



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

Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday .....7:00 am  
Sunday.....9:00 am  
Confessions on Sundays 8:15 am

Parish Office

Weekday Hours..... 8 am—4 pm  
Lunch 12-1 pm

Bulletin.....stbbulletin@gmail.com  
**Items for the bulletin must be submitted  
9 days prior to the date of the Bulletin!**

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Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday..... 8:00 am  
Saturday Evening.....5:00 pm  
Sunday .....11:00 am  
Confessions on Saturdays 4-4:45 pm

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**THE LORD**  
OUR GOD IS  
LORD ALONE.

MARK 12:29

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# THE ALPHA COURSE

Alpha

## “HOW DOES GOD GUIDE US & ALPHA RETREAT?”

There should be plenty of great discussion on this important aspect of our faith at our Monday Alpha session this week. *Does God have a plan for your life or not? If God does have a plan for your life, how are you supposed to figure out what that plan may be? Do you think that we get any guidance from our Creator about what He intends for us in our life? If so, how do we get that guidance?*

Then on **Saturday**, November 11 our Alpha group will be meeting with other Alpha groups from the Omaha area for an **Alpha Retreat**. The Alpha Retreat is an important time for us as a group. It is a time to get away from the everyday distractions and focus on and ask for God’s Holy Spirit to come into our hearts and guide us. During the Alpha Retreat we will discuss, *“Who is the Holy Spirit?”*, *“What Does the Holy Spirit Do?”*, *“How Can I Be Filled With the Holy Spirit?”* and *“How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?”*

Our focus will be on the mystery and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives because the action of the Holy Spirit is one of the central truths and greatest gifts in our lives as Catholics. The Alpha retreat getaway will give our group the time together to pray, laugh, sing, eat and deepen our friendships as the parish family God calls us to be. The Alpha retreat getaway will give our group time together to pray, laugh, sing, eat and deepen our friendships as the *Parish Family* God calls us to be.

### **PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GUIDE OUR ALPHA RETREAT TO HIS WILL!**

You are invited to be part of our Parish Alpha by joining us for prayer this Monday at Holy Ghost church from 6:45pm-8:00pm. Please also pray for us on Saturday when we are on the Alpha Retreat.

Our gifts to the 2024 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal bear witness to God’s love at work in our lives. Thank you to all those at our parish who have responded so generously to Archbishop Lucas’ invitation to join him in the work of equipping disciples and living mercy. To date, our parish has raised \$9,105.00 towards our goal of \$58,939.50 at St. Bernadette. \$3,697.00 towards our goal of \$16,095.99 at Holy Ghost. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year’s Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.



The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Bernadette’s is working on our annual Christmas Project. We will be assisting 40 families in our community with Christmas gifts for the children and a family gift, along with a grocery voucher for food. If you would like to adopt a family, please call Barb at 402-699-1434 or Rosary at 402-676-1557. The tags will be on the trees on Thanksgiving weekend. St. Bernadette parishioners are extremely generous and helpful in fulfilling Christ’s mission to love Him and to serve His children through this project. We appreciate YOU and all that you do to support this work!



**\$ Parish Financial Update \$**

**Weekly Needs: \$13,585.00**  
**Collection: \$40,666.33**  
**YTD Needs: \$225,895.00**  
**YTD Collection: \$213,849.95**  
**Shortage: \$12,045.05**

**ALTAR SOCIETY UPCOMING MEETING**

All ladies of our St. Bernadette and Holy Ghost parishes are invited to join us at our monthly meeting on Thursday, November 7th. We will begin with a rosary at 6:15 in the Social Hall, followed by a light dinner. Our meeting will begin at 7:00. Please consider joining us for food, fun and fellowship!

**Vote AGAINST Initiative 439.** Abortion activists are attempting to insert a fundamental right to abortion late into pregnancy in the state constitution through Initiative 439. This amendment is unsafe, unregulated, and un-Nebraskan, and will do serious and lasting harm to women and babies in our state. Learn more at [www.voteAGAINST439.com](http://www.voteAGAINST439.com), and urge Nebraskans to vote against this dangerous proposal.



**Boxes of Joy are back!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The Parish Religious Education (PRE) and St Bernadette School students are working together once again this year to fill Boxes of Joy. We will fill these boxes

with goodies and then they will be distributed to children in Guatemala, Dominican Republic, and Malawi. We want them to have a very Merry Christmas. An information letter will go home this week to PRE and School families. I will also have a list in the back of church on the bulletin board, please help us out and donate some items. A collection box will be in the back as well. Also, it is \$9.00 per box to mail so a monetary donation is also greatly appreciated. Contact Sue Reed in the Parish Office for more information.

