



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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Ne 68147

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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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From the Pastors Desk

News of Great Joy

I am not going to wish you a Merry Christmas.

I have no problem with merriness, and I certainly hope you have your share of it today. May the frosting on your cookies be extra thick. May the lights of your tree be particularly twinkly. May the crackling of your fire be especially pleasant, and the places around your table filled by smiling loved ones. No, there is nothing wrong with being merry, especially on such a day.

But the angels did not bring news of great merriment. They brought news of great joy, and though our world often confuses the two, they are not the same thing.

Joy is harder to achieve than merriness, but it's easier to keep because it is far, far more durable. Joy can withstand the roughness of this earthly life in a way that merriness never could. Merriness cannot live in the hearts of people whose plans have been upended, whose futures have been rearranged and whose very lives are in danger. But joy certainly can.

Merriness doesn't follow from a long and uncertain journey, with no reassurances except the steadfast belief that you are doing the will of God. But joy does.

Merriness does not shiver in a stable or hang on a cross. But joy can, and it has.

May you have a truly joyful Christmas.

"You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing..." — Isaiah 9:2

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00 pm at St. Bernadette

5:00 pm at Holy Ghost

Christmas Day, December 25th

9:00 am at Holy Ghost

10:00 am at St. Bernadette

****The parish office at St. Bernadette will be closed December 25-27 and January 1-3 ****

Merry Christmas! As we celebrate this holy day, we get to witness the audacity of God, becoming man. To enter into humanity to be with us, not only in our joys and excitement, but also in our pains and sufferings. He has not forsaken us but has entered so close and intimate to us. That is the miracle of Christmas! That's why we have spent weeks preparing for this joyful day! He has shared in all of your life. I know he has been so gracious in placing you all in my life. I would not be the same person without my year at St. Bernadette's. As I celebrate my presbyterate ordination at St. Cecilia's next summer, I would like to cordially invite you all to my Ordination Mass. It will be Saturday, June 1st, at 10AM. Know I am praying for you all, thanking God for placing you in my life. He is truly good to me.

–Deacon Zach Eischeid

\$ Parish Financial Update \$

Weekly Needs: \$13,585.00

Collection: through 12/10 \$13,394.33

YTD Needs: \$320,031.00

YTD Collection: \$292,255.02

Shortage: \$27,775.98

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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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)

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

8:00 am + Frank Kokotajlo

+ Phyllis Knickelson

Thursday, December 28, 2023

8:00 am + Anton Zalewski

+ Jim Vondra

Saturday, December 30, 2023

5:00 pm + Eileen Bidrowski

Sunday, December 31, 2023

11:00 am + Joseph & Louise Krejci

+ Joseph & Mary Battaglia

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.



Religious Education

Merry Christmas to all! May you enjoy this time with family and friends and make many great memories.

“Let all the angels of God worship him.”-Hebrews 1:1-6.

December:

27- No Classes

January:

3-No Classes

10- Family Class

17-Sacrament Classes

Heavenly Dusters

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
Feb 3 Rita Frickel, Mary Huss, Karen Langen,
Patty Pogge, Tracy Kirby

Scrip Sales

Dec 30 & 31

Jan 6 & 7 Parish Group

Jan 13 & 14 Home & School

Jan 20 & 21 Men's Club



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!



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 50 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!

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.

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 28 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Colleen Kurmel, Jean Mill

Jan 4 Rich Kmiecik, Jim Setlak, Juan Jesus, Sal Zoucha

Jan 8 Rolly & Theresa Yost, Jerry & Chris Ortner

Jan 16 Sharon Jedlicka, Mariann Kokotajlo, Rosary Sorensen

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 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 24, 2023 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 30, 2023 5:00 pm Mass

Lector: Tom Ackley

EMHC: Steve & Maggie Tooley

Altar Servers: Georgia Earnest, Dean Hitt

Sunday, December 31, 2023 11:00 am Mass

Lector: Dorest Harvey

EMHC: Linda Harvey, Lisa Burkhardt

Altar Servers: Madison Dohse, Sophia Parr

Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24, 2023 4:00 pm Mass

Lector: Pat Flanagan

EMHC: Cathy & Andrew Jesus, Katie Laughhunn,
Joe Stein

Altar Servers: Lucas Weiser

Sunday, December 25, 2023 10:00 am Mass

Lector:

EMHC: Rich Leimbach

Altar Servers: Lindsey Cogswell

*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, 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

This week we feature 5th grade St Bernadette students writing vocation prayers and drawing vocation art. Art is drawn by Colin Sinnott and Josie Chandler. Prayers are written by Saul Almanza and Sophia Parr.



Vocation Prayer

Dear St. Joseph, help us
to have more priests and
seminarians in our
world. We need holy
priests so much.

Judd Linhart – 2nd Grade
St. Bernadette Catholic School

Vocation Prayer

Our Father, please send
more wishes to be priests
for St. Bernadette to help
Fr. Jeff and all the other
busy priests.

Landry Montag – 2nd Grade
St. Bernadette Catholic School





Our next Don & Millie's on 84th & Q Caring and Sharing event is January 15th from 11am- 9pm. Dine in or carry out! We hope to see you there!

Making Old Things New

It has long been a dream of those working on the environment at Holy Ghost to have four brass vases redone so they could be used again. Over time, they had become dull and pitted and the fire a few years ago in the hallway where they were stored just added to their darkened and discolored condition - the "old" as you can see in the picture below:



This past fall, the Women's Club at Holy Ghost gave their approval to having them redone and off to Cosgrave's they went. We were told they **could** be refurbished and might even be done for the upcoming holidays. We also learned the history of the two taller vases - they are original to the church when it was first built, so they are seventy years old! Now they are finished - and the best of thing of all is that we'll be able to add them to our Christmas environment! Our thanks to Kathy Koley and Tom Koley. Here's the "new":



Because of the timing - we weren't able to let everyone know ahead of time. If you would like to support this project - in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for God's grace, you recall a special time at Holy Ghost or simply want to help - please contact Carrie Kaczmarek at (402) 731-3176 for more information.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25, 2023

9:00 am Ray & Dee Nowak

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

7:00 am + Roberta Kline

Friday, December 29, 2023

7:00 am + John & Betty Krayneski

Sunday, December 31, 2023

9:00 am + Wolfgang Lier

Greetings Funeral Luncheon Volunteer team,

What an amazing year we have had to support this very valuable service to God. I wasn't sure what to expect when we started over a year ago. All the time I prayed about taking over the Luncheon, I worried there wouldn't be enough people to help serve. Well, you all proved me wrong as I look back over the year and how much love and support this team gives to our parishioners. I am so proud to have you all be a part of this journey. From the bakers of desserts to the workers in the kitchen and even Jeff who always helps out. I am honored to be a part of such a great group of individuals who step up every time. God's blessing to each of you. Thank you all for the many hours you have put into this act of love.

Jodi May Funeral Luncheon Lead

Holy Ghost Financials

Weekly Needs: \$3,350.00

Collection: through 12/10 \$2,916.00

YTD Needs: \$80,400.00

YTD Collection: \$76,028.81

Shortage: \$4,371.19

The Parish Office at Holy Ghost will be closed on December 25th —27th

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 Schwartz, 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 Tylkowski)

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, Rita Tomes, Richard Van Sant, Joe Zuchniak