



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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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

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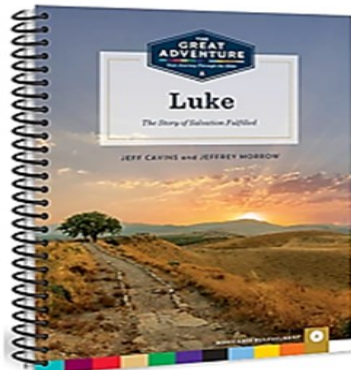


In our last week of Advent, we are invited to experience the love of Christ, as well share that gift with others. It is love that brings Jesus into our world and it is love that transforms our being. Advent has prepared us for the coming of Christ, and this last week brings it all together. "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son" (John 3:16). And it is because of that love that we are called to be loving to the stranger, oppressed, and marginalized.

*Advent should also inspire hope as we wait for the Second Coming of Christ. We are calling the Fourth Candle the "Candle of Peace" and it reminds us that **Jesus comes to bring Peace to the world and to people's hearts.** Without Christ, there is no peace in this world.*

*The fourth candle of Advent represents **Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us.** Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.*

BEGIN YOUR YEAR IMMERGED IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



“Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled”

The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. On the road to Emmaus, a story unique to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus gave us the greatest Bible study of all time, laying out his fulfillment of the Old Testament.

In “*Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled*”, you will witness key moments in salvation history including the Annunciation, the Nativity, his public ministry, and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. There are parables found only in Luke, including the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the rich man and Lazarus which will show you the mercy

and compassion that Jesus has for each one of his children.

In this 8-Week Study, Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow will show you how the Gospel of Luke will transform your relationship with our Savior. With Luke's powerful prose and unique parables, you will learn about the love and mercy Jesus has for each of us.

There will be a Video Presentation and Small Group Discussion each week of the course. Refreshments will be provided

Begins: January 7th – 6:30pm - 8:00pm – Location: St. Bernadette Social Hall

Contact: Deacon Al Aulner – 402 669-1714 - awaulner@archomaha.org



Thank you to all of our friends at St. Bernadette for once again showing up to serve the poor among us! Because of your generosity and assistance, there are 40 families in our community who are having a wonderful Christmas! The St. Bernadette SVdP Conference members thank you, and please know we are praying for all of you!

§ Parish Financial Update §

**St. Bernadette Financials through
12/8/24:**

**Weekly Needs: \$13,585.00
Collection: \$17,735.48
YTD Needs: \$307,405.00
YTD Collection: \$293,260.76
Shortage: \$14,144.24**

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.



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 24, 2024

8:00 am + Darlene Healy
4:00 pm + John & Barbara Holst

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

11:00 am + Joseph Huss

Thursday, December 26, 2024

8:00 am + Emil & Jeanette Adam
+ Maureen Titus

Saturday, December 28, 2024

9:00 am + Holy Innocents
5:00 pm + JoAnn Winkler

Sunday, December 29, 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

Merry Christmas to all! Praying you all have a very blessed Christmas and enjoy time with family and friends. Remember to make great memories...those that will last a lifetime!

I pray you are "all able to welcome Jesus at Christmas, not in the cold manger of our heart but in a heart full of love and humanity, a heart warm with love for one another."- St Teresa of Calcutta

Enjoy your time with family and see you all for our next class on January 8th , Family Class.

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 21 & 22 Altar Society
Dec 28 & 29 Men's Club
Jan 4 & 5 Parish Group
Jan 11 & 12 Home & School



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

We will continue our Patriotic Rosary
vigil every Monday night at 6:30 pm.
Legion of Mary



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

Join the Serra Club of West Omaha for a Holy Hour to Pray for Vocations

Monday, January 20, 2025

Gather at 6:30 PM | Holy Hour at 7 PM

St. John Paul II Newman Center, 1221 S. 71st Street, Omaha

Fr. Tom Weisbecker, Chaplain of the Serra Club of West Omaha

PRAY WITH US BEFORE A MONSTRANCE BLESSED BY POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

*Christian vocation, whatever shape it takes, is a gift whose purpose is to
build up the Church and to increase the kingdom of God in the world.*

~ Pope St. John Paul II ~



Serra Club of
West Omaha

Questions:
Contact Lori Hamilton
bobxlori@aol.com
402-699-5027

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Creek, NE 68715

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Hiway 15, Hartington, NE 68739

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Estes, 87671 467th Ave., Stuart, NE 68780

