

# St. Bernadette

## Catholic Church

7600 South 42nd Street,  
Bellevue, Nebraska 68147

### FIRST SUNDAY

# OF Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know  
when the lord of the house is coming,  
whether in the evening, or at midnight,  
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



#### Mission Statement

**We the parish family of St. Bernadette  
are called forth by our Baptism to be  
empowered by the Holy Spirit and to follow  
the mission of Jesus to Worship, to Teach,  
to Love and to Serve.**

#### PASTORAL DIRECTORY

##### Masses

Monday - Saturday..... 8:00 am  
Tuesday—Thursday ..... 6:30 am  
Saturday Evening ..... 5:00 pm  
Sunday .....8:00 am, 9:30 am 11:00 am

##### Holy Day Masses

Holy Day Eve.....6 pm  
Holy Day...6:30am, 8:00am, & Noon

##### Parish Office

Hours..... Weekdays 8:00am - 4:00pm  
Parish Office .....(402) 731-4694  
School Office .....(402) 731-3033  
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**Items for the bulletin must be submitted  
9 days prior to the date of the Bulletin!**  
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##### Pastoral Staff

Fr. Harry Buse .....Pastor  
Fr. Scott Hastings.....In Residence  
Ron Casart .....Deacon  
Gary Chladek .....Deacon  
Subby Enzolera .....Deacon

##### Parish Staff

Terri Mac .....Business Manager  
Tristen Riha ..... Secretary  
Subby Enzolera ....Director of Faith Formation  
Sue Reed .....PRE Coordinator  
Juan Jesus .....Pastoral Minister

##### School Staff

Lynn Schultz ..... Principal  
Daisy Mora .....Secretary

Registration New Parishioners may register on line  
[www.stbernadetteparish.org](http://www.stbernadetteparish.org), at the parish office or the back of church.

Matrimony Contact pastor at least six months in advance.  
(12 months for those under 19)

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:30-4:30pm Saturdays or by appointment.

Baptism Every Sunday 12:00pm (Noon).

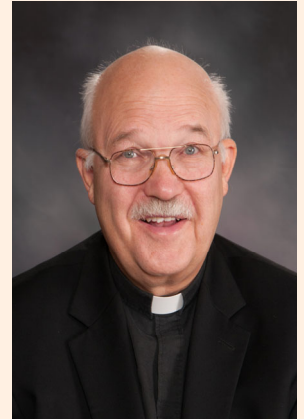
Baptism Classes Parents need to attend a pre-baptism class on the  
first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Office Meeting  
Room.

Please call the Parish Office to Register for the Class.

Communion For those homebound please call parish office.

Moving or Changes Please contact the parish office.

## Fr. Harry's Buseness



### Beginning of Advent

Starting over. Today, we begin the season of Advent. This day signals the beginning of new liturgical year. With it, in a sense, we start over, we begin the yearly cycle of reliving salvation history. During Advent, we accompany the Israelites of old in their long vigil, awaiting the arrival of their savior, the Messiah. This vigil is completed with the birth and life of Jesus. Jesus not only fulfilled the long expectations of the Israelite, He brought salvation and forgiveness to all of humankind. His life marks the pivotal point of human history.

You might have noticed that we have a very short Advent period this year. With Christmas falling on Monday, it is only one day more than three weeks. With many pre-Christmas activities, this time will pass quickly. I urge you to be intentional about Advent and not miss the spiritual aspects of this holy season.

For your spiritual enrichment, we are providing an advent reflection book for you to use, "Five minutes with the Word." These booklets are available at the church entrance. Feel free to take one. Remember that attending Mass is always a good way to prepare spiritually for special events. During Advent, the readings at daily Mass are specifically chosen to help us in our preparation for the arrival of the Savior. We will offer our Advent reconciliation service on Tuesday, December 19 @ 7:00 p.m. I am expecting four priest confessors to be available to offer God's mercy and forgiveness to those who come. In addition to the **normal Saturday schedule from 3:30p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** we will also offer individual confessions at the following times: **Wednesday, December 20 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon.**

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This Friday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, patronal feast of the United States and a Holy Day of Obligation. **Holy Day Masses will be on Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. and on Friday, December 8 at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.**

~Fr Harry Buse

**All contributions for 2017 must be in by December 31 in order to be on your statements.**

### Musicians and Singers Wanted!

Would you like to offer your musical talents. Perhaps you'd like some different music at Mass? Singers and musicians interested in joining the 9:30 am Sunday Mass music ensemble - or perhaps interested in creating their own Mass musical ensemble should contact Chris Reed at (402) 880-1991

**Church Cleaning** Just as we clean our homes to welcome guests, we clean the church to welcome our Savior on His birth. Please consider joining us on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. when we will spruce up the church for Christmas, cleaning pews etc. Many hands make light work, men and women are welcome. Please bring a bucket, other cleaning supplies will be provided. Any questions call Theresa Yost, [402-292-2757](tel:402-292-2757).

