St. Bernadette Catholic Church

7600 South 42nd Street,
Bellevue, Nebraska 68147

Registration New Parishioners may register on line www.stbernadetteparish.org, at the parish office or the back of church.

Matrimony Contact pastor at least six months in advance. (12 months for those under 19)

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:30-4:30pm Saturdays or by appointment.

Baptism Every Sunday 11:30 am.

Baptism Classes Parents need to attend a pre-baptism class on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room.

Please call the Parish Office to Register for the Class.

Communion For those homebound please call parish office.

Moving or Changes Please contact the parish office.

Mission Statement

We the parish family of St. Bernadette are called forth by our Baptism to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and to follow the mission of Jesus to Worship, to Teach, to Love and to Serve.

PASTORAL DIRECTORY

Masses

Monday- Friday..... 8:00 am
Saturday Evening..... 5:00 pm
Sunday .....8:30 am and 10:30 am

Parish Office

Hours..... Weekdays 7:30 am—3:30 pm
Parish Office .....(402) 731-4694
School Office .....(402) 731-3033
Bulletin.....stbbulletin@gmail.com

Items for the bulletin must be submitted 9 days prior to the date of the Bulletin!

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Parish Staff

Myrna Partida.....Business Manager
Tristen Riha ..... Secretary
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School Staff

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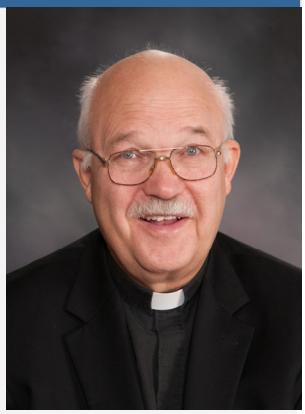
Fr Harry Buseness



Lent Begins this week

This Wednesday, February 26 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. We will have Masses at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. The 8:00 a.m. Mass includes the students at St. Bernadette School and the 6:00 p.m. includes the students in the Parish Religious Education Program. Ashes will be distributed during each Mass. We will take a collection at all Masses on Ash Wednesday, with the proceeds going to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

The season of Lent calls each of us to do penance of some sort. Along with Good Friday, Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. The law of abstinence requires Catholics 14 years and older to abstain from meat on these days. The law of fasting requires Catholics ages 18 through 59 to fast on these two days. This means that they are to take only one full meal and to take two smaller meals on those days, and no eating between meals. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence applies to all Catholics 14 years and older. In addition to these two prescribed expressions of fasting, we are urged to do additional acts of self-denial during Lent, as a way of curbing our self-will and selfishness and of conforming ourselves more closely to the will of God.

I invite all of you try to deepen your prayer life during Lent. We offer a couple of traditional ways in the parish. There is no better way of doing this than attending Mass additional times during this holy season. We have Mass Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m. I encourage you to check out the schedule of weekday Masses in surrounding parishes if the 8:00 a.m. does not fit your schedule. We also offer Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent. These will take place every Friday at 7:00 p.m. and also on February 28, March 6, 20 & 27 at 2:15 p.m. These afternoon services include the school children, but everyone is welcome to attend. We offer the sacrament of reconciliation every Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. You will also have the opportunity for this sacrament on Monday evening, March 2, as part of the parish mission preached by Father Scott Hastings. Finally, I invite you to pick up one of the daily reflection books for Lent found at the entrance of the church.

Parish Mission – March 1-3, 2020

The St. Bernadette annual parish Mission will be presented on Sunday to Tuesday, March 1-3. Presentations will be made each of these three evenings from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. This year's mission director, Father Scott Hastings, is a priest familiar to most of us. Father Scott served as a resident priest at St. Bernadette from July 2016 – July 2018. Father Scott is currently in residence at St. Peter Parish in Omaha and serves as Vicar for Clergy and Judicial Vicar for the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Father Scott's presentations will focus on the proclamation of Jesus, "The kingdom is at hand." On Sunday, he will speak on "the promise of Christ." On Monday, in a presentation not suited for children, he will speak on "what gets in the way." This session will be followed by an opportunity for the sacrament of penance, with three confessors available. On Tuesday evening, Father Scott will speak on the theme, "Sharing the gospel." As a special treat, Father Scott will be playing the piano each evening before the conference to set the tone for the evening. Hospitality and refreshments will be provided after each evening conference. Babysitting will also be provided each evening. Please call the office if you plan to use the babysitting, so that we can provide sufficient child care volunteers.

