



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

Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday7:00 am
Sunday.....9:00 am
Confessions on Sundays 8:15 am

Parish Office

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

Bulletin.....stbulletin@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
Sunday11:00 am
Confessions on Saturdays 4-4:45 pm

Parish Office

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THE ALPHA COURSE

Alpha

"OUR LAST SESSION GUEST NIGHT AND CELEBRATION!"

IF YOU ARE READING THIS AND HAVE BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT THE ALPHA COURSE ... **THEN YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR DINNER** this Monday (Dec. 9) at the Holy Ghost Parish Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

After dinner you will get a chance to hear those who are completing this last Alpha share their thoughts about attending the Alpha Course. You will also have a time to have your questions answered about the next Alpha Course that will begin in January.

COME SPEND MONDAY EVENING WITH US!

If you plan on coming to our "Last Session Guest Night", an R.S.V.P. would be helpful for our dinner crew's planning by calling Tom or Kathy 402 731-3599 ... but be assured that last minute guests are always welcomed 😊!

As we enter this season of Advent, Jesus calls us to be alert to the opportunities to be His disciples, His witnesses and share His love. Your participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is an extension of our call to discipleship in our parish. Every gift matters. To date, St. Bernadette has committed \$41,289.00 towards our goal of \$58,939.50. Holy Ghost has committed \$13,311.00 towards our goal of \$16,095.99 Please help us reach our goal.



The Christmas tags for needy families in our community are on the trees in the church foyer. Please take a tag or two and shop for the child or family listed on the tag and return the wrapped gift to St. Bernadette's by December 15th. Do not forget to affix the tag to the gift! We will deliver the gifts on Saturday morning, December 21st. If you would like to volunteer your time to help deliver these gifts, please come to the Social Hall at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 21st. Thank you!

\$ **Parish Financial Update** \$

St. Bernadette Financials through 11/24/24

Weekly Needs: \$13,585.00
Collection: \$19,049.00
YTD Needs: \$280,235.00
YTD Collection: \$266,681.28
Shortage: \$11,553.72

Christmas Flower Memorials: Please consider making a donation for Christmas flowers placed as church decoration in honor of living loved ones/family or in memory of deceased loved ones/family. Cards 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 Christmas.



MERRY CHRISTMAS Senior Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 10, 6pm at
the Mapes Home 7214 Wood
River Dr. Please
RSVP. 402-733-6156 Rosemary Mapes

2025 Calendars for
St. Bernadette can be found
on the tables at the entrance
of the of church.



Praying Along During Advent

In our Catholic Faith, the Advent season reminds us about the importance of Christ in our lives. It prepares us to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas, and make ready for his second coming at a future time. Traditionally, during this time we focus more on prayer, the priests wear purple vestments and we celebrate traditions, such as the Advent wreath.



A good way to insure you have a sprit-filled advent is through one or two of the many Advent programs that are available through apps that you can download on your phone or tablet, or by receiving a daily email. Many of these are provided by trusted Catholic resources and are absolutely FREE! Here are just a couple of these free opportunities:

Download the 'AMEN' app from Augustine Institute. They will provide daily reflections during Advent based on the Jesse Tree. You can also access this program through FORMED.

Log into 'StPaulCenter.com' and signup for daily emails.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

8:00 am + Richard Wortman
+ Gene Olsen

Thursday, December 12, 2024

8:00 am + John Sporcic
+ Paul Jansen

Saturday, December 14, 2024

5:00 pm + Frank Kokotajlo
+ Thomas Howeth

Sunday, December 15, 2024

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

We will have Confessions during Advent at 2pm on Sundays at both St. Bernadette & Holy Ghost. With an All Parish Penance service on Sunday, December 15 with multiple priests at 2pm at St. Bernadette Church.

Christmas Eve Mass times

4pm at St. Bernadette
4pm at Holy Ghost

Christmas Day Mass Times

Midnight at Holy Ghost
9am at Holy Ghost
11am at St. Bernadette



Religious Education

This is the second week of Advent. This week as you spend time as a family in prayer, think if there are ways that you need a new attitude or a new hope. Advent gives us that time...time to begin again!!! Make sure to take the time to receive reconciliation this season so you are ready to receive Him!