### St Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas tree is up and bearing the names of many folks who could use a bit of help this holiday season. Please select a tag or two, purchase the gift indicated wrap and secure the tag to the package and return under the tree no later than Sunday, December 17. With Christmas falling on a Monday this year, we will be delivering the gifts on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be asking for assistance with that as well as the date draws nearer. Thank you so much for helping with this SVDP project. It is truly appreciated by our conference and the many families we serve.




## Around The Parish

### ~ Events of the Week ~ December

|               |                              |                    |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tuesday 5th   | 55+ Group                    | 1pm                |
| Wednesday 6th | PRE Classes<br>Home & School | 6:15 pm<br>6:30 pm |
| Thursday 7th  | Baptismal Class              | 7pm                |
| Friday 8th    | Shawl Ministry               | 1 pm               |

The **Altar Society** will be selling coupons for Village Inn pies before and after Masses beginning November 18 through December 17 there is no expiration date for the coupons and they can be used at any Village Inn location.



 **The St. Bernadette Altar Society** is hosting its annual Cookie walk, Preowned Christmas Décor sale and Raffle on December 9th and 10th after all masses. We are looking for new or gently used Christmas decorations. If you have any items to donate, please place them in the totes marked Christmas Décor, The totes are located downstairs by the elevator. Thank you for your generosity.

**Senior Christmas Party Potluck**  
Tuesday, December 5 at 6 pm at the Mapes residence 7214 Wood River Dr. Please RSVP 402-733-6156.



#### Help Decorate the Church

Get in the real spirit of Christmas by helping to decorate the church on Friday, December 22. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and all kinds of help are greatly appreciated. Call Jean Circo (402-731-1682) or Joyce Higgins (402-731-9281). Also, please consider helping on Sunday, January 7th, at 12:00 p.m. to help take down the decorations and pack them away.

### \$ Parish Financial Update \$

Fiscal Year July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018

#### Donations November 19 & 26, 2017

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Envelopes & Children's: | \$21,812.76  |
| Sunday Plate:                  | \$675.75     |
| Holy Day                       | \$132.00     |
| Total:                         | \$22,620.51  |
| Auto Pay & Mail in for a Week: | \$8,147.60   |
| Weekly Total:                  | \$30,768.11  |
| Our per Sunday goal is         | \$15,500.00  |
| Fiscal Year to Date:           | (\$2,017.09) |

## Faith Formation

#### Adult Faith Formation

Is Christ quietly calling you to know Him better? The first session of “Discovering Christ”, a thought provoking video series with ensuing conversations, begins January 7, 2018. We are currently accepting registrations through December 17<sup>th</sup>. Team members will be available at a table during the Cookie Walk next week to answer questions and give out forms. Forms will also be available at the back of church and on the parish website through December 17<sup>th</sup>. These can be returned to the parish office or placed in the collection basket.

#### Discovering Christ Testimonial

*“My experience with the ChristLife program has been a unique opportunity for me to experience a more personal encounter with Jesus Christ through community and fellowship, facilitated by small group dynamics.  
The group retreat made real for me the beauty of the Holy Spirit alive in our lives.  
I highly recommend ChristLife, no matter where you are in your journey of faith.”*  
Jackie Kmiecik

**PRE** Each family was given all the materials needed to make a family advent wreath. With this being the first Sunday of Advent, please take time to light the first candle and make time as a family to pray. Pray for each other, for those in our lives that are our “Lights”

#### Parish Sacraments:

Dec. 9- First Reconciliation for 2nd grade.

