



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

Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday .....7:00 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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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  
Sunday .....11:00 am  
Confessions on Saturdays 4-4:45 pm

Parish Office

Weekday Hours.....7:30 am–3:00 pm

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THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.  
- Lk 2:46

*The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. At first, it was celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the “true model of life” (cf. Opening Prayer) from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort.*

*When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” ... When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazorean” (Mt 2:13-15, 19-23).*

Today, the Holy Spirit still continues to guide “all peoples”, “all couples”, “all parents”. But we need to listen to the Spirit who speaks in us. If the Son of God came to live with us as a child, and only the eyes of faith can perceive His presence, how important it is to remind ourselves that everyday things are never of little importance, that daily occurrences are never useless or purely coincidental. The eyes of faith are necessary to grasp the hidden and the beyond. Everything becomes a “place” to encounter or reject God’s presence. Everything is a sign for those who believe.



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 12/15/24:

Weekly Needs: \$13,585.00  
Collection: \$13,423.00  
YTD Needs: \$320,990.00  
YTD Collection: \$306,683.76  
Shortage: \$14,306.24

### Weekly Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

8:00 am + Bernie McCoy

6:30 pm + Juanice Furmanski

**Thursday, January 2, 2025**

8:00 am + Grant & Sonny Everatt

**Saturday, January 4, 2024**

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Bernadette  
& Holy Ghost

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

11:00 am + James Baratta

+ Ronnie Egermier

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

**Location:** St. Bernadette Social Hall

**Contact:** Deacon Al Aulner – 402 669-1714

or: [awaulner@archomaha.org](mailto:awaulner@archomaha.org)

#### Pilgrimage 2025

For the Holy Jubilee Year of 2025 the Archdiocese of Omaha has designated **St. Benedict Center** to be an official Place of Pilgrimage.



Come as a Pilgrim of Hope to St. Benedict Center:

[1126 Co Rd I, Schuyler, NE.](http://1126CoRdI.Schuyler.NE)

The winter can be a lonely time for some people. If anyone would like a visit or phone call from the Legion of Mary, please call:

Joe Micek at 402-734-2384

Patty Pogge at 402-681-7331



### Religious Education

This Sunday, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May you pray to our Holy Family as you ask for prayers and blessings for your own Family. Enjoy your time with family. Remember no classes until January 8th .

## Heavenly Dusters

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

Jan 6 Rolly & Theresa Yost, Gerry & Chris Ortner  
Jan 13 Rich Kmiecik, Jim Setlak, Juan Jesus Sal Zoucha  
Jan 21 Rolly & Theresa Yost, Chris & Jerry Ortner  
Jan 27 Carol Paskach, Mariann Kokotajlo  
Rosary Soresen  
Feb 3 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Colleen Kurlmel  
Feb 10 Rich Kmiecik, Jim Seylak, Juan Jesus, Sal Zoucha  
Feb 18 Rolly & Theresa Yost, Chris & Jerry Ortner

## Scrip Sales

**Jan 4 & 5 Parish Group**  
**Jan 11 & 12 Home & School**  
**Jan 18 & 19 Altar Society**  
**Jan 25 & 26 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

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



## 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  
bobxlorig@aol.com  
402-699-5027

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 467<sup>th</sup> Ave., Stuart, NE 68780. President/Scholarship Chairs by Deanery: OMAHA URBAN: Cathy Vak 3255 S. 77<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68124

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 467<sup>th</sup> Ave., Stuart, NE 68780

RURAL NORTHWEST: Ann Kurpgeweit, 50444 852 Rd, Ewing, NE 68735

RURAL SOUTHWEST: Deanna Reardon, 50143 Central Hiway, Genoa, NE 68640

December 29, 2024–The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 4, 2025 5:00 pm Mass**