RURAL NORTHWEST: Ann Kurpgeweit, 50444 852 Rd,
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RURAL SOUTHWEST: Deanna Reardon, 50143 Central
Hiway, Genoa, NE 68640

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 28, 2024 5:00 pm Mass

Lector: Mariann Kokotajlo

EMHC: Patty Galas, Theresa Rothermund

Altar Servers: Kristina Overfelt, Josie Chandler, Kassandra Hernandez

Sunday, December 29, 2024 11:00 am Mass

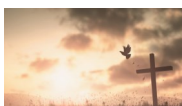
Lector: Steve Tooley

EMHC: Maggie Tooley, Kathy Wichita

Altar Servers: Sophia Parr, Joey Jansen, Liana Santos Chavez

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.



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 Pankiewicz, 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

Mary, Model for all Vocations. Pray for us.

Why is Mary considered the model for all vocations? How can she be the standard for men who are priests, deacons, religious brothers or husbands? St. Pope John Paul II explains, "Every aspect of priestly formation can be referred to Mary, the human being who has responded better than any other to God's call. Mary became both the servant and the disciple of the Word to the point of conceiving, in her heart and in her flesh, the Word made man, so as to give Him to mankind. With her example and intercession the Blessed Virgin keeps vigilant watch over the growth of vocations and priestly life in the Church".

Hence, the key characteristic of Mary is that she "has responded to God's call" and her response was so intimate and sincere that she conceived within her Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, anyone who wishes to live out their vocation, whether to married life, consecrated life, single life, the diaconate or priesthood, must also be able to unite himself or herself closely to God and be open to the fountain of blessings that comes forth from God. In doing so, like Mary, we can also experience the incarnation of Christ; that is, making God present to this world in whatever state of life we are called.

As the gentle woman who gave birth to Christ, she helps us to realize that one person's "yes" to God can make a difference for the entire world. Let us continue to pray for vocations, let us never fail to look to the Blessed Virgin Mary to give us inspiration to persevere. She, who was always faithful to God, will also be faithful to us.



Prayer Line

Please call Betty Rezek at 402-734-2531 to request instant prayer for those in need. Special Prayers needed for all military personnel. Please consider putting your name on our prayer line.



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



Our next Don & Millie's on 84th & Q Caring and Sharing event is January 20th from 11am- 9pm. Dine in or carry out! We hope to see you there!



Holy Ghost Chicken Dinner

Friday, January 10th
4 - 8 PM

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER CHOICES

4 PIECE DINNER - \$12.00

(1 each breast, wing, thigh, & leg OR 2 legs & 2 thighs)

4 PIECES WITH 2 BREASTS - \$13.00

(2 breasts & 2 wings OR 2 breasts & 2 legs)

2 PIECE DINNER - \$8.00

(leg & thigh OR breast & wing OR breast & leg)

2 PIECE BREAST DINNER - \$9.00

(2 breasts)

2 PIECE CHICKEN STRIP DINNER - \$5.00

4 PIECE CHICKEN STRIP DINNER - \$8.00

EXTRAS:

Breast - \$3.00

Thigh or leg - \$2.00

Wing - \$2.00

Chicken Strip - \$2.00

Dinner includes: Mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, roll and glass of pop.

Desserts: \$2.00 at Dessert Table

Beer & Wine available for a Donation

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR MEAL!

(Includes mashed Potato/Gravy, Vegetable, Roll, Pop)

Take Outs Available!

Homemade Desserts Available!

Meat Wheel

****Bring your family, invite your friends****

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 January 16th speaker Sean Callahan.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 pm + Wolfgang Lier

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Midnight +Florence Latzel

9:00 am For the Parishioners of

Holy Ghost & St. Bernadette

Friday, December 27, 2024

7:00 am + Ann Dein

Sunday, December 29, 2024

9:00 am + Betty Gentile

Upcoming Holy Ghost Women's Club Events!

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

Meeting: January 22nd 6:30pm in the Holy Ghost Social Hall *Date Change*

Meeting: February 19th 6:30pm in the Holy Ghost Social Hall *Date Change*

Holy Ghost Financials through 12/8/24:

Weekly Needs: \$3,350.00

Collection: \$4,408.00

YTD Needs: \$77,050.00

YTD Collection: \$77,104.14

Overage: \$54.14

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



Memorial Mass

For those lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion

Saturday, December 28 9am

St Bernadette Church

Donut reception following in the social hall

All are invited!