This sacrament will be held in the Church at 10am

## Liturgy Schedule

### Thursday, December 7, 6:00 pm

**Lectors:** Tom Ackley

**EMHCs** Jeff Miller, Suzanne Miller

**Servers** Colin Varney, Jaison Benis

### Friday December 8, 6:30 am

**Lectors:** Thomas Schmitz

**EMHCs:** Robert Macaitis

**Adult Servers:** Ed Peabody

### Friday, December 8, 8:00 am

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### Friday December 8, Noon

**Lectors:** Patricia Quinn

**EMHCs:** Jerry Ortner

**Adult Servers:**

### Saturday, December 9, 5:00 pm

**Lector:** Steve Tooley

**EMHCs** Alex Tooley, Maggie Tooley,

Andrea Hennings, Tom Van Haute

**Servers:** Montserrat Moreno, Gabrielle Hunter,  
Nick Benedict

### Sunday, December 10, 8:00 am

**Lector:** Charles Monico

**EMHCs** Roberta Vana, Peter Vana, Joyce Renner,

Dale Voboril, Bill Loges

**Servers:** Jonas Duda, Makenzie Hughes

### Sunday, December 10, 9:30 am

**Lector:** Joe Stein

**EMHCs** Jackie Kmiecik, Katie Laughhunn, Patty

Pogge, Cathy Jesus, Jeff Mapes, Tonya Mapes

**Servers:** Ezekiel Lam, Amanda Prosser,  
Avery Murtaugh

### Sunday, December 10, 11:00 am

**Lector:** Kevin McCoy

**EMHCs** Nicole Mimick, Dick Strauss, Colleen

McCoy, Paul Bricko

**Servers:** Gabriela Gandara, Mia Donohue,  
Diego Joe

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### **Monday, December 4, 2017**

8:00 am + Sylvia Kaminski

### **Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

6:30 am + Arthur & Joyce Burbach

8:00 am + James Marne

### **Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

6:30 am + Larry & Helen Smith

8:00 am + Adeline Nekuda

### **Thursday, December 7, 2017**

6:30 am + Scott Hrubsky

8:00 am + Frank & Mary Bosanek

6:00 pm Parishioners of St. Bernadette

### **Friday, December 8, 2017**

6:30 am + Mary Ellen Kuchar

8:00 am Kerri Wilson

Noon + Tootie & Patty Bosanek

### **Saturday, December 9, 2017**

8:00 am + Tom Howeth

5:00 pm + William Caveye

### **Sunday, December 10, 2017**

8:00 am + Sanford & Mary Blakely

9:30 am + John Sporcic

11:00 am Parishioners of St. Bernadette

### Rosary Leaders

Dec 9 Dorothy Nelson  
Dec 16 Rosemarie Davis  
Dec 23 John Holst  
Dec 30 Donna Dailey

### Money Counters

**Monday, December 4**  
Gwen Toledo,  
Sharon Jedlicka,  
Mary Ann Kokotajlo

### Heavenly Dusters

Dec 9 Ellen Stuva &  
Marge Egermier  
Dec 16 Liz Zoucha &  
Kelly Linder  
Dec 23 Theresa Yost,  
Mary Larsen, Mary Baker  
Dec 30 Mary Jo Kocol

### Gift Cards

Dec 9 & 10 Home & School  
Dec 16 & 17 Altar Society  
Dec 23 & 24 Men's Club  
Dec 30 & 31 Parish Group



December 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent

## Home & School News

**Eileen's Cookie Dough Sales Fundraiser SUCCESS!** HUGE thank you to all who helped make Home and School's fundraiser a great

**Family Food Night:** December's Family Food Night will be Tuesday, December 12 at Don & Millie's in Bellevue. Please mention St. Bernadette when ordering. January's Food Night is scheduled on January 17th at Fazoli's in Bellevue.

**Box Tops/etc. Recent Results:** Our recent Box Tops submission has been processed for the amount of \$324.80. We are only about \$34,000 away from the \$100,000 goal for Family Fare receipts. We have turned in over \$4,000 in receipts to HyVee for their receipt program. A portion of this amount is donated right back to our school. Coke cap's recent submission brought in \$173.06. We currently have about 85,000 points for the Campbell's Labels 4 Learning program. This program ends at the end of this year. We will have until May to spend the points on items for the school. Please continue to send in Hy-Vee receipts, Family Fare receipts, Box Tops, Our Family labels, Campbell's Labels 4 Learning, Tyson A+ labels, and Coke and PowerAde rewards. These are collected in the pink mailbox near the school office window. Thanks for your support!

**Christmas Gift Ideas:** Tigerlicious cookbooks are still available for \$12. Spirit sweatshirt blanket order forms will be available in the back of church. These would make great gifts and helps support our school! Please email [sbshs@yahoo.com](mailto:sbshs@yahoo.com) for any of your SBS Tiger spirit wear/gear needs.

**Items to Save:** Please continue to send in Hy-Vee receipts, Family Fare receipts, Box Tops, Our Family labels, Campbell's Labels 4 Learning, Tyson A+ labels, and Coke and PowerAde rewards. These are collected in the pink mailbox near the school office window. Please don't forget to assign St. Bernadette School as your chose organization on your Baker's card. A portion of your grocery purchase comes right back to our school! Thanks for your support!

**Baker's Card Support:** Thank you to all of the SBS supporters (55 households) who had shopped at Baker's between 7-1-2017 and 9-30-2017. Just by assigning St. Bernadette to your Baker's card and swiping your card at every visit, Baker's has donated \$276.64 to our school!