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

8:00 am + Larry Rosenthal  
+ Sorensen Family

**Thursday, November 7, 2024**

8:00 am + Ed Peabody  
+ Jamie Gutschow

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**

5:00 pm + Catherine & Charles Hertzig  
+ Joseph Circo

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

11:00 am Parishioners of St. Bernadette  
& Holy Ghost



**Religious Education**

As we begin the month of November, let us spend time this month being thankful. Take the time to think about all that you and your family have been blessed with and give thanks. Important things this month; do not forget 8th graders have their retreat on November 13th so 7th graders will NOT have class on 11/13. On November 27th we will not have classes as we will be celebrating Thanksgiving.

**Important Dates**

- 11/6- Family Class with Saints and Smores
- 11/13-Reconciliation Class and Confirmation Retreat for 8th graders
- 11/20-Sacrament Classes for Reconciliation and Confirmation
- 11/27- No Classes- Happy Thanksgiving

How would you like to bless another family this year with something as simple as prayers? I am looking for parishioners to pray for Parish Religious Education, PRE, families. These families will be learning about the seven sacraments this year and some of them will even have family members making their First Reconciliation/ Communion or Confirmation. There is a basket on the table at the back of church. Please pick a card and pray for this family through our PRE year, now-April. What a wonderful way to share God's goodness with others...prayer.

## Heavenly Dusters

Nov 2 Chris Ortner, Linda Harvey,  
Mariann Kokotajlo  
Nov 9 Rita Frickel, Mary Huss, Karen Langan,  
Patty Pogge, Tracy Kirby  
Nov 16 Rose Zoucha, Mary Sporcic, Rose Tslentis,  
Connie Tucker, Linda Halsey  
Nov 23 Ellen Stuva, Marge Egermier  
Nov 30 Kelly Linder, Liz Zoucha  
Dec 7 Laurie Callahan  
Dec 14 Pat Blankenship, Patty Gordon, Shayla  
Stanek, Veronica Diaz-Vera, Gloria Kirberger,  
Yolanda Jiminez  
Dec 21 Mary Baker, Janet Kocourek,  
Joan Foreman-Mertz, Carol Paskach,  
Kathleen Filer, Theresa Yost

The Rosary at 4:20pm before the 5pm  
Mass on Saturdays will be for the  
intention of vocations.



### Money Counters

Nov 4 Rich Kmiecik, Jim Setlak, Juan Jesus,  
Sal Zoucha  
Nov 12 Rolly & Theresa Yost, Jerry & Chris Ortner  
Nov 18 Carol Paskach, Mariann Kokotajlo,  
Rosary Sorensen  
Nov 25 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner,  
Colleen Kurmel  
Dec 2 Rich Kmiecik, Jim Setlak, Juan Jesus,  
Sal Zoucha  
Dec 9 Rolly & Theresa Yost, Jerry & Chris Ortner

## Scrip Sales

**Oct 26 & 27 Men's Club**  
**Nov 2 & 3 Parish Group**  
**Nov 9 & 10 Home & School**  
**Nov 16 & 17 Altar Society**



Please help support St Bernadette Home and  
School at these upcoming Family Food Nights.  
Please mention St. Bernadette when ordering.

### First Tuesday of every month

Don & Millie's - Bellevue 11am-8pm

### November

11/21 McDonald's - LaVista 4-8pm

### December

12/3 Texas Roadhouse - Shadow Lake 4-8pm

### The Junior Legion of Mary

The Founder of the Legion of Mary, the largest  
Marian association in the world, Frank Duff  
always stressed that the rosary is the core of the  
Legion of Mary's spirituality . As such he  
desires that the rosary be prayed with dignity  
and respect. He said that what breathing is to  
the human body, the rosary is to he Legion of  
Mary. Champion of the Rosary

After mass, volunteers will be handing out palm  
cards regarding the abortion -related ballot  
initiatives that Nebraskans will vote for next  
week. These palm cards can be taken with you  
into the ballot box if you wish. Please take one  
as you leave

We are thrilled to announce the ministry team for the  
2025 Steubenville Youth Conferences in Joliet,  
Rochester and St. Paul! This year's lineups feature  
incredible groups of speakers, leaders, and musicians  
who are ready to inspire, challenge, and lead us  
closer to Christ.

