



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
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9 days prior to the date of the Bulletin!**

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Ne 68147

Parish Website.....stbernadetteparish.org

Facebook.....St. Bernadette Parish Archdiocese of Omaha

Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday..... 8:00 am
Saturday Evening.....5:00 pm
Sunday11:00 am
Confessions on Saturdays 4-4:45 pm

Parish Office

Weekday Hours.....7:30 am—3:00 pm

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From the Pastors Desk

This weekend we light another candle on our Advent wreath. We light the rose-colored candle and we call this Sunday Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is so named because of the entrance antiphon that is proper to today's Mass "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near." This Sunday reminds us that even though we live in a state of waiting for the Lord, we should also live lives of joy. Blessed Columba Marmion once wrote that "joy is the echo of God's life within you." We are meant to show the joy that Christ brings us through the Gospel. This weekend reminds us that God so loved us that he sent his only son to live among us, and for that we should always be joyful.

I would like to thank everyone who has already contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. This important campaign that archdiocese runs every year assures that our parishes of Holy Ghost and St. Bernadette have the support we need to continue to spread the Gospel. As of this week St. Bernadette has contributed \$30,366.00 towards our goal of \$58,939.00 and Holy Ghost has contributed \$13,058 towards our goal of \$16,095. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

This year Christmas falls on a Monday which complicates the Mass schedule and can cause a little confusion as to how we are invited to fulfill our Sunday and Christmas Mass obligation. We fulfill our Sunday obligation by going to a Saturday evening vigil Mass on Dec. 23rd or by attending any of the Masses on Sunday. We fulfill our Christmas obligation by attending either the Christmas vigil Masses on Sunday evening or a Mass on Christmas day. The Christmas eve Masses can fulfill either the Sunday obligation or the Christmas obligation, but they cannot fulfill both. In short to fulfill both the Sunday obligation and the Christmas obligation we need to attend 2 separate Masses.

Next Sunday, December 17th we will have our parish family penance service at 2:00PM at St. Bernadette.

We are just weeks away from the official kickoff for St. Bernadette's Our Faith, Our Future campaign to renovate St. Bernadette's church. Please continue to pray for the success of this campaign.

Have a blessed week

Fr. Jeff Mollner

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00 pm at St. Bernadette

6:00 pm at Holy Ghost

Christmas Day, December 25th

9:00 am at Holy Ghost

10:00 am at St. Bernadette

****The Parish office will be closed Monday, December 25—Wednesday, December 27, 2023**

The Parish office will also be closed on Monday, January 1—Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

\$ Parish Financial Update \$

Weekly Needs: \$13,585.00

Collection: through 12/10 \$16,436.00

YTD Needs: \$306,446.00

YTD Collection: \$278,860.69

Shortage: \$27,585.31

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

8:00 am + Jim Tompsett
+ Roland & Sallie Averill

Thursday, December 21, 2023

8:00 am + Emil & Jeanette Adam

Saturday, December 23, 2023

5:00 pm + Jim & Robert Riha

Sunday, December 24, 2023

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

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm + Rob Knoblauch

Monday, December 25, 2023

Christmas Day

10:00 am + Joe Huss
+ Robert "Gene" Olson

Alpha

COME GROW IN FAITH WITH US!

Alpha Course Begins January 8th at Holy Ghost

Have you ever had a chance to participate in an Alpha Course?

ALPHA offers you an opportunity to ask and ponder the big questions of life and our Christian faith.

Each session begins with dinner together, followed by a video that explores a question around our faith, and concludes with small group discussions that enable people to share their thoughts and questions, build friendships and experience the love of God through the Holy Spirit. We sincerely invite and encourage you to join us for this upcoming Alpha, running from **Monday, January 8th through Monday, April 3rd, starting at 6:00pm and always ending by 8:00pm sharp. We would love to have you join us. Invite your family members and friends to come with you.** So we can best plan for food and space, please call or email to register before the first session ... but we welcome anyone who feels moved by the Spirit to just walk in and join us.

TO REGISTER OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Al/Terri Aulner – awaulner@archomaha.org (402 669-1714)
Tom/Kathy Schulte – tkschulte10@gmail.com (402 731-3599)



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 currently nine days away from Christmas, we are so close to a big celebration. How can your family continue to prepare for this beautiful celebration? I pray you have been doing your daily devotions and lighting your Advent wreath and praying as a family every day.

