

St. Bernadette

Catholic Church

7600 South 42nd Street,
Bellevue, Nebraska 68147

SECOND SUNDAY

OF Advent

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4



Registration New Parishioners may register on line
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.

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
Sunday8:00 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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Pre-Christmas confessions

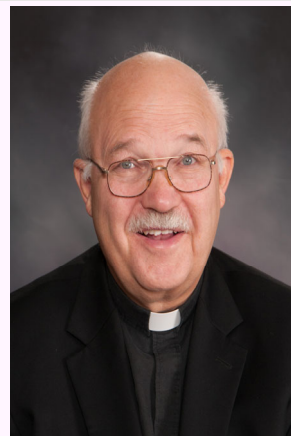
Christmas is fast approaching. As you prepare for the arrival of this special day, I would like to remind all of you that it is important to be prepared spiritually to celebrate this great event. Part of this preparation is seeking forgiveness for our sins. Here at St. Bernadette, we will offer the following opportunities to receive forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance:

Tuesday, December 19 @ 7:00 p.m. Parish Penance Service (four priests)

Wednesday, December 20: 11:00 a.m. to noon

Thursday, December 21: 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 23: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (two priests)



Area Church Penance Services:

December 12 at 7pm, St Mary's of Bellevue

December 16 at 10 am, Holy Ghost

December 17 at 1 pm, St Stan's

December 17 at 7 pm, Sts Peter & Paul

December 18 at 1:30 pm & 7 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes

December 19 at 7 pm, St Columbkille

December 20 at 6:30 pm St Thomas More

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is winding down. Some people around the archdiocese are continuing to make their commitments. Again, I would like to thank you who have made a commitment to the Appeal. This year's response has been phenomenal. 258 St. Bernadette parishioners have committed \$49,475 to this Appeal. This is 132.5 % of our goal and nearly \$8,000 more than last year contributions. I am very proud of your positive and growing response. I believe this reflects a growing appreciation by St. Bernadette parishioners of the fact that we are part in the bigger church in the archdiocese and also an appreciation of the fact that we continue to benefit from the various ministries supported by the archdiocese. May God bless all of you.

Christmas and end-of-year contributions

As we approach Christmas and the end of the year, I would like to remind you that your contributions to St. Bernadette Parish at this time of year are very important to support our operations and ministries. Please be generous in your Christmas gift to St. Bernadette. If you have fallen behind in regular Sunday contributions, be sure to try to catch up as we approach the end of the calendar year. Remember that contributions must be received by the parish office by December 31, if you would like them to be credited for the 2017 tax year. All contributions for 2017 must be in by December 31 in order to be on your statements!

~Fr Harry Buse



Around The Parish

~ Events of the Week ~ December

Wednesday 13th PRE Christmas Party 6:15 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 Holidays are fast approaching and Gift Cards are the easiest way to shop.

We have 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.

*Dear St. Bernadette Parishioners,
The year-round support your school and parish so generously provides to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is greatly appreciated. Your financial and food donations help us keep our shelves stocked as we continue to see an increasing number of clients. We give thanks to the St Bernadette volunteers who make this possible and to your many parishioners who share their time at the pantry by serving those who come in need of food. We are very thankful for the many blessings your school and parish extends to us. May God continue to bless each of you and your parish.
The SVdP Food Pantry @ 21st and Leavenworth*

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 December 3, 2017

Sunday Envelopes & Children's:	\$15,538.91
Sunday Plate:	\$96.55
Holy Day	\$13.00
Total:	\$15,648.46
Auto Pay & Mail in for a Week:	\$1,065.00
Weekly Total:	\$16,713.46
Our per Sunday goal is	\$15,500.00
Fiscal Year to Date:	(\$806.63)

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. Sessions will run Sunday evenings from 5:00pm to 8:00pm and include a delicious meal. We are currently accepting registrations through December 17th. Forms are available at the back of church and on the parish website. These can be returned to the parish office or placed in the collection basket.

Discovering Christ Testimonial

"After participating in the ChristLife program, "Discovering Christ", I can tell you I have realized the peace and fulfillment of a renewed encounter with Jesus".

Mariann Kokotajlo

PRE "Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus"—Neal Maxwell

As we begin the second week of Advent, how are we making room for Jesus?

Also, I hope your manger is getting "comfy" for baby Jesus as you keep adding the hay for the good deeds that your family is doing.