The Monday conference will include material suited for adults. On that night, the refreshments will include pizza.

We will take a free-will offering on Tuesday, the last evening of the Mission. At Father Scott's request, this offering will be given to El Centro Pastoral Tepayac, whose offices are located at 36th & Q Streets in South Omaha. This center serves the needs of Hispanic ministry in South Omaha.

~Fr Harry Buse

Around The Parish

$ Parish Financial Update $

Donations 2/16/ 2020

Sunday Envelopes & Children's:	$9,338.50
Holy Days	$1,098.80
Total:	$10,437.30
Auto Pay & Mail in for a Week:	$5,604.60
Weekly Total:	$16,041.90
Our per Sunday goal is	$14,400.00
Fiscal Year to Date:	$1,449.82

Estate planning seminar – Sunday, March 8
St. Bernadette Parish will be hosting an estate planning seminar on Sunday, March 8, beginning with lunch at 11:30 a.m. and concluding around 1:30 p.m. We have invited legal, insurance, Catholic cemetery and funeral professionals to assist with the presentations. Recently, I sent a letter to all contributing parishioners aged 55 or older. Whether or not you received this letter, you are most welcome to attend the seminar. You may register calling the parish secretary, Tristen Riha at 402-731-4694.

Are you prepared to begin Lent next week? Take a little time to pray about what you may offer up this Lenten season.

February 26th, is Ash Wednesday. This is scheduled as a class night for us however, it is also a FAMILY NIGHT. All students are to go to mass with their family and then everyone is to come to the social hall. At this time, we will do a Lenten Family Activity. Here the teachers will take attendance.

Just a reminder Parish Mission March 1-3. For more details read Fr. Harry's column.

~ Events of the Week ~

February

Wednesday 26th Ash Wednesday
PRE Classes attending Mass 6 pm

March

Sunday 1st Parish Mission 7 pm

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local Council Archbishop James Hugh Ryan Council 3019 will be holding a membership drive at all masses on March 1st. Followed by an Open House March 8th at 2:00 pm at 4323 Washington St. Those attending the open house will be eligible for raffle prizes from the Knights of Columbus. Whether you become an induvial member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #3019 for local information

Are you looking for a daily focus this Lenten Season?
Daily meditation throughout Lent are available from **Dynamic Catholic** or **FORMED**. To participate in one or both go to the following websites to register:
dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever
formed.org/advent

Please pray for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates as they enter into the final stage of the journey. They will be attending the Rite of Sending at 8:30am Mass here at St. Bernadette on Sunday, March 1st and then the Rite of Election at 2:00pm at the Cathedral where they will meet Archbishop Lucas. After this, they will then be in final preparation for joining our church at the Easter Vigil.

FORMED Registration:
Go to 'Formed.org' and Click on 'signup'
Click on 'I belong to a Parish or Organization'
Type in our parish zip code '68147' in the search box and then select 'St. Bernadette Parish in Bellevue, NE'
Follow the directions from there to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Liturgy Schedule

Wednesday, February 26, 8:00 am
School Staff

Wednesday, February 26, Noon
Lectors: Juan Jesus
EMHCs: Kathy Wichita, Andrea Hennings, Agnes Flowers
Adult Servers: Melvin Gilsdorf, Bob Urbanski

Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 pm
Lectors: Mark Redford
EMHCs: Bill Veys, Bill Loges, Barb Slaven, Pete & Roberta Vana
Servers: Catherine Chandler,Gabrielle Hunter, Natalie Miller

Saturday, February 29, 5:00 pm
Lectors: Bill Dostal
EMHCs: Betsy Harding, Bill Starr, Sadie Sidzyik, Jeff & Suzanne Miller, Katie Laughhunn
Servers: Grace Riha, Eve Harding, Eva Wurgler

Sunday, March 1, 8:30 am
Lector: Renee Sinnott
EMHCs: Cathy & Nathan Jesus, Robert Macaitis, Erin & Matt Ginnaty, Robert Monaco
Servers: Martin Avalos, Dezirae Hunter

Sunday, March 1, 10:30 am
Lector: Denise Andersen
EMHCs : Jackie Doyle, Larry Andersen, Cathie Pajnigar, Terry & Don Deseck
Servers: Timothy Andersen, Aden Komor, Mia Donohue

Rosary Times

Rosary every Monday at 5:45 pm,
7:20 am on Fridays and
4:20 pm Saturdays in the church.

