## March 24, 2024

### Palm Sunday



Holy Ghost Catholic Church 402-731-3176 5219 S. 53rd St. Omaha, Ne 68117

<u>Mass Times</u> Wednesday & Friday ......7:00 am Sunday.....9:00 am Confessions on Sundays 8:15 am

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# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

## From the Pastors Desk

This weekend we join Jesus as he triumphantly enters the holy city of Jerusalem. He is welcomed as the Messiah, but very quickly the songs and cheers would be replaced by calls for him to be crucified. Today begins Holy Week, our most sacred time of the year as Catholics. During Holy Week are invited to walk with Jesus and his Apostles to experience the joy of knowing Christ is in our presence, but also to see how quickly we are willing to turn away from him due to our sin. Ultimately, the story of Jesus wins out as he rises from the dead. Take some time this week to stop and reflect on the importance of this time, to see the place that our faith holds in our lives.

If you have never taken part in the Holy Week celebrations, I highly encourage you to do so this year. Each Mass and liturgical celebration is meant to guide us along the story of our salvation. We begin with Holy Thursday where we gather like the Apostles at the Last Supper, we witness the servant's heart of Jesus as he washes the Apostles feet, and we see the gift of the Eucharist left for us a memorial of his sacrifice. On Good Friday, through the veneration of the cross, we focus on our own sinfulness as we approach and kiss the cross of Jesus. Finally, at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday we share in the joy of the Resurrection and celebrate our own invitation into eternal life. Please consider joining us as we celebrate these sacred mysteries.

Mass of the Lord's Supper – Thursday 7:00 PM at St. Bernadette Stations of the Cross – Friday 12:00 PM at St. Bernadette Veneration of the Cross – Friday 3:00 PM at St. Bernadette & 6:30 PM at Holy Ghost Easter Vigil – 8:15 PM at St. Bernadette Easter Sunday – 9:00 AM at Holy Ghost & 11:00 AM at St. Bernadette

Have a blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Jeff

Do you pray for loved ones who have fallen away from the faith? Consider joining us in the Saint Monica Society as we pray for our loved ones to return. We generally meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month, for example March 19th, in the St Bernadette Social Hall beginning at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Deacon Gary at 531-213-6191.

Are you able to hear and understand what God is trying to say to you? Consider Spiritual Direction. For more information, contact Deacon Gary at 531-213-6191.

# \$ Parish Financial Update \$ No financials due to early bulletin

#### Veiling of Statues and Icons During Passiontide:

This ancient Catholic practice stems from the former liturgical calendar in which the old Gospel reading for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (i.e. the Passiontide) tells us on how Jesus hid himself away from the Jews when they attempted to stone Him. According to St. Augustine, at this moment when Jesus "hid himself" from the Jews, Christ in fact became invisible by virtue of His Divine nature. To help signify this mystery, crucifixes and images of Christ are veiled with purple cloth on the evening before the start of the Passiontide. The same goes with the images of the saints, as it is befitting that if the glory of the Master is hidden, then His servants should not appear. Furthermore, the veils are hard to miss and serve as a reminder for us to get ready. They build within us a longing for Easter Sunday, when Christ lifts all veils through His Resurrection.

April 7th, 2024, at St. Thomas More 4804 Grover St., Omaha Divine Mercy Celebration 11:30 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2:00 – 4:30 pm Confessions\* 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:30 pm Rosary 4:00 pm Benediction 4:15 pm Procession 4:30 pm Mass Mass Celebrant: Fr. Jindra Relics of St. John Paul II and St. Faustina will be on display.

## **Faith Formation**

As we enter the last week of Lent, we need to make ready a path for Jesus to enter into our hearts, lined with the palms of our sacrifices and good deeds we have accomplished.

## "Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"



# Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 8:00 am + Catherine Setlak Thursday, March 28, 2024 7:00 pm + Joseph & Louise Krejci Good Friday, March 29, 2024 3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross Saturday, March 30, 2024 8:15 pm + Frank Kokotajlo + Rob Knoblauch Sunday, March 31, 2024 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Bernadette

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St Bernadette is joining in a Lenten tradition from Holy Ghost. Near the Blessed Mother statue is a cross with a basket placed at the foot of that cross. Place your prayer requests and intentions in the basket. Envelopes and paper can be found in the church entry. As a community, we will join with you in that request. These requests will be remembered and prayed for doing all of our parish family's Lenten services.



Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. This is the last Sunday of Lent. This is the last Sunday before Easter Sunday and it also begin Holy Week. At this Mass, you received a blessed palm. This signifies when Jesus came into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, the people threw palm branches on the ground in front of him. This was their way of showing him homage and respect. Take these palms home and display them in a prominent place, that you will see as we begin this most sacred week of the Church year. Make sure to check out the Holy Day schedule. March:

- 27- No Classes
- 28- Holy Thursday Mass- 7pm @ St Bernadette
- 29- Good Friday- 3pm @ St Bernadette & 6:30pm Holy Ghost
- 30- Holy Saturday Mass @ St Bernadette 8:15pm
- 31- Easter Sunday- 9am @ Holy Ghost & 11 am
- @ St Bernadette

# Heavenly Dusters

Mar 30 Rita Frickel, Mary Huss, Karen Langan, Patty Pogge, Tracy Kirby Apr 6 Rose Zoucha, Mary Sporcic, Rose Tslentis Connie Tucker Apr 13 Ellen Stuva, Marge Egermier Apr 20 Liz Zoucha, Kelly Linder Apr 27 Laurie Callahan May 4 Pat Blankenship, Patty Gordon, Veronica Diaz-Vera, Shayla Stanek, Gloria Kirberger, Yolanda Jimenez May 11 Mary Baker, Janet Kocourek, Joan Foreman-Mertz, Carol Paskach, Kathleen Filer, Theresa Yost

# Scrip Sales

Mar 23 & 24 Men's Club Mar 30 & 31 Home & School Apr 6 & 7 Parish Group Apr 13 & 14 Home & School

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Mary, Undoer of Knots is our presidium at St. Bernadette's Parish. We reach out to those in our own church and in our own school. In our community, there are those who are in need spiritually and emotionally. We invite everyone to be disciples of Christ in helping our children and our parishioners. We are answering the call of Our Lady.

Another way we can help is by joining our other parishioners in praying the parish rosary. We should never take for granted the many comforts we enjoy. There are many others who do not have those privileges. It is our duty as US citizens to open our hearts to those in need.

We meet Mondays at 9:15am in the social hall. Legion of Mary Joe Micek 402-734-2384 Patty Pogge 402-681-7331



Save the Date! Totus Tuus is coming back to St Bernadette this summer the week of June 8-14! Registration and more information coming soon.

During his final moments of life Jesus continued to demonstrate his generous love. Dismus who was crucified with Jesus, from his cross, confessed his guilt and was able to look upon Christ with eyes of faith.

Humbly, Dismus said: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom", and how did Jesus respond? With mercy, forgiving all his sins, Jesus responded: "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise. Legion of Mary The Rosary at 4:20pm before the 5pm Mass on Saturdays will be for the intention of vocations.



We are praying the rosary for World Peace every Monday night at 6:30 in the church. We are praying for the conversion of our country.

### **Money Counters**

Mar 18 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Jean Mill, Colleen Kurmel Mar 25 Rich Kmiecik, Jum Setlak, Sal Zoucha

April 2 Theresa & Rolly Yost & Gerry& Chris Ortner Apr 8 Sharon Jedlicka, Mariann Kokotajlo,

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Apr 15 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Jean Mill, Colleen Kurmel,

**Easter Flower Memorials:** If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers in honor of living loved ones/family or in memory of deceased loved ones/family, envelopes are available in the back of church to fill out and return either in the collection basket or to the parish office with your donation. Names will be published in the bulletin after Easter.

SAVE THE DATE! We're hosting a **Tea for Two** at St. Bernadette in the Social Hall on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4pm**. More details to come soon including how to register. Bring your best friend, mother, daughter, son, aunt, uncle, or anyone special to you. Enjoy tea, lemonade, delicious snacks, English trivia, and etiquette tips. Dress up fancy if you choose. Contact Amber Roberts at <u>amb8103@yahoo.com</u> with any questions.

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### Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 30, 2024 8:15 pm Mass Lector: Pat Flanagan EMHC: Christine Flanagan, Cathie Pajnigar Altar Servers: Thaddeus, Monica, Sylvia Linder

Sunday, March 31, 2024 11:00 am Mass Lector: Tom Ackley EMHC: Jerry & Chris Ortner Altar Servers: Logan Hylok

Join us for Coffee and sweet treats after the 8am Mass every 2nd Jhursday of the month.



