan and Federal confidentiality rules. All donations are confidential between the giver, the collection counter, and the parish staff.

DONATIONS OF STOCK are accepted if: [1] before this is done the donor contacts the parish office to obtain the parish stock donation form, [2] the company of the stock is in compliance with Catholic Church teaching, and [3] the completed form is sent to the parish office and to a brokerage firm with which the parish has an account in order to complete the transfer. Please contact the parish office BEFORE making a stock donation.

READERS OF GOD’S WORD: two [2] copies of the Workbook for Lectors… may be found in every sacristy for you to pick up, read over the readings for next Sunday, and return for the next Reader.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK: two [2] copies of the Handbook for Visiting the Sick and Homebound may be found in every sacristy for you to use on your communion visits to the homebound.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST serving fresh homemade pancakes, sausages, and eggs will be Sunday 27 January 2019, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish hall. $8.00/adult, $5.00/child (5-10), children under 5: free. Tickets available at the door.

ST. BERNARD VALENTINE DANCE will be Saturday February 9, 2019. ALOHA! This year’s theme is “Blue Hawaii” and we are ready to hang loose with live music by Brad Morgan and $1,600 in cash give-away! Tickets, $80 each, are on sale now. Get them while they last! Please call Chris Uhlenkamp (712-830-9194) or Cory Uhlenkamp (712-830-4754).

+++ ST. BERNARD-BREDA

SAVE OUR STEEPLE UPDATE: work on the steeple is scheduled to start in late April or early May 2019. In addition, the north and south side doors will also be replaced around the same time. Thank you to parishioners and friends who have donated to the project. If you have not donated, there is still time to donate.

LADY FORESTERS will have their meeting at Kay’s Korner on Tuesday, January 8 at 8:30. Hostess will be Marge Boes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BEGINNING IN JANUARY, greeters at Mass will only be assigned to the east main door entrance. Volunteers are welcome at the side doors.

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**PARISH DAA GOALS:**

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<td>83/200 cards</td>
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- **Improvement Fund** $500.00
- **Valentine’s Dinner/Dance** $320.00
- **Catholic Charities** $140.00
- **Budgeted Mo. Giving** $35,310.90
- **Income for the Month** $13,974.00
- **Expenses for the Week** $4,712.83
- **Expenses for the Month** $4,712.83

**MINISTERS-January 13**

**PRESIDER:** Fr. Gary Snyder

**Greeters:** Pat Schwarzkopf, Marilyn Snyder (M), Volunteers (S)

**Rosary Leaders:** Leonard/Jean Grote

**Servers:** Cami Uhlenkamp, Tyler Leise, Aaron McDermott

**Readers:** Scott Masching

**Ushers:** Rich Mueggenberg, Don Rowe, Tom Wittry

**Gift Bearers:** Chris/Karen Koster

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dale Mueggenberg, Pat Schwarzkopf, Chris Koster, Leonard Grote (HB)

**Money Counters:** Gene Nieland, Dan Nieland

+++ ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST-ARCADIA

HELP IS NEEDED next weekend, January 13, following the 10 a.m. Mass to take down the Christmas decorations. Thank you.

**CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for 2019 are available in the back of church.**

**ARCADIA COMMUNITY CLUB EU-CHRE TOURNAMENT,** Friday, January 11, Arcadia City Hall. $10/couple. Sign up begins at 7 p.m. with card playing beginning at 7:30. BYOB!

**Finances for Week of December 30**

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**MINISTERS-January 13**

**PRESIDER:** Fr. Mark Stoll

**Ushers/Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Vic/ Shirley Tomka

**Rosary Leaders:** Jerome/Norma Henke-
1:00 p.m. - Bowling at Carroll Bowl contact Frank Eischeid (658-2816); 5:30 p.m. - Social Hour in Halbur Gym; 6:30 p.m. - Chicken Dinner - followed by bowling results & live auction; 8:30 p.m. - Entertainment by 2 1/2 Guitars

III*Reservations needed***contact Lois Dentlinger (658-2181); Cost -$20 for food & music. Proceeds to Halbur University Scholarship Fund.

4R’S TAVERN EUCRHE TOURNAMENT will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2 p.m. $5 per person.

HALBUR COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: Thursday, January 17th, 12-6 p.m., Halbur Community Center. Appointments can be made @ 1-515-326-2474. Walk-ins welcome.

SAVE THE DATES for Halbur Development Corporation Euchre Tournaments: January 19th and February 9th starting at 7 at the Halbur Community Center. $10/person and includes lunch, BYOB. It is a great way to meet new people and play some cards this winter. Lots of fun for any skill level.

ST. AUGUSTINE-HALBUR
Holy Angels-Roselle

JANUARY LITURGY SCHEDULES are available at the Church entrance.

COLLECTION COUNTERS WANTED to count the collection after each Sunday Mass and prepare it for deposit in the bank. For more information and/or to volunteer, please contact Fr. Mark. Training will be provided.

HALBUR U BOWLING AND FUN(D) NIGHT, Saturday, January 12, 2019
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]/RCIC [Rite of Christian Initiation of Children].

BAPTISM CLASS is offered quarterly to parents expecting their first child or if it has been more than five years since the baptism of a previous child. Please contact the Breda office to register.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION is to begin 6-12 months before the wedding day. If either the bride or the groom is not a Catholic or has been previously married, additional time may be necessary for preparation. Please contact the pastor so that all preparations may be completed in time for the wedding and marriage. Remember, a wedding is just a day, a marriage is a LIFETIME!

NEW PARISHIONERS may register in the parish of their choice by visiting http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/parish-registration [under the ABOUT drop-down menu] and completing the form.

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SEND TO:
stjohnarcadia@gmail.com

ALL PARISHIONERS are asked to contact the parish office if you have a change in address, school, parish, marital status, etc. Thank you.

Mention this ad and I will give a $100 donation to the parish of your choice. ($1,000 minimum job)