Mark your calendars and get ready for an  
unforgettable weekend of encountering Christ and  
growing deeper in your faith with this amazing  
team! **Registration opens November 20th!**  
Stay tuned for more details about locations and  
prices. We can't wait for you to join us at one of our  
conferences in 2025!

### The Patriotic Rosary

This is a powerful and moving way of praying  
for our country. Monday night at 6:30,  
St. Bernadette's Church.

### December 1 - 15, 2024

#### Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler

Christmas Craft Show: a special two-week opportunity to  
do Christmas shopping at *Saint Benedict Center*,  
Schuyler, *December 1 - 15, 2024*, 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. Learn  
more by clicking the button below or call (402) 352-  
8819.



November 3, 2024– Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, November 2, 2024 5:00 pm Mass**

Lector: Juan Jesus  
EMHC: Jerry & Chris Ortner  
Altar Servers: Josie Chandler

**Sunday, November 3, 2024 11:00 am Mass**

Lector:  
EMHC: Barb Slaven, Kathy Wichita  
Altar Servers: Logan Hlyok

### 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 you put your name in the bulletin it is for the public.



### 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.



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

### Healing Prayers Needed for the Sick

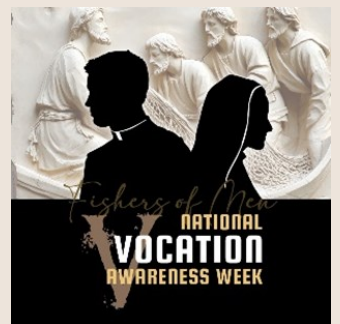
If you have someone in need of Prayers, contact the Parish Office

Cheryl Adamson, Annabelle Berrera, Rick Becerra, Elle Burgess, Alfonso Calderon, Leonardo Clymer, Kathi Ciurej, John Cunningham, Charlotte & Dominic Cullenward, Connie Cope, Donna Dailey, Kathleen Devlin, Mike Digilio, Kelly Dix, Margaret Eipperle, Norma Flores, Louise LaFramboise, Adam Gutierrez, Josephine Gutierrez, Michelle Gutierrez, 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, Marge Monaco, Mark Maeder, Steve Maguire, Fr. Robert Matya, Edwin Maslonka, Lisa Meier, Carol McDaniel, Leonard Meier, The Meyer Family, Joel Rivera, Blanche Murphy, Charles Murphy, Sue Novotny, Maryn Page, Ellen Pankievicz, Ella Peters, Jonathan Perez, Rita Perito, Keelan Phillips, Joe Pitman, Jennifer Pryjmak, Jann Reinig, Jodi Ronnfeldt, Joyce Salvatori, Kelly Burkhardt Sheard, Fred Sokol, JoAnn Simoens, Debbie Schumacher, Isabella Sterba, Pam Stein, David Virgilito, Hope Wicken, Mark White, Michael Winter, Claire Winter, Theresa Yost, Annabella Zyla,

### Vocations

Today kicks off National Vocation Awareness Week. Vocation Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and sacramental marriage through prayer and education. It is a time set aside by the bishops in the United States to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

To celebrate the week, St Bernadette School will have ArchO seminarian Kyle Wozniak speak to them, as well as the School Sisters from Christ the King from the Lincoln diocese. The 31 Club will also be renewed for the year. Students will be mailing postcards to all of our ArchO seminarians and will receive bookmarks with a daily vocation prayer, "Three Hail Mary's to Know My Vocation". In the next few weeks, other school activities from this special week will also be highlighted. Please pray for our school students and children from our parish family to have open hearts to hear their true calling.





Our next Don & Millie's on 84th & Q Caring and Sharing event is November 18th from 11am- 9pm. Dine in or carry out! We hope to see you there!

### Weekly Mass Intentions

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024**

7:00 am + Bill & Bob Luksa

**Friday, November 8, 2024**

7:00 am Parishioners of Holy Ghost & St. Bernadette

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

9:00 am + Lucy Slizoski



**HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
5219 South 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Omaha, Ne.