## Prayer Line

Please call Betty Rezek at 402-734-2531 or Patty Pogge at 402-733-8234 to request instant prayer for those in need. Special Prayers needed for all military personnel. Please consider putting your name on our prayer line. It is immediate and private. When



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# In Loving Memory



Please remember in your prayers all those who have been born into eternal life. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

#### Healing Prayers Needed for the Sick If you have someone in need of Prayers, contact the Parish Office

Cheryl Adamson, Annabelle Berrera, Rick Becerra, Elle Burgess, Alfonso Calderon, Leonardo Clymer, Kathi Ciurej, John Cunningham, Rosemarie Davis, Charlotte & Dominic Cullenward, Donna Dailey, Kathleen Devlin, Mike Digilio, Kelly Dix, Margaret Eipperle, Gina Rae Filer, Norma Flores, Juanice Furmanski, Louise LaFramboise, Lisa Hargis, Jeanette Hauptman, Barbara Jansen, Margie Janssen, Carol Johnson, Carol Jura, Olga Kanne, Phyllis Knicky, Connie Kleber, Donna Kubiak, Donna Krysl, John Kwapnioski, Terry Lampe, Jan Lampe, Michael Macdonald, Mark Maeder, Steve Maguire, Fr. Robert Matya, Lisa Meier, Carol McDaniel, Bernie McCoy, Leonard Meier, The Meyer Family, Joel Rivera, Blanche Murphy, Charles Murphy, Amy McNeil, Sue Novotny, Maryn Page, Ellen Pankievicz, Ella Peters, Jonathan Perez, Rita Perito, Keelan Phillips, Joe Pitman, Jennifer Pryjmak, Jann Reinig, Betty Rodgers, Jodi Ronnfeldt, Joyce Salvatori, Kelly Burkhardt Sheard, Debbie Schumacher, Isabella Sterba, Pam Stein, David Virgilito, Mark White, Michael Winter, Claire Winter, Theresa Yost, Annabella Zyla,

# Vocations

Continuing our exploration of the 7 diligent discernment stages to the priesthood, the fourth stage is The Discernment Shift. A man in stage 4 is moving quickly towards surrender and resignation to the will of God. He has been faithful to prayer, attended retreats, gathered information, and has come to the conclusion that God is *probably* calling him to be a priest. He feels a sense of peace should this be his God-predetermined vocation.

His spiritual director and vocation director are telling him that he has the signs and qualifications. He still may be hoping that God is only calling him to seminary for a year or so, but not to priesthood. The essential element of stage 4 is the knowledge that discernment cannot proceed any further outside of seminary. He is just spinning his wheels.



Jesus emptied himself and became obedient even unto death. Are you willing to die to selfishness? Let Christ reign in your heart! (Philippians 2:6-11). If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Jeff Mollner at 402-731- 4694 or email: vocations@archomaha.org.

This week we pray for seminarian, Andrew Nigro. Andrew is from St Gerald in Ralston and attended and lived at Mount Michael for high school. Andrew writes, "I began discerning the priesthood during high school. The Lord put a great desire in my heart to serve others and to live out my faith well. There have been many twists and turns and difficult moments in my discernment. Still, I am graced to continue receiving the good the Father always wants to provide me. I desire to continue to receive the Lord in every part of my being so that it may not be me but Christ who lives in me.".



Our next Don & Millie's on 84th & Q Caring and Sharing event is April 15th from 11am- 9pm. Dine in or carry out! We hope to see you there!

The second collection schedule for Holy Ghost is as follows March 24th: Buildings & Grounds March 31 Easter Collection

April 2 Buildings & Grounds Fund



This weekend is Cinnamon Roll Sunday. Please join us in the Holy Ghost Social Hall for a tasty treat and fellowship



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is resuming their annual food pantry fundraiser as a LIVE event! Join us on June 1, 2024, at St.

Wenceslaus Church's Cain Hall. As you may know, the food insecurity in our area is devastating, putting families and children at risk of health issues as well as potential evictions or utility shut-offs. Help us help them. We'll have a lovely event with unique hostess-decorated tables, a welcoming mimosa or lemonade, a delicious brunch and a dynamic empowerment speaker, Sandy Spady. Accepting reservations now. Don't delay! Further information and reservation forms may be found on our website, at SSVPOmaha.org. For easy access use our SSVP QR code. See you there!