December 13 Christmas Party!! The entire family is welcomed to join us for a hot chocolate bar and to help us decorate cookies for our St. Vincent de Paul families. Please plan on joining us at 6:15 pm in the Social Hall.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, December 16, 5:00 pm

Lector: Jean Circo

EMHCs Kathy Wichita, Barb Slaven, Agnes Flowers, Joan Foreman-Mertz, Jim Donnelly, Marilyn Donnelly

Servers: Jackson Wurgler, Colin Varney, Alex Zimmerer

Sunday, December 17, 8:00 am

Lector: Tom Ackley

EMHCs Robert Macaitis, Sue Casart

Servers: Ava Pajnigar, Brandon Kabourek, Ben Pajnigar

Sunday, December 17, 9:30 am

Lector: Pat Flanagan

EMHCs Stephen Krupa, Robert Monaco, Paul Derks, Christine Flanagan

Servers: Kai Maxwekk, Rosalie Maxwell, Carly Freeman

Sunday, December 17, 11:00 am

Lector: Dorest Harvey

EMHCs Sadie Sidzyik, Linda Harvey, Patty Godek,

Servers: Jane Hiatt, Jessica Godek, Cole Jarrett

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, December 11, 2017

8:00 am + Steven Gaul

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

6:30 am + Tom Merten

8:00 am + Robert Frans

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

6:30 am + Clela Miller

8:00 am + Emil & Jeanette Adam

Thursday, December 14, 2017

6:30 am + Joseph Ostrowski

8:00 am + Julien Van Haute

Friday, December 15, 2017

8:00 am + Don Schrack

Saturday, December 16, 2017

8:00 am + Sharon Costello

5:00 pm + Bob Stanek

Sunday, December 17, 2017

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Bernadette

9:30 am + Parents of Bob & Alvina O'Keefe

11:00 am + Bill & Leona Blessie

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 especially Parishioner Bob Terwilleger and Terry Randone brother of parishioner Mary Jean Carr. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Rosary Leaders

Dec 16 Rosemarie Davis
Dec 23 John Holst
Dec 30 Donna Dailey
Jan 6 Dorothy Nelson

Money Counters

Monday, December 11
Joyce Sokol, Jackie Doyle,
Jackie Kmiecik

Heavenly Dusters

Dec 16 Liz Zoucha & Kelly Linder
Dec 23 Theresa Yost, Mary Larsen, Mary Baker
Dec 30 Mary Jo Kocol
Jan 6 Linda Harvey, Mariann Kokotajlo, Chris Ortner

Gift Cards

Dec 16 & 17 Altar Society
Dec 23 & 24 Men's Club
Dec 30 & 31 Parish Group
Jan 6 & 7 Parish Group



Home & School News

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 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, Liz Neal, 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, Bill Veys, David Virgilito, Jim Vondra, Annabella Zyla

Vocations

(2 of 5 in a series) The Four Dimensions of Priestly Formation: Human Formation - The purpose of Human Formation is to assist the seminarian in his task of becoming a man of integrity with the personality necessary for priestly ministry in the Church. It "seeks to prepare men to be bridges for, not obstacles to, the spread of the Gospel." (Program of Priestly Formation, 83) The community life of the seminary and the various services and co-curricular programs of the Human Formation Program are ordered to assist the seminarian to grow in true freedom, to develop a solid moral character, to be well-oriented to the truth, to become a man of communion, to evidence affective maturity, to be respectful of every person, to exercise appropriate care for his physical well-being, to be a good steward with respect to temporal goods, and to be a confident leader. From St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's website This week pray for Seminarian Ryan Keisling and read his vocations story and biography at <https://archomaha.org/ministries/vocations/seminary/ryan-keisling/> In his letter to the Phillipians, St. Paul tells us that the Lord has Begun a good work in you, which He will complete. Go to archomaha.org/ministries/vocations/seminary/ and find out what the good work is. Call Father Harry Buse at [402-731-4694](tel:402-731-4694) or email: hjbuse@archomaha.org.



Community News

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 or call (402) 352-8819.

Knights of Columbus 3019 Food Night and Kids Christmas party
Saturday, December 16th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Santa at 6:30
Hamburgers, Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, chips, pasta salad
Cookie decorating
Free will donation
Open to the public
Please join us

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. All are welcome to participate in this fun event.

Help Religious communities

"Your Generous contribution helps us care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Around the Parish

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 11th 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).

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



All gifts for the SVDP Christmas project need to be returned by Sunday, December 17th. We will verify that all tags have been accounted for and deliver the gifts on Saturday, December 23rd. If you have a couple hours to spare and would be willing to help with the deliveries, please call Jeannie Mill at [402-733-6096](tel:402-733-6096) or Barb Slaven at [402-733-0709](tel:402-733-0709). We will meet in the Social Hall on Saturday, the 23rd, at 9:00 am and begin delivering shortly thereafter. Should not take more than a couple hours. Thank you so very much for helping with this project again this year!