#### TURKEY DINNER

Sunday - November 10, 2024

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dinner Includes:

**TURKEY, MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY DRESSING, VEGETABLE, CRANBERRIES, ROLL/BUTTER, BEVERAGE and...DESSERT**

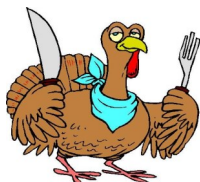
Adults \$ 11.00

Seniors \$ 10.00 (62+)

Children \$ 6.00 (12 & under)

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE

MEAT WHEEL & RAFFLE BASKETS



#### Upcoming Holy Ghost Women's Club Events!

Advent Angels – tags will be hung on November 30<sup>th</sup>

Holy Ghost Men's Club will meet on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the social hall. All men of the parish are invited!

**Save the Date for the 3rd Annual Holy Family Shrine Retreat on Saturday, December 14**

#### **\*\*NOTE DATE CHANGE\*\***

Husker Night at Holy Ghost  
Doors open at 5pm and the speaker starts at 7pm.

Admission is \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults Food and drink are available for purchase. Speaker for November 14th is Vince Guinta



**Weekly Needs: \$3,350.00**  
**Collection: \$ 9,436.44**  
**YTD Needs: \$56,950.00**  
**YTD Collection: \$58,970.44**  
**Overage: \$2,020.44**

**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), Carmen Cogan, Ron Coniglio, Becky English, Jackie Eubanks, Theresa Eubanks Schwartzter, Yvonne Fisher, Etta Flott, Warren Hadley, Christine Haite, Donna Hansen, Cheryl Koziel (daughter of Jackie Peroutka), Cathy Longacre, Flo Maez, Betty and Mike McMillan, Mark Mruz, Ender Pitman, Cooper Pofahl, Jon Ricci (nephew of Nellie Hadley), Melody Promes, 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, Frances Becerra, Jean Buechler, Dee Clap, Patty Dworak, Jacob Fraser, Kim Hall, Dorothy Kazor, Joanne Leutzinger, Pat Makara, Darlene McKinley, Janet Nicholas, Dolores Noonan, Rita Tomes,

# THANK YOU SO MUCH

To our dear Parish Family,

Kathy and I offer our most grateful “Thank You” to all who celebrated with us the 45<sup>th</sup> year of my ordination to the diaconate and our shared ministry to our parish as a deacon couple.

A lot has changed in the diaconate, our parish, and the world in those 45 years since I was ordained. But one thing remains; Jesus Christ is still alive and still God’s great gift of salvation to those of us who believe.

Kathy and I have been privileged to have shared our 45 years of diaconate service with the amazing community of Holy Ghost and now St. Bernadette. Your constant faith through all of life’s challenges inspire us and God’s love shines so brightly through each of you.

Thank you to all who worked on making the gathering after Mass last week so special. It was indeed a celebration of the many years of the ministry of diaconate to our Church.

The blessings of our God to you all,  
Deacon Tom and Kathy Schulte

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## SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

For He Is Gentle & Humble of Heart

**Creighton University  
Retreat Center  
November 7-10, 2024**

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:29)

Our time will be spent seeking the grace to recognize, savor and yoke ourselves to the gentle and nurturing love of God. Lori will present reflections and offer a variety of ways to sink into a deeper conversation with God through Ignatian Contemplation, nature, poetry, and other forms of prayer. This 3-day silent retreat offers abundant time for enjoying the rhythms of quiet reflection and prayer, wandering in nature, journaling, and other creative expressions.

There will also be opportunities to celebrate the Eucharist, meet with a spiritual director and participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Meals as well as the rest of the days will be in prayerful silence.



Lori Stevens, holds a MA in Christian Spirituality & is a Certified Spiritual Director. She is a lifelong learner and retreat leader, who delights in accompanying others on their journey to God. Lori is actively involved with the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City teaching Ignatian Spirituality, guiding individuals through the Spiritual Exercises and offering group retreats.

The retreat cost is based on single occupancy and includes meals—\$425

Check in Thursday between 4:00 –5:00 p.m.

The retreat concludes Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is requested at registration.

Register by scanning the code or on-line at

<https://www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats>



Creighton University Retreat Center  
16493 Conrail Ave | Griswold, IA 51535 | 712.778.2466 | [curc@creighton.edu](mailto:curc@creighton.edu)

### Join Spirit Catholic Radio for a Biblical Theology Conference in Partnership with the St. Paul Center!

Hear from Dr. Scott and Kimberly Hahn, Dr. John Bergsma, and Dr. Brueninger at Christ the King Catholic Church in Omaha.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com). Come to hear the Friday evening talks, the Saturday talks, or however many your schedule allows!

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 9:30 PM or Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM. Lunches are available for pre-purchase at \$11.