



Holy Ghost Catholic Church
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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

Weekday Hours.....7:30 am—3:00 pm

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THE CHILD GREW
AND BECAME
STRONG, FILLED
WITH WISDOM; AND
THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.
—LK 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY

From the Pastors Desk

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This is an important feast in the life of the church since it not only celebrates the Holy Family in Nazareth, but also the important role that families play in the life of the Church. John Paul II spoke a lot about the importance of the family, he saw it the very building block of society. Mother Teresa once said, “if we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy, we need every family to have joy.” Finding the joy of Christ in our families can be a difficult thing, but it is also one of the best things we can do.

Below is prayer for families found in the Catholic Book of Blessings.

We bless your name, O Lord,
for sending your own incarnate Son,
to become part of a family,
so that, as he lived its life,
he would experience its worries and its joys.
We ask you, Lord,
to protect and watch over this family,
so that in the strength of your grace
its members may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace,
and, as the Church alive in the home,
bear witness in this world to your glory.
We ask this thought Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Wishing you all a Blessed New Year!

Fr. Jeff

****The parish office at St. Bernadette will be closed January 1-3 ****



\$ Parish Financial Update \$

Weekly Needs: \$13,585.00

Collection: through 12/17 \$13,235.98

YTD Needs: \$333,616.00

YTD Collection: \$305,491.00

Shortage: \$28,125.00

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

8:00 am + Bill Pogge

Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:00 am + Jim Vondra

Saturday, January 6, 2024

5:00 pm + Mark Bode

Sunday, January 7, 2023

11:00 am + Robert "Gene" Olson

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!



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

Happy 2024!!!! As we begin this new year, let us start anew. Make new plans and set new goals!!! Hope you have a great rest of our Christmas break, we will see you all on January 10th for Family Class.

January:

3-No Classes

10- Family Class

17-Sacrament Classes

24-Sacrament Classes

Heavenly Dusters

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

Jan 6 & 7 Parish Group
Jan 13 & 14 Home & School
Jan 20 & 21 Altar Society
Jan 27 & 28 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!



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

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
Jan 22 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Colleen Kurmel, Jean Mill

May the gift of love, peace and happiness be yours this coming year.

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. Join us as one community together in harmony with one voice for our country as we pray together for world peace.

Legion of Mary

PRAYING WITH BROTHER LAWRENCE OF THE RESURRECTION January 15 - March 25, 2024 (Monday evenings on Zoom)

Praying with Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection, Zoom retreat, Monday evenings, January 15 and 29, February 12 and 26, March 11 and 25, 2024, 7:00-8:00 PM CST, sponsored by Saint Benedict Center, with Benedictine Oblate Steven Blum, PhD. We will pray with *The Practice of the Presence of God*, the classic book by the 17th Century lay Carmelite Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection. We will reflect on his spiritual insights and transformative practice. *Lectio divina* will deepen our understanding of key passages. No cost, only expense is purchasing the book. – Participants are invited to sign up for an optional concluding retreat at St. Benedict Center on April 6, 2024, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM, which includes a presentation by Father Thomas Leitner, OSB. Total cost of \$30 for this day includes lunch. Limited to 25 people Register now by clicking the button below or call (402) 352-8819.

December 31, 2023 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 6 2024 5:00 pm Mass

Lector: Andy Flanagan

EMHC: Tom Van Haute, Cathie Pajnigar

Altar Servers:

Sunday, January 7, 2023 11:00 am Mass

Lector:

EMHC: Patty Galas, Dale Voboril

Altar Servers:

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



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.

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

Our final week of St Bernadette student vocation prayers and artwork features 2nd grade. Art is drawn by Milani Sorgenfrei and Blaise Linder. Prayers are written by Judd Linhart and Landry Montag.



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.

Save The Date!
Holy Ghost Chicken Dinner
Friday, January 12th
4-8pm
Hope to see you there!

Weekly Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 3, 2023

7:00 am + Millie Buschald

Friday, January 5, 2023

7:00 am + Jim Vondra

Sunday, January 7, 2023

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

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

The Parish Office at Holy Ghost will be closed
on January 1-3rd

Holy Ghost Financials

Weekly Needs: \$3,350.00

Collection: through 12/17 \$2,846.00

YTD Needs: \$83,750.00

YTD Collection: \$78,874.81

Shortage: \$4,875.19

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 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 Leutinger, Pat Makara, Darlene McKinley, Janet Nicholas, Dolores Noonan, Rita Tomes, Richard Van Sant, Joe Zuchniak