



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

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St. Bernadette Catholic Church
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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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During the season of Advent, we await the celebration of Christ's birth and His coming again at the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection. But in the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope!

What does Gaudete mean? Gaudete means “rejoice” in Latin.

Why do we light a pink candle on Gaudete Sunday?

The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday's counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.

The third Sunday of Advent we are invited to reflect on the **joy** we have access to because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is their *joyful demeanor*. Let's not allow the struggles of this year steal from the **great joy** we have because of Jesus.

[Philippians 4:4-5](#) says, “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.”

There is so much comfort to be found in the practice of pausing to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. The third Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare in our hearts a sense of holy anticipation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus as well as for his promised second coming. We can study the Scriptures as a reminder of the ways God has been faithful to us through the fulfillment of prophecy—and find hope in the promises of God that are laid out in his Word. Over this Advent, would you pray that the *joy of the Lord* would be evident in your heart and home? May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we joyfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

This Advent, take the Holy Spirit up on the gifts that are being offered to you. Your gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal strengthen our parishes, schools and ministries. Thank you for your faithful support!



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
12/1/24:

Weekly Needs: \$13,585.00
Collection: \$8,844.00
YTD Needs: \$293,820.00
YTD Collection: \$275,525.28
Shortage: \$18,294.72

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.



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 Jessie Tree. You can also access this program through FORMED.

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

8:00 am + Darlene Healy
+ George Tinglehoff

Thursday, December 19, 2024

8:00 am + Donald & Dorothy O'Connor

Saturday, December 21, 2024

5:00 pm + Bob Knoblauch
+ Jim Riha

Sunday, December 22, 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

We celebrate the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday. The word "gaudete" means joy, rejoice or be glad. We are so close to Christmas, so close to our big celebration. How is your family continuing to prepare? I pray you have spent family time in prayer and sharing what this season means to each of you.

See you all on Wednesday as we decorate the cookies for our St Vincent de Paul families.
December:

18-Christmas Party with cookie decorating
Classes resume on 1/8/25

Heavenly Dusters

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
Jan 18 Ellen Stuva, Marge Egermier
Jan 25 Liz Zoucha, Kelly Linder

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



Money Counters

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 14 & 15 Home & School
Dec 21 & 22 Altar Society
Dec 28 & 29 Men's Club
Jan 4 & 5 Parish Group



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

The Patriotic Rosary

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

Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) is accepting applications for their **\$750 SCHOLARSHIP**. Get the **2025 Scholarship Packet** from your school Guidance Counselor today! The completed scholarship application, transcript, essay and a reference letter by priest, school/parish staff or faculty person **must be postmarked or received by** your parish's Deanery President by **January 15, 2025**. **Late entries will not be accepted.** The Parish Deanery President name can be obtained from the school Guidance Counselor or by calling 402-340-2866, Kim Estes, Scholarship Chair. Applications are accepted in the Deanery where you attend church, not where you attend school. ****In the event your parish is not in an active Deanery, send your application directly to the OACCW Scholarship Chair Kim Estes, 87671 467th Ave., Stuart, NE 68780.** President/Scholarship Chairs by Deanery: OMAHA URBAN: Cathy Vak 3255 S. 77th St., Omaha, NE 68124

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.

RURAL CENTRAL: Nancy Schaecher, PO Box 118, Battle Creek, NE 68715
RURAL NORTH CENTRAL: Melissa Lordemann, 88091 Hiway 15, Hartington, NE 68739
**RURAL NORTHEAST AND RURAL SOUTHEAST: Kim Estes, 87671 467th Ave., Stuart, NE 68780
RURAL NORTHWEST: Ann Kurpgeweit, 50444 852 Rd, Ewing, NE 68735
RURAL SOUTHWEST: Deanna Reardon, 50143 Central Hiway, Genoa, NE 68640



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 21, 2024 5:00 pm Mass

Lector: Robert Monaco

EMHC: Pat Flanagan, Christine Flanagan

Altar Servers: Liam Wurgler, Nathan Sonntag, Noah Delgado

Sunday, December 22, 2024 11:00 am Mass

Lector: Dorest Harvey

EMHC: Dick, Strauss, Barb Slaven

Altar Servers: Mila Barrientos, Benjamin Linnell

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, Kris Mixan, 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

Vocation is not just for young people!

Pope Francis reminds us that there is a special role for older persons in our society. Being older is not the same for everybody. Some older people are diminished in their physical and mental capacities, and some older people are as physically and mentally as agile as many a younger person. No matter the circumstance, we need to remember the life elderly have lived and give thanks and Glory to God for the gift they have been for us.

For those suffering, Jesus has taught us that suffering is a part of this life on earth, but that suffering can be offered up for the sake of the world, for love, and for the spiritual good of the world. In this, their sacrifice witnesses to their vocation of being one with Christ, making them holy and sharing in the vocation of Jesus.

As we continue to prepare the way for the Lord this Advent, let us encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our midst and pray for those discerning the vocation, that they may hear God's call clearly and respond with courage and commitment. May the young and old follow the example of Mary, saying "yes" to God's call.





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!

Weekly Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

7:00 am + Josephine Grzywa

Friday, December 20, 2024

7:00 am + Mary Ann Barrett

Sunday, December 22, 2024

9:00 am + Frank Keilty

Advent Angels are due **TODAY!** We will be sorting after Sunday's 9 mass in the social hall at Holy Ghost, if you want to join in the fun! Thank you for your stewardship of treasure and your gift of Christ's love!

Turkey Dinner Results: A huge thank you to everyone that put in so much time and effort into our Turkey Dinner. Thanks to your support we served 651 dinners and profited \$7,430.00!

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.

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

Holy Ghost Financials through 12/1/24:

Weekly Needs: \$3,350.00

Collection: \$3,195.00

YTD Needs: \$73,700.00

YTD Collection: \$72,696.44

Shortage: \$303.56

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 402-731-3599 by December 18th. Thank you and God Bless!

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Omaha invites you for an hour of prayer for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. We will meet each Wednesday of Advent at 6:00 PM in Holy Angels Mausoleum in Resurrection Cemetery using scripture, Psalms and music to pray for your peace and healing as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

Come leave your petitions on the tree of remembrance and hope, as we pray for the coming Christmas season. Often it is in prayer and silence that God speaks to us so clearly.

For further information please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402/391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com

Taize' Service, Monday, Dec. 16, 5:30 PM, St. Pius X Church: Are you longing this Advent for a prayer service filled with quiet and meditation? Join us for a Taize' service! Taize' is a contemplative prayer form that began in France with an ecumenical community of religious brothers. In a world filled with non-stop talking, you are invited to slow down and enter the quiet. Take the opportunity to experience contemplative prayer and meditative music as you listen to God's voice. More information contact: Margaret Hoarty, tom-margaret@cox.net