December:

11-Family Class

18-Christmas Party with cookie decorating

Classes resume on 1/8/25

Heavenly Dusters

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

Dec 28 Chris Ortner, Linda Harvey, Mariann Kokotajlo

Jan 4 Rita Frickel, Mary Huss, Karen Langan, Patty Pogge, Tracy Kirby

Jan 11 Rose Zoucha, Mary Sporcic, Rose Tslentis, Connie Tucker, Linda Halsey

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



Money Counters

Dec 9 Rolly & Theresa Yost, Jerry & Chris Ortner

Dec 16 Carol Paskach, Rosary Sorensen, Mariann Kokotajlo

Dec 23 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Colleen Kurlmel

Dec 30 Rich Kmiecik, Jim Setlak, Juan Jesus, Sal Zoucha

Jan 6 Rolly & Theresa Yost, Gerry & Chris Ortner

Jan 13 Carol Paskach, Mariann Kokotajlo, Rosary Sorensen

Jan 21 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Colleen Kurlmal

Scrip Sales

Dec 7 & 8 Parish Group

Dec 14 & 15 Home & School

Dec 21 & 22 Altar Society

Dec 28 & 29 Men's Club



Vocations Calendar

Please find enclosed in this bulletin our new monthly Archdiocese Vocations Calendar! Each month, we will include a calendar to encourage prayer for our seminarians. Please take time each day to pray for these young men listed and anyone in our Archdiocese discerning a religious vocation. Consider placing this calendar on your fridge or bulletin board or wherever it will remind you to offer your prayers, works, joys, and sufferings for them. Thank you for your support of our seminarians!

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

Immaculate Conception Holy day Mass Times

Monday, December 9

7am at Holy Ghost

Noon at Holy Ghost

6:30 pm at ST. Bernadette

The Altar Society Annual Cookie Walk & Raffle is back. It will be held on Dec 14 -15 after all Masses.

Be watching for more details.

There will be a variety of cookies, available to purchase for your Holiday Events! Something to please everyone's sweet tooth! The Raffle will have fabulous items to buy. Come check out these items in the social after all the masses.



The Patriotic Rosary

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

Mary teaches us to enter the Time of Gestation a time of patience, silence, and waiting. The things of God take time and come slowly; a long gestation is necessary for the new thing to happen.

Legion of Mary

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 14, 2024 5:00 pm Mass

Lector: Andy Flanagan

EMHC: Tom Van Haute, Cathy Jesus

Altar Servers:

Sunday, December 15, 2024 11:00 am Mass

Lector: Mark Redford

EMHC: Cathie Pajnigar, Lisa Burkhardt

Altar Servers: Joshua & Lucas Weiser, Amalia Poepppe

Prayer Line

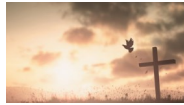
Please call Betty Rezek at 402-734-2531 or Patty Pogge at 402-733-8234 to request instant prayer for those in need.

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

The season of Advent offers us many ways to celebrate the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially this week. Through the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, we become inspired by her sinless disposition to become less sinful ourselves. In her appearances as Our Lady of Guadalupe, we remember our important mission to bring the Good News to all peoples. St. Josemaria Escriva said, "Like Mary, who was a woman, a virgin and a mother, we should live with our eyes on God, repeating her words – 'be it done unto me according to Thy word' (Lk 1:38). On these words depends the faithfulness to one's personal vocation". His eminence, Cardinal Raymond Burke pointed out one of the striking things that Our Lady said when St. Juan Diego was doubting about his mission – that he asked Our Lady to send somebody more important, more impressive – was, "No. I've chosen you." What has God chosen you for? And, is your answer "yes", like Mary's was?





Our next Don & Millie's on 84th & Q Caring and Sharing event is December 16th from 11am- 9pm. Dine in or carry out! We hope to see you there!

This week Holy Ghost's Women's club will begin their Annual Advent Angels, sponsoring The Bethlehem House.