December:

20 & 27- No Classes- Merry Christmas!!!

January:

3-No Classes

10- Family Class

17-Sacrament Classes

Heavenly Dusters

Dec 23 Ellen Stuva, Marge Egermier,
Christmas Volunteers
Dec 30 Liz Zoucha, Kelly Linder
Jan 6 Mary Larsen
Jan 13 Pat Blenkinship, Patty Gordon,
Veronica Diaz-Vera, Shayla Stanek,
Gloria Kirberger, Yolanda Jimenez
Jan 20 Mary Baker, Janet Kocourek,
Joan Foreman-Mertz, Carol Paskach,
Kathleen Filer, Theresa Yost
Jan 27 Chris Ortner, Linda Harvey,
Mariann Kokotajlo

Scrip Sales

Dec 23 & 24 Men's Club

Dec 30 & 31

Jan 6 & 7 Parish Group



The Altar Society continues to coordinate meals for Father Jeff every Wednesday & Thursday evening and we appreciate everyone who has helped with this over that last few months! As my Mom would say "Many hands make light work"!!

The new schedule for fall is available at <https://takethemameal.com/WNPP0126> or contact Sue Miller @ 402-680-9138 or suz1949@icloud.com and I can schedule for you.

Father Jeff has no food preferences or allergies.

Dinner can be dropped off at the office before 3 or the rectory no later than 5 PM. If no one is in the rectory, food can be left by the front door.

Again, our deepest thanks for sharing a meal!



PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

St Bernadette Altar Society's Annual Cookie Walk and Holiday Raffle will be held December 16th & 17th after all masses. There will be a variety of cookies available to purchase for your holiday events. Also, this year we have some fabulous raffle items including, a framed picture of Memorial Stadium at Tom Osbourne's 250th victory in 1973, two tickets to a Creighton men's basketball game of your choice, two tickets to a UNO hockey game of your choice, and MUCH MUCH more. We will have something for everyone, so don't miss checking out both of these events. Hope to see you then. Thank you for your support!

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

We are praying the rosary for World Peace every Monday night at 6:30 in the church. We are praying for the conversion of our country.



Money Counters

Dec 18 Sharon Jedlicka, Mariann Kokotajlo, Rosary Sorensen

Dec 27 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Colleen Kurmel, Jean Mill

Jan 3 Rich Kmiecik, Jim Setlak, Juan Jesus, Sal Zoucha

Every year on January 1st, the Holy Father marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. This year on Monday, January 1st, we will be praying the Parish Rosary for World Peace. Legion of Mary

Christmas Help Needed: Due to how the calendar falls this year, help is requested to decorate the church for the Christmas season twice, please join us on Saturday, December 23 at 9am, then again on Sunday, December 24 at 12pm. Saturday, help is needed hanging wreaths, garlands, and outdoor decor. Sunday, we will remove remaining Advent decorations, set out the poinsettias and other decorations, and arrange the nativity. Helpers are also needed for take down and Ordinary Time transition on Sunday, January 7 at 1:30, after the campaign kick-off event. Any questions, please contact Kelly Linder at bk.linder@hotmail.com or (402) 670-3292

Christmas Flowers 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.



December 17, 2023 — Third Sunday of Advent

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 23, 2023 5:00 pm Mass

Lector: Charles Monico

EMHC: Pat & Chris Flanagan

Altar Servers: Liam Wurgler, Kassandra Hernandez,
Kali Hunter-Tolsten

Sunday, December 24, 2023 11:00 am Mass

Lector: Kevin McCoy

EMHC: Colleen McCoy

Altar Servers: Benjamin Linnell, Logan Hylok,
Liana Santos-Chavez

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



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 especially St. Bernadette parishioner Paul Jansen and Holy Ghost Dorothy Massow, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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.



