FROM THE PASTOR… It is worth it to take little ones to Mass, despite the challenges. Going to Mass with your children is not the easiest thing to do—from getting them out of bed, dressed, and into the family vehicle to the regular pilgrimages around the church building and ear-piercing tantrums children sometimes engage in during the quiet moments of Mass. Often parents comment they got nothing out of Mass as they tended to their children’s needs during Mass. However, the truth is—just our presence at Mass says a lot about our desires and says a lot to the community around us. First, it is important to be present even when we are not entirely present to what is happening. Second, we are at Mass to present ourselves [the good, the bad, the beautiful, the ugly] to God. Third, we are at Mass to unite ourselves with the community in the one Body of Christ. The presence of persons of all ages, even those who can only cry, is an offering of praise, of sacrificial praise that has a sanctifying effect in the world.

Please remember your parish in your will…. Your bequest is a testimony to your faith in our future. —Fr. Mark
A MEMORIAL MASS will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary in Willey to remember all children who died before baptism due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion and other infant fatalities. Names of these children will be read, and parents may light candle lit in their honor. Pro-Life Scriptural Rosary will start at 6:00 and a reception will follow mass. If you want your child remembered at this Mass, call Brenda at 712-790-0626.

MASS OFFERING REQUESTS are to be given to Fr. Mark, so he may record and schedule them in the parish intended. Please note, as of July 1 in the Diocese of Sioux City, the standard Mass Offering gift is $10.

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.

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. PATRICK, AUDUBON, CATHOLIC WOMEN ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST featuring Dad’s Belgian Waffles, Sunday, January 27th 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the St. Patrick’s Center.

ARCADIA AMERICAN LEGION 100TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY, Friday, January 25, 8:30 p.m. Featuring Brad Morgan & Band. $10 admission. Everyone Welcome!

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 (712-830-4574).

THE PROM CLOSET will be open this Saturday, the 12th, and next Saturday, the 19th, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.! Come shop -- dresses are FREE and sizes from 2-24 available. Donations are always welcome. The Prom Closet is located at Ascension Lutheran Church, 406 5th Avenue S., Coon Rapids. If you are unable to make either of the two shopping days, please call Dona Tuel at 712-830-7825 for a private appointment.

PARISH DAA GOALS:

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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.

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

THE NURSING HOME BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE has scheduled two parties this month. Wilma Boes’ birthday party is Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. in the East 200 Hall at Sunnybrook. The birthday party for Elmer Grote will be Friday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. at Twilight Acres in Wall Lake. If you need a ride to the party, call Arlene Mueggenberg at 673-2649. Everybody in the area is invited.

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

ST. BERNARD-BREDA

MINISTERS-January 20

PRESDIER: Fr. Gary Snyder

Greeters: Pat/Urban Koster (M), Volunteers (S)
Rosary Leaders: Leonar/Dean Grote
Servers: Kyla Wiskus, Meredith Sturm, Megan Kies
Readers: Corey Uhlenkamp
Ushers: Rich Mueggenberg, Don Rowe, Tom Wittry
Gift Bearer: George/Kay Wernimont
Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Boeckman, Dale Tiefenthaler, Judy Koster, Lori Snyder (HB)

Finances for Week of January 6

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ST. BERNARD-BREDA
Money Counters: Gene Nieland, Dan Nieland +++

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST-ARCADIA
HELP IS NEEDED on Sunday, January 13, following the 10 a.m. Mass to take down the Christmas decorations. Thank you.

Finances for Week of January 6
Church Support-Adult $ 2,217.00
Church Support-Child $ 1.25
Loose Offering $ 88.00
Catholic Charities $ 5.00
Solemnity of Mary $ 51.00
Budgeted Mo. Giving $20,588.17
Income for the Month $ 2,362.25
Expenses for the Week $ 1,968.57
Expenses for the Month $ 1,968.57

MINISTERS-January 20
PRESIDER: Fr. Mark Stoll
Ushers/Greeters/Gift Bearers: Brian/Ashton Pottebaum
Rosary Leaders: Mary Theresa Hoffmann
Servers: Ryan & Kyle Sundrup Cole Collison
Reader: Joel Dentinger
Eucharistic Ministers: Sheila Dentinger (HB), Kris Collison, Maureen Freese
Money Counters: Stephanie Hansen, Pat Vogl +++

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL-MOUNT CARMEL
PANCAKE BREAKFAST WORK LIST/TICKETS for all OLMC parishioners may be picked up in the back of the church. Persons donating raffle items are asked to bring the items to on Saturday January 26 and not the day of the breakfast. Thank you.

THERE ARE STILL MT. CARMEL 150TH CENTENNIAL CALENDARS available if you would like one. Please contact Ann Schmitz (830-2739) or Marie Pudenz (830-8718) if interested. A sample is still in back of church. We will be selling the calendars at the parish Pancake Breakfast.

Finances for Week of January 6
Church Support-Adult $ 1,219.00
Church Support-Child $ 10.00
Loose Offering $ 94.00
Candle Money $ 78.00
150th Items $ 70.00
Budgeted Mo. Giving $15,732.19
Income for the Month $ 1,401.00
Expenses for the Week $ 3,161.84
Expenses for the Month $ 3,237.21

ST. AUGUSTINE-HALBUR
Holy Angels-Roselle
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.

4R'S TAVERN EUCHRE 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. Appointment can be made at 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.

Finances for Week of January 6
Church Support-Adult $ 4,586.00
Church Support-Child $ 0.00
Loose Offering $ 1,521.06
Rent $ 75.00
Other Income $ 58.59
Catholic Charities $ 100.00
Holy Angels Church Fund $ 250.00
Budgeted Mo. Giving $16,905.12
Income for the Month $ 6,590.65
Expenses for the Week $ 2,527.18
Expenses for the Month $ 5,404.86

ST. ELIZABETH SETON-GLIDDEN
GLIDDEN COMMUNITY QUILTING will be at Peace Lutheran Church Tuesday January 8 until Easter week 2019, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. with potluck at noon. Bring one covered dish. All quilts are distributed to charitable organizations. If you have questions call Chris Beatie at 712-790-7544.

THE ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER will be held Saturday, January 12th after the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Bring your favorite soup to share or just come for the Fellowship and good food!

Finances for Week of January 6
Church Support $ 2,225.00
Church Support-Child $ 0.00
Loose Offering $ 157.82
Budgeted Mo. Giving $ 8,057.83
Income this month $ 2,382.82
Expenses for the Week $ 3,887.40
Expenses for the Month $ 3,887.40

MINISTERS-January 19
PRESIDER: Fr. Mark Stoll
Servers: Carter & Jake Wieland
Reader: Holly Warner
Ushers: Rich Dammer, Chris Dopheide
Gift Bearers: Doyle/Jane Engelen Family
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Greg
Church Cleaners: Rose Sibenaller, Audrey Stiepler +++

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

TEMPLETON SENIOR CITIZENS will meet at 11 a.m. at the Corner Station on Thursday, January 17.

Finances for Week of January 6
Church Support-Adult $ 4,110.00
Church Support-Child $ 3.00
Loose Offering $ 182.00
Other Income $ 388.75
Friends of Parish $ 20.00
Budgeted Mo. Giving $17,333.16
Income for the Month $ 4,703.75
Expenses for the Week $ 2,887.77
Expenses for the Month $ 3,442.36

MINISTERS-January 19
PRESIDER: Fr. Gary Snyder
Servers: Shawn/Mandy Bock
Readers: Brileigh Bock & Claire Mersich
Ushers: Showdown<br>Church Cleaners: Carol Tigges, Connie Bock, Barb Brauckman
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!

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