December 15, 2019  THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY December 16  Monday of the Third Week of Advent
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-L/D Mem of Omnar/Elaine Bierl Fam  Arcadia
TUESDAY December 17  Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-Leroy Vonnahme+  Arcadia
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-Dale Snyder+  Breda
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-Gladys Stevens+  Templeton
WEDNESDAY Dec. 18  Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-Larry Irbeck+  Arcadia
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-Germaine Schrad+  Mount Carmel
  8:00 a.m.  Rosary at Holy Angels MWS  Roselle
  5:30 p.m.  Mass-L/D of Leo/Rosie Schon Family  Glidden
THURSDAY Dec. 19  Thursday of the Third Week of Advent
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-Eugene Schmitz+/Marin Schmitz+  Arcadia
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-Edward Sturm+/Joan Riedell+/Jacob Riedell+  Breda
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-L/orine Irbeck+  Templeton
FRIDAY December 20  Friday of the Third Week of Advent
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-Spec. Int. of Mary Theresa Hoffmann  Arcadia
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-Maurine Forke+  Breda
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-Ryan Handlos+/Irvin/Jennie Riesberg+  Halbur
  8:00 a.m.  Morning Prayer  Glidden
SATURDAY Dec. 21  Saturday of the Third Week of Advent
  5:00 p.m.  Mass-Louetta Langel+  Templeton
  5:30 p.m.  Mass-L/D of Albert/Eunice Ausman Fam  Glidden
SUNDAY December 22  FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-Parishioners of CTKCC  Halbur
  8:00 a.m.  Mass-Glen Bernholtz+  Mount Carmel
  10:00 a.m.  Mass-Richard Ricke+  Arcadia
  10:00 a.m.  Mass-Rev. Marvin Boes+  Breda

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is AVAILABLE 1/2 HOUR BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

FROM THE PRIESTS:  “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:1a); this is the first line of the first reading of the Christmas Mass at Midnight. Isaiah proclaims the good news of a new king; two chapters earlier he foretold the birth of this king, the child of a young woman, whom she was to name Emmanuel (7:14), God with us. We Christians see Isaiah’s prophecy being more completely fulfilled in the one who is truly “God with us”, Jesus the Christ. The Church’s season of Advent invites us to walk, to pray, to sit in darkness, so that we can experience the great light of the celebration of Christ’s birth. Few of us really want to experience and to acknowledge darkness; we find it difficult to be satisfied with just the simple flicker of first one, then two, now three, and in a week, four Advent candles. To avoid the darkness, many rush to get up their Christmas trees, lights and other decorations—they blaze through the darkness of Advent. Then, when Christmas comes, how are we to appreciate the “great light”? We Frs. Tims invite you to at least make some time to experience the darkness of Advent, so as to experience more joyfully the light of Christ’s birth!
REMAINING special times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent: Thurs., Dec. 19, 6:00 p.m., @ St. Augustine, Halbur; Sun., Dec. 22, 2:00 p.m., @ St. Bernard, Breda. Please, come at the time indicated; we end when there are no more penitents.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: See front page, bottom right corner of this bulletin.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Children make up over 1/3 of the clients seen at Catholic Charities each year. They come to us having suffered from abuse, experiencing problems at school and broken homes. Our licensed therapists are able to help them heal and build healthy relationships with the safe people in their lives. Thanks to your generosity at the second collection at Christmas each year, these children found hope.

TO SERVE YOU BETTER: A drop slot has been put in the southeast doors of St. Bernard School. Because it is not always possible to come by the office during hours, this slot offers you the opportunity to drop off items for the office at your own convenience.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Mass times will be: New Year's eve: Templeton, 5 pm; Glidden, 5:30 pm. New Year's day: OLMC, 8 am; Halbur, 9 am; Breda and Arcadia, 10 am.

SOME KUEMPER NOTES:
Mon., Dec. 16: 8:20 a.m., 5th Grade Retreat
Wed., Dec. 18: 8:20 a.m., Grades 4-6 Christmas Liturgy at St. Lawrence Church; 6:30 p.m., Grades 4-6 Christmas Concert in St. Lawrence Center gym.
 Thurs., Dec. 19: 8:20 a.m., Grades K-3 Christmas Liturgy at Holy Spirit Church
Fri., Dec. 20: Kueumper Christmas Spirit (red & green) Day; Grades 7-12 Advent Prayer Service

KUEMPER BALL VEHICLE AND AG RAFFLE TICKETS are now available! Same great prices ($100 and $50, respectively), same great prizes! Ball Chairs will be selling them in the back of area churches over the next 2-3 weekends, so bring your checkbook or cash!! Thank you, from the 2020 Ball Chair Couples

Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation State Tax Credits of 65% State Tax Credit are going fast! Similar to Sponsor-a-Student, this helps students attend and receive the quality Catholic education at Kueumper? Ask your tax accountant if you would benefit! Find out more online at: kueumper.org/donate or call Sharon Olerich at (712) 794-1877.