Each advent angel tag has an item that the center needs. We ask that you take an angel tag and purchase the item listed; attach the tag to the item, DO NOT wrap the item. Bring back to church or parish office no later than Sunday, December 15.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to The Bethlehem House and place it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

The gifts you give will go a long way in helping The Bethlehem House during the Christmas season. Thank you for sharing your stewardship of treasure and your gift of Christ's love.

We will be sorting the items after 9 mass on Sunday, December 15 in the social hall at Holy Ghost, all are welcome to join in the fun!

If you did not get a tag and want to help, call Heather Slizoski 402-669-8863

2025 Calendars for Holy Ghost can be found on the tables in the front and back of church.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

7:00 am + Florence Latzel

Friday, December 13, 2024

7:00 am + Joe Knott

Sunday, December 15, 2024

9:00 am + Deacon Paul Eubanks

Upcoming Holy Ghost Women's Club Events!

Advent Angels: November 30th tags will be hung at Holy Ghost. Bring gifts back with tag attached by Sunday, December 15, to Holy Ghost. We will sort items on Dec 15 after 9:00 a.m. mass in social hall at Holy Ghost.

Chicken Dinner: Friday, January 10 at Holy Ghost. We need your delicious desserts.

Meeting: Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Ghost Social Hall.

Cinnamon Rolls: Sunday, January 26 after 9:00 a.m. mass at Holy Ghost.

Holy Ghost Financials through 11/24/24

Weekly Needs: \$3,350.00

Collection: \$1,958.00

YTD Needs: \$70,350.00

YTD Collection: \$69,501.44

Shortage: \$848.56

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, Becky English, Theresa Eubanks Schwartzer, 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, 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,

*Would You Like a
Great Seat at Holy Ghost for the
4:00 Christmas Eve Mass??*

Since the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass ends up being standing-room only, here is a perfect option for a seat: Join the choir as a family (couples too), and you'll be get one of the best seats in the house! *The music will be mostly Christmas carols, and a few members of the "regular" choir will be present also. No pressure! Just FUN!*

If your family or you would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Liturgy, please contact Ben Baber:

- Home phone: (402) 731-2643
- E-mail: benandmarybaber@cox.net

As our St. Bernadette family anticipates the coming of our Lord during Advent, we are also anticipating the renovation of our beautiful church! Tentatively, this renovation will begin after Advent, likely, mid-January.

As most of you are aware, we will temporarily be relocating our Masses to Holy Ghost Church. Based on feedback from many St. Bernadette parishioners, we are planning to host social events to continue to connect with "old" friends as well as getting to meet new parishioners. Most of these social events will be based back at St. Bernadette's Social Hall monthly. We will keep you updated as to the details of these events via the bulletin as well as via announcements at the pulpit.

We would also like to invite each of you to consider being a greeter at Masses on a rotating basis. While our Holy Ghost family has had a greeter at each door for each of their Masses, they have most graciously invited our St. Bernadette family to assist them in this ministry while we are temporarily relocated there. We would also like to adopt having a greeter at the upper AND lower entrances at St. Bernadette before and after the renovation.

If you would like to be a greeter, please contact either Rita Frickel at 402-734-3573 OR Deacon Tom Schulte at 402-669-1301 by December 18th. Thank you and God Bless!



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WE INVITE YOU TO AN

ALPHA INFORMATION NIGHT

Enjoy a casual dinner and enjoyable evening with others from our Parish Family where you can learn all about the **ALPHA** course and hear other parishioners share their experience about the **ALPHA** series They just finished.

COME JOIN US

MONDAY, DEC 9 AT 6:00PM
HOLY GHOST CHURCH PARISH HALL

BRING A FRIEND! We welcome people of all different backgrounds, beliefs, and church experience.

We'd like an RSVP to Tom/Kathy Schulte tkschulte10@gmail.com to help with our dinner plans ... but please feel welcome to come even if you forget to RSVP! 😊

**OUR NEXT PARISH ALPHA WILL
START JANUARY 13, 2025**