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, Rosemarie Davis, Charlotte & Dominic Cullenward, Donna Dailey, Kathleen Devlin, Mike Digilio, Kelly Dix, Margaret Eipperle, Gina Rae Filer, Norma Flores, Juanice Furmanski, Louise LaFramboise, Lisa Hargis, Jeanette Hauptman, Barbara Jansen, Paul Jansen, Margie Janssen, Carol Johnson, Carol Jura, Olga Kanne, Phyllis Knicky, Bob Knoblauch, Donna Kubiak, Donna Krysl, Austin Lampe, Jan Lampe, Michael Macdonald, Mark Maeder, Steve Maguire, Fr. Robert Matya, Lisa Meier, Carol McDaniel, Leonard Meier, The Meyer Family, Joel Rivera, Blanche Murphy, Charles Murphy, Amy McNeil, Sue Novotny, Maryn Page, Ellen Pankiewicz, Ella Peters, Jonathan Perez, Rita Perito, Keelan Phillips, Joe Pitman, Jennifer Prymak, Betty Rodgers, Jodi Ronnfeldt, Joyce Salvatori, Kelly Burkhardt Sheard, Debbie Schumacher, Isabella Sterba, Pam Stein, David Virgilito, Mark White, Michael Winter, Claire Winter, Theresa Yost, Annabella Zyla,

Vocations

Featured this week is 6th grade St Bernadette students. Vocation artwork is drawn by Delaney Liechti and Kamilla Zavala. Prayers are written by Izzy Crosby and Patty Moreno. Please continue to pray for our young people to have open hearts to listen to God's will.

Vocation Prayer

Dear God, please help people who want to be priests. I hope You can help those men out: those who were good in school, who don't sin much, go to church, love God, adore God and help people in need and are nice. Amen.

Elle Goolsby – 3rd Grade
St. Bernadette Catholic School



Vocation Prayer

Dear God Almighty, please encourage men all over the world to become priests. Help them follow Your will and to love all people as You love us. We want to be like You and to forgive like You and to love like You. Amen.

Cecilia Felber – 3rd Grade
St. Bernadette Catholic School





Our next Don & Millie's on 84th & Q Caring and Sharing event is December 18th from 11am-9pm. Dine in or carry out!

We hope to see you there!

The Parish Office at Holy Ghost will be closed on Thursday, December 21st.

May the Lord grant peace and consolation to the family of Dorothy Massow.

Advent with Spirit Catholic Radio: How are you celebrating Advent this year? The four weeks of Advent are meant to give us hope and reassurance that the Lord is coming, and also the opportunity to give hope to those around us. This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Follow us on social media, subscribe to our e-newsletter, The Halo, and visit <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/advent/> as we share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings 7-9AM, during our Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. Tune in on Sundays for special Advent programming from EWTN. More info at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/>

Weekly Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

7:00 am + Raymond Wilke

Friday, December 22, 2023

6:30 pm + Roberta Kline

Sunday, December 24, 2023

9:00 am + Jim & Betty Ripa

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm + Betty Stillmock

Holy Ghost Needs your Help!

We need your help in keeping our church prayer list up to date. Please let us know if someone needs to be added or removed from the list. You can contact the office at 402.731.3176 or email to parishsecretary@holyghostomaha.org Thank you!

Holy Ghost Financials

Weekly Needs: \$3,350.00

Collection: through 12/10 \$3,104.00

YTD Needs: \$77,050.00

YTD Collection: \$73,112.81

Shortage: \$3,937.19

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), Mark Broich (brother of Marita Grebl), Ron Coniglio, Becky English, Dcn Paul & Jackie Eubanks, Theresa Eubanks Schwartzer, Warren Hadley, Christine Haite, Donna Hansen, Cheryl Koziel (daughter of Jackie Peroutka), Cookie Lane, Cathy Longacre, Betty and Mike McMillan, Mark Mruz, Ender Pitman, Jon Ricci (nephew of Nellie Hadley), John Ripa, Ray Sempek, Hayden Sommer, Raymond Starks, Donna Vaughn, Brian Walters, Danny Watkins (brother of Brenda Tytkowski)

Let us also remember in our prayers those who in care centers or homebound: Mary Ann Barrett, Rick Becerra, Jean Buechler, Dee Clap, Patty Dworak, Jacob Fraser, Kim Hall, Dorothy Kazor, Joanne Leutzinger, Pat Makara, Darlene McKinley, Janet Nicholas, Dolores Noonan, Shirley Stodolka, Rita Tomes, Richard Van Sant, Joe Zuchniak