SCRIP IS FOR EVERYONE, because it can be used to support our parishes! We can designate the earnings from Scrip to go towards our parish's support of Kueumper Catholic Schools. — For more information, contact Sarah Muhlbauer (sbmuhlbauer@kueumper.org or 712-792-2123 ext 624)! — Consider using Scrip for all your holiday needs: Presents, gift cards, groceries, gas cards for road trips, etc., etc.!

SAVE THE DATE! OLMC Pancake Breakfast, January 26th, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

JOIN CANsurvive...CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: The St. Anthony CANsurvive Cancer Support Group provides support to people with cancer, their families, friends, and loved ones. In addition to excellent medical care, there is a deep need for emotional, spiritual, and educational support when faced with the challenge of a cancer diagnosis. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (beginning Jan. 15, 2020) 5:15-6:15 p.m. Located in St. Clare Room on the 4th Floor of the St. Anthony Surgery Center Building, 311 South Clark St., Carroll, IA. You may park in the comfort of the 1st or 2nd floor parking garage and use the elevator to the 4th floor. Light refreshments provided. Educational discussions, caring and sharing at each meeting. You’re always welcome to bring a companion. For a list of the upcoming monthly topics of discussion visit www.stanthonyhospital.org and select the CANsurvive Cancer Support Group from the Services page. Please join us. Call (712) 794-5243. Pre-registration not required but appreciated.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank our family and everyone who joined us for our 50th Anniversary and made it a memorable celebration. Special thanks to Fr. Tim Pick, Templeton Men's Choir, and Sherry for making the Mass special. And to Corner Station for the delicious lunch. Thank you also for the many cards, gifts and flowers. A mass will be read for you all.

—Bob and Audrey Behrens

ST. BERNARD-BREDA

KUEMPER CATHOLIC SCRIP PROGRAM - A REMINDER: Someone will be available after Mass on the first Sunday of every month to collect your orders for purchase. The following Sunday your Scrip cards will be available for pickup after Mass. You may also make your purchase on-line at Kueumper.org and going to the Scrip tab or shopscript.com. Please note order deadlines and contact person on the adapted Scrip Order Form. Please contact Mary Thatcher with any questions.

WITH THE WINTER SEASON UPON US, we thank those who generously donate propane to the church.

CHOIR PRACTICE Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 8:30 a.m. in Church.

MEMORY TREE: St. Bernard's will again have the Memory Tree to remember our loved ones who have passed. The ornament is an angel and can be purchased for a donation of $5.00. The name you choose will be written on the angel and hung on the tree. Three Masses will be said at Christmas time for your loved ones. The tree will be put up in early December in church and you can order the angels from Kay's Corner at 712-673-4695.

Stewardship for December 8
Adults $2,205.00; Loose $39.50; Rent $75.00

MINISTERS-December 22
RL: Pat Koster
G: Don Rowe, Gene Nieland (M), Volunteers (S)
S: Macy Tiefenthaler, Meredith Sturm, Megan Kies
R: Scott Masching
U: Jasen Tiefenthaler, Chris Koster, Mike Koster
GB: Chuck/Mary Thatcher
EM: Leonard Grote, Randy Snyder, Mary Kay Uhlenkamp, Lori Snyder (HB)
$ Counters: Joni Saunders, Mary Lou Grabner

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST-ARCADIA

HELP IS NEEDED to decorate our Church for Christmas on Wednesday, December 18, beginning with pizza in the parish hall at 6 p.m. Men are needed to move the crib!! This would be good service hours for any of our high schoolers.

ANY CHILD WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT needs to contact Mae Vonnahme or Robin Lawler.

ALL YOUTH are invited to help the choir sing the opening song at the Christmas Eve Mass. Following the song, the kids will be sent down to sit with their families.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A POINSETTIA in memory of a loved one to decorate our church for the Christmas season, please leave it in the north sacristy anytime after Dec. 18.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY OF CONCERN we would like to thank you for your recent food drive. It helps fill our shelves for the upcoming year.

Stewardship for December 8
Adult $1,182.00; Youth $2.00; Loose $69.22; Candle Money $182.40; Guild Dues $10.00; Hall Rent $50.00; Immac. Concept. $15.00; TAO Payback $345.00

MINISTERS-December 22
RL: Jerome/Norma Henkenius
U/G/GB: Vic/Shirley Tomka
S: Caden & Brenden Vonnahme, Dayna Toft
R: Jerome Henkenius
EM: Margaret Gruba (HB), Julie Steinkamp, Pat Vogl
S Counters: Stephanie Hansen, Pat Vogl

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL-MOUNT CARMEL

CONGRATULATIONS! OLMC Parish has already received back $1,087.00 from their generous support of the 2019 Together As One (TAO) diocesan annual appeal. You may still make a contribution and it will come back to the parish! THANKS!!