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Holy Ghost Annual Car Show The Holy Ghost Car Show committee is now collecting donations for the door prizes, goodie bags and food sales for our event. Please take a tag or two if you can help out and bring all items back by Sunday, May 12th. Thank you for your help

Saturday, June 1, 2024 Showtime 4-8pm Goodie bags, door prizes, raffles and 50/50 Registration 2-4 pm, \$20 For more information contact Chuck Merica at 402-731-0494



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The following members of our Parish, or loved ones of our Parishioners that are in need of prayers for their health. May our Lord grant them a speedy recovery and return them to their families in perfect health: Dorothy Blach, Jan Brinck (sister-in-law of Marita Grebl), Mark Broich (brother of Marita Grebl), Carmen Cogan, Ron Coniglio, Becky English, Dcn Paul & Jackie Eubanks, Theresa Eubanks Schwartzer, Yvonne Fisher, Warren Hadley, Christine Haite, Donna Hansen, Cheryl Koziel (daughter of Jackie Peroutka), Cathy Longacre, Betty and Mike McMillan, Mark Mruz, Ender Pitman, Jon Ricci (nephew of Nellie Hadley), John Ripa, Ray Sempek, Hayden Sommer, Raymond Starks, Mary Townley, Donna Vaughn, Brian Walters, Danny Watkins (brother of Brenda Tylkowski)

Let us also remember in our prayers those who in care centers or homebound: Rick Becerra, Jean Buechler, Dee Clap, Patty Dworak, Jacob Fraser, Betty Gentile, Kim Hall, Dorothy Kazor, Joanne Leutzinger, Pat Makara, Darlene McKinley, Janet Nicholas, Dolores Noonan, Rita Tomes, Joe Zuchniak

## ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE AND HOLIDAY RAFFLE:

The St. Bernadette Altar Society will be hosting it's annual Palm Sunday bake sale and Spring/ Easter Raffle after all Masses on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a wonderful variety of baked goodies available to purchase.

In addition, this year we have some fabulous and unique items for our Easter/Spring Raffle, including a Creighton Bluejay's basketball with the autographs of Coach McDermott and the <u>2023-2024 TWELTH RANKED</u> Creighton basketball team. There are also 2 tickets for Lauritzen Gardens and 2 Season tickets for the Western Heritage Museum, Easter baskets and MUCH, MUCH more! We will have something for everyone so don't miss checking out both of these events! (We appreciate any baked good donations for the bake sale. If you wish to donate a raffle item, please contact Rita Frickel at 402-734-3573.) Thank you for your support!

## Holy Ghost Women's Club News:

**SET SAIL ON THE SPIRIT CRUISE LINE**: You are cordially invited to sail aboard the SS Lady on **SUNDAY, April 7, 2024** at noon in the social hall at Holy Ghost for a special occasion *"Holy Ghost Woman of the Year Luncheon"*! All ladies and their girls from Holy Ghost and St. Bernadette are invited to come and enjoy good food, fun and entertainment as we crown our woman of the year!

Boarding passes are \$15 adults / \$10 children and must be purchases in advance by <u>March 31<sup>st</sup></u>. Obtain your boarding pass after masses at Holy Ghost, March 17th and 24<sup>th</sup>, at St. Bernadette after 5 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. on March 16/17 and 23/24 or by calling Terri Aulner at 402-669-9024.

Holy Ghost Women's club meetings are held in social hall at Holy Ghost all women of Holy Ghost and St. Bernadette are invited:

Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. (pot luck)

My name is Amber and I am a Community Engagement Coordinator for Spirit Catholic Radio. As you may have heard, this April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, we are holding a conference with speakers from EWTN and Catholic Answers about the Most Holy Eucharist! It will be one of the last chances to really hone in on the Eucharist during the 3-year National Eucharistic Revival! We are asking for your help to get your parishioners to this amazing event, hopefully to continue to try to reach those who don't <u>yet</u> believe in the fullness of the Eucharist. Plus, it will be a great way to fall more in love with Jesus this Easter season!!

To help us get the word out, Spirit Catholic Radio will be mailing you 2 flyers to hang up in your parish as well as 50 half-sheet flyers to hand out to parishioners. I have also attached the documents in case you would need to print more! For more information about the event – go to <u>spiritcatholicradio.com/April</u>. <u>Please also forward this</u> to your parish priest, as all priests get into the conference for FREE! The Institute for Priestly Formation will host the Hearts on Fire Dinner on April 4, 2024. This annual dinner will raise funds for the seminarian program and pre-ordination retreats hosted by IPF. At the dinner, the St. John Vianney Award for Priestly Service, will be presented to Fr. Daniel Kampschneider. This award, named for the patron saint of priests, is meant to recognize priests whose lives and missions align with St.



John Vianney's like themes of holiness, dedication to the priesthood, gentleness with those in his care, poverty, chastity, obedience, and care for the Sacraments. The dinner will be held on April 4, 2024 at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 14443 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha, NE. Social hour begins at 6pm followed by the dinner and program. Tickets for the dinner are \$125 per person. RSVP's are requested by March 29, 2024. For reservations, visit www.priestlyformation.org or contact 531-272-8498.