## Healing Prayers Needed for the Sick

If you have someone in need of Prayers , contact the Parish Office

*Lucille Bilek, Annabelle Berrera, Ann Marie Boukal, Mike Botos, Deacon Gary Chladek, Nancy Courtney, Rosemarie Davis, Michelle Diehm, Mike Digilio, Chris Ederer, Margaret Eipperle, Norma Flores, Bob Flowers, Trudy Gomez, Amy Hamm, Lisa Hargis, Jeanette Hauptman, John Holst, Dale Kittelson, Ron Knoblauch, Carol Kozicki, Donna Krysl, Bishop Milone, Pat Masek, Michael Macdonald, Mick & Pat Marsicek, Jason Mathews, Carol McDaniel, Leonard Meier, Russell Mitchell, Theresa Mitera, Blanche Murphy, Sue Novotny, Craig Olson, Maryn Page, Ellen Pankievicz, Catherine Palinski, Wanda Parlin, Grayson Peters, Ella Peters, Keelan Phillips, Joe Pitman, Kathleen Prince, Lynne Richt, Dennis Schafer, Kelley Burkhardt Sheard, Debbie Schumacher, Todd Sears, Dane Sinnott, Isabella Sterba, Pam Stein, Pat Strauss, **Peggy Sullivan**, Bob Terwilleger, Bill Veys, David Virgilito, Jim Vondra, Annabella Zyla*

## Vocations

(1 of 5 in a series) The Four Dimensions of Priestly Formation: Introduction - In Pastores Dabo Vobis, Pope John Paul II described the principal foundations for priestly formation as human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral. Each area, while distinct in itself, is naturally linked to the others. The four dimensions form the comprehensive structure of formation that guides the development of the candidate toward Priesthood. From St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's website This week pray for Seminarian Brian Hula and read his vocations story and biography at <https://archomaha.org/ministries/vocations/seminary/brian-hula/>. Today's readings remind us that real peace can only be found through Serving God and one another. Go to Discoverthepriesthood.org and find Out how He is calling you to serve. Call Father Harry Buse at [402-731-4694](tel:402-731-4694) or email: [hjbuse@archomaha.org](mailto:hjbuse@archomaha.org).

For all men and women discerning a call to priesthood and Religious life: may they increase and abound in love, and seek to be Blameless in holiness all the days of their lives.



Please Remember St. Bernadette Parish In Your Will



## Community News

**Christmas Craft Show:** a special two-week opportunity to do Christmas shopping at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, Nov. 26 – Dec. 10, M-F 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A very large variety of crafts and gifts made by area artists will be on sale. Book and Gift Store will be open M-F 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:30–10:45 a.m., 1–4 p.m.; Sun. 1–3 p.m. For more information visit [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call (402) 352-8819.

**Visit Nativity Scenes:** Nov. 26 – Dec. 17, 2017; Jan. 2 – 5, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Center. Everybody is invited to make a pilgrimage to St. Benedict Center, view God’s Love made visible in nativity scenes from the Holy Land, from Africa, Asia, South & North America and Europe and pray for peace, which our world so urgently needs. No admission fee. For more information visit [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call (402) 352-8819.

### Attention Retired Catholics!

***The Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Omaha is accepting new members this Fall!***

Do you hear the call of Pope Francis to serve the poor? Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Omaha. Ignatian Volunteers are Catholic men and women over the age of 50 who spend a few hours each week in service to those in need. IVC volunteers share their expertise, their life skills, and their hope! At the same time, we learn to pray and reflect in the Ignatian tradition. Let your lifetime of experience become the experience of a lifetime! Learn more about the Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Omaha call IVC Omaha Regional Director, Becky Ehrman at 402 681-6311 or

[Omaha@ivcusa.org](mailto:Omaha@ivcusa.org). [WWW.IVCUSA.ORG](http://WWW.IVCUSA.ORG)

Mercy High School Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, January 13 beginning at 6:00pm. Register your team of eight players and pay online by December 22 at [www.mercyhigh.org/events](http://www.mercyhigh.org/events). All are welcome to participate in this fun event.

## Around The Parish

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Help care for the elders. “Thanks to support from the retirement fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

### The Holidays are fast approaching and Gift Cards are the easiest way to shop.

We have of lots of different cards available and we can also order them if we don’t have them on hand. When you buy the Gift Cards you save time and also are helping out your parish.

## Rosary

Monday Evening at 6 pm  
Friday Morning at 7:15 am  
Saturday Morning at 7:35 am  
Saturday Evening at 4:20 pm



## In Loving Memory

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

## Prayer Line

Please call Phyllis at 402-733-3042 or Mary Lu at 402-679-3688 to request instant prayer for those in need. Special Prayers needed for all military personnel.