OLMC PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held Sunday, December 15th @ 4:30. Men's and Women's Club will provide chicken and mashed potatoes. Sign-up for sides and desserts will be in the back of church.

CHOIR PRACTICE Monday, December 16 and December 23 at 6:30 p.m. Any and all voices and musicians welcome!

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S CLUB: JR and Shannon Reising are the new Men’s and Women’s chair couple, along with Ken and Amber Massey. You can contact them if you have any questions with upcoming events. Thank you to the past chair couple, Casey and Lane Pudenz.

Stewardship for December 8
Adults $2,078.96; Youth $27.00; Loose $85.00; Candle Money $34.00; TAO Payback $1,087.00

MINISTERS-December 22
RL: Ron Lenz
S: Jake Kemper, Alese & Lauren Lenz
R: Gary Schmitz
U: Ed Haberl, Marvin Huegerich, Dennis Ludwig
GB: Gary/Marlene Wittrock Family
EM: Lori Loneman, Joe Lenaghan, Arlene Wittrock
S Counters: Scott/Donna Wiederin, Ed/Annette Haberl

ST. AUGUSTINE-HALBUR
Holy Angels MWS

PLEASE JOIN THE CHOIR FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS! The St. Augustine Choir will be singing each Sunday during Advent, and Christmas Eve Mass. There will be a short practice each week after mass. All voices welcome!

PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS in the collection basket. Contact people are Marilyn and Velma.

HELP is needed to decorate our church for Christmas on Thursday, December 19 at 1:00 pm.

HALBUR U BOWLING AND FUN(D) NIGHT is Saturday, January 11, 2020. Please make reservations for the 6:30 p.m. Chicken Dinner by contacting The Full Nelson (658-2425) by Wed., Jan. 8th. Social hour begins at 5:30 in the St. Augustine Gym. To reserve a 1:00 p.m. bowling spot contact Frank Eischeid (658-2816). Proceeds go to the Halbur University Scholarship Fund.

Stewardship for December 8
Adult $1,797.00; Loose $17.00; SA Cemetery $100.00

MINISTERS-December 22
S: Emma Branning, Jacey Fuchs
R: Jeanne Riesberg
U: Brent Gehling, Ivan Halbur
GB: Vern/Becky Behrens Family
EM: Wayne Riesberg, Sara Riesenberg, Julie Hausman
Church Cleaners: Glenn/Lois Dentlinger, Rick/Jane Dopheide

SACRED HEART-TEMPLETON

PLEASE SEND AND/OR DROP OFF DONATIONS for flowers for the Christmas season to Karen Prebeck or Donna Kemper.

THE TCBA AND TEMPLETON MEN’S CHOIR will be co-hosting a holiday event at the Templeton Center, Sunday, December 15th. Santa will be at the center from 3:00-4:00 and the Men's choir concert will begin at 4:30. Soup and sandwiches for free will be served at 6:00. Donation will be offered following the concert.

TEMPLETON SENIOR CITIZENS will meet Thursday, December 19, 11 a.m., Corner Station.

Stewardship for December 8
Adult $6,781.21 including grain sales; Loose $138.00; Candle Money $40.00

MINISTERS-December 21
S: Kyra & Grace Wollterman
R: Dave Ramsey
U: Glen Irlebeck, Joe Irlebeck
GB: Dennis/Rose Sibenaller Family
EM: Diane Meiners, Mary Riesselman, Mary Schoeppner
Church Cleaners: Michelle Weitl, Peg Weitl

ST. ELIZABETH SETON-GLIDDEN

NOW THROUGH CHRISTMAS we will be collecting toiletries, personal items, and non-perishable food items for the local food pantry. Cash donations are also accepted. Please check expiration dates when donating as they are unable to accept expired items.

Stewardship for December 8
Adult $367.00; Youth $7.00; Loose $77.00; Candle Money $190.75

MINISTERS-December 21
G: Ron/Judy Mayer
S: Summer & Ayla Toms
R: Dave Hamilton
U: Denis Wittrock
EM: Keith/Deb Kult, 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 being offered for parents who are having a child baptized for the first time in one of the parishes of CTKCC. The class will be offered at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of odd numbered months (Jan., March, May, July, Sept., Nov.) at Holy Spirit in Carroll. PLEASE email one of the Frs. Tims to let them know when you will be attending.

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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE DUE—yes, you may advertise your business or event here. Cost of each ad is $3 per week or $150/year. Space is limited. Ads must meet the Catholic Church standards. Contact the office in Breda for more information and/or to set up and schedule your ad.

THESE DISCERNING GOD’S CALL to be a priest, deacon, sister, or brother, may speak with the pastor or call the Diocesan Vocation office at 712-233-7522.