Lector: Kelly Overfelt

EMHC: Jerry & Chris Ortner

Altar Servers: Kali Hunter Tolsten, Joshua & Lucas Weiser

**Sunday, January 5, 2025 11:00 am Mass**

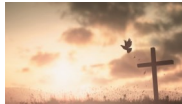
Lector: Denise Andersen

EMHC: Larry Andersen, Joan Ronnfeldt

Altar Servers: Clyde Casart, Logan Hyllok

## 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.



## 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.

## Healing Prayers Needed for the Sick

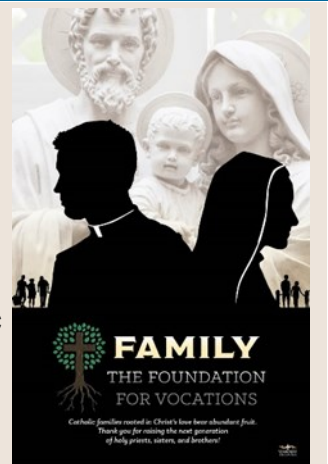
If you have someone in need of Prayers, contact the Parish Office

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

“The history of mankind, the history of salvation, passes by way of the family.” – St. Pope John Paul II

The family, “the domestic Church”, is the core of all social order and is the seedbed of vocations. It is in the bosom of the family that vocations are most ideally encouraged and fostered. Let us not forget that Jesus himself was born into a modest family. Our own family is our first school, our first school of human values where love is learned through word and deed. St. Arnold Janssen said, “If the Church is to have more priests, more men ready for sacrifice and apostolic work, the good Lord must grant that Christian marriage becomes ever more holy.” As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, let us pray for families, that they may nurture the seeds of faith in their children and encourage them to listen for God’s call.





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 10<sup>th</sup>  
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

#### Wednesday, January 1, 2025

7:00 am Parishioners of Holy Ghost & St. Bernadette

6:30 pm Ronnie & Jack Egermier

#### Friday, January 3, 2025

7:00 am + Floyd East

#### Sunday, January 5, 2025

9:00 am Parishioners of Holy Ghost & St. Bernadette

#### Upcoming Holy Ghost Women's Club Events!

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

Meeting: January 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm in the Holy Ghost Social Hall \*Date Change\*

Meeting: February 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm in the Holy Ghost Social Hall \*Date Change\*

#### Holy Ghost Financials through 12/15/2024

**Weekly Needs: \$3,350.00**

**Collection: \$2,194.00**

**YTD Needs: \$80,400.00**

**YTD Collection: \$79,298.14**

**Shortage: \$1,101.86**

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,

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 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and God Bless!

**8:15am Weekday Mass at Holy Ghost with St. John Paul II Academy** - Please join us for Mass, which takes place each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Students from St. John Paul II Academy serve, sing and lector for this Mass, which is usually offered by Fr. Flott, Fr. Boyd, or other priests from nearby parishes. All are most welcome!

*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](mailto:jtardy@catholiccem.com)*



**PILGRIMAGE TO SLOVENIA, CROATIA & MEDJUGORJE with Fr. Michael Grewe, Sept. 30 - Oct. 12, 2025**

Join us on a journey through Slovenia, Croatia, and BosniaHerzegovina, a region rich in Catholic history and tradition, where you will experience a culture of deep faith and spirituality. From the island Church of the Assumption on Lake Bled to the shrine of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, you will visit the most important sites dedicated to the Blessed Mother in Slovenia. In Croatia, venerate the relics of St. Simeon, explore the UNESCO World Heritage town of Trogir, and marvel at Dubrovnik, the Pearl of the Adriatic. Spend five days in the peaceful Bosnian village of Medjugorje, which many say it feels like Heaven on earth. Return home refreshed and renewed in your faith. To learn more about the trip itinerary, cost, and related details go to: [https://www.tektonministries.org/pilgrimage\\_pages/pilgrimage-to-slovenia-croatia-and-medjugorje/](https://www.tektonministries.org/pilgrimage_pages/pilgrimage-to-slovenia-croatia-and-medjugorje/) Our Spiritual Director is Father Michael

Grewe, retired priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha, and our Group Leader is Jolene Jefferies, Parish Manager of St. Patrick in Gretna. Please be sure to attend our upcoming Pilgrimage Info Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 508 W. Angus Street in Gretna in the Parish Center. Father Grewe will be in attendance. You will have the opportunity to ask questions as you discern this pilgrimage opportunity. If you cannot attend the meeting, a Zoom video can be emailed to you for viewing at a time convenient for you. How will you respond to our Blessed Mother’s loving invitation? For questions, please contact Jolene Jefferies at 402-521-0717 or [jolenejefferies@gmail.com](mailto:jolenejefferies@gmail.com).