In Loving Memory

Please remember in your prayers all those who have been born into eternal life.
May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, February 24, 2020
8:00 am + Bob Terwilleger

Tuesday, February 25, 2020
8:00 am + Alleen Wilks

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020
8:00 am + Melvin & Della Gordon
Noon Parishioners of St. Bernadette
6:00 pm + Joe Burkhardt

Thursday, February 27, 2020
8:00 am + Helen Schab

Friday, February 28, 2020
8:00 am + Barbara Gilsdorf

Saturday, February 29, 2020
5:00 pm Juan & Mireya Partida

Sunday, March 1 2020
8:30 am + Joe & Isabel Hylok
10:30 am Parishioners of St. Bernadette

Prayer Line

Please call Phyllis at 402-733-3042 or Mary Lu at 402-679-3688 to request instant prayer for those in need. Special Prayers needed for all military personnel.

Heavenly Dusters

Mar 7 Jo Macaitis
Patti Loges, Linda Wiesen
Mar 14 Colleen Jeck
Helene Ficenec
Mar 21 Patty Gordon
Betty Rezek, Mary Sporcic
Rose Zoucha
Mar 28 Ellen Stuva
Marge Egermier

Money Counters

Monday, February 24
Joyce Sokol, Erin Ginnaty
Jackie Doyle, Rolly Yost

Gift Cards

Feb 29/Mar 1 Parish Group
Mar 7 & 8 Home & School
Mar 14 & 15 Altar Society
Mar 21 & 22 Men's Club

Rosary Leaders

Feb 29 Dorothy Nelson
Mar 7 Rosemarie Davis
Mar Donna Dailey

Parish News

Co-chairman needed for help with planning and setting up liturgical decorations in church throughout the year. Fresh creative ideas welcomed! Contact Jean Circo at (402) 731-1682 or jcirco@hotmail.com.

St. Columbkille Lenten Reconciliation times
RE Confession at the school on Wednesday, April 1st from 5:45 pm until 7:00 pm

Parish Reconciliation Services on Sunday, March 29th at 2:00 pm and Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm

The 45th Annual St. Bernadette Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner is this Sunday. Dinner will be served from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.
Come and enjoy an authentic Italian delicacy of spaghetti, meatballs or sausage, salad, Italian bread & a drink. (We also serve one complimentary glass of wine for adults) All this for just $9.00 for adults and $5.00 for children under 12. We also offer a 'Take Home' container which easily feeds 2 adults & 2 children for $25.

The Altar Society will also be featuring their great pies & desserts. (All proceeds support our youth activities and scholarships and also special parish needs)
Your support is greatly appreciated.

Healing Prayers Needed for the Sick

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

Annabelle Berrera, Jeanie Berg, Nancy Courtney, Kathi Ciurej, Rosemarie Davis, Donna Dailey, Mike Digilio, Cathy Edson, Margaret Eipperle, Norma Flores, Trudy Gomez, Amy Hamm, Lisa Hargis, Jeanette Hauptman, Joyce Higgins, Mary Ann Hill, John Holst, Paul Jansen, Patricia Jensen, Joaquine Johnson, Carol Kozicki, Donna Krysl, Marvin Lengemann, Michael Macdonald, Joan Maeder, Mick Marsicek, Jason Mathews, Carol McDaniel, Leonard Meier, Joel Rivera, Theresa Mitera, Blanche Murphy, Sue Novotny, Craig Olson, Maryn Page, *Ellen Pankievicz, Catherine Palinski, Jo Marie Peabody, Ella Peters, Rita Perito, Keelan Phillips, Joe Pitman, Kathleen Prince, Jennifer Pryjmak, Clarence Reinig, Jann Reinig, Rita Rome, Kelly Burkhardt Sheard, Debbie Schumacher, Todd Sears, Dane Sinnott, Isabella Sterba, Pam Stein, Barb Van Haute, David Virgilito, Jim Vondra, Sherri Ward, Tom Wilwerding, Annabella Zyla,*

Vocations

Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community.... This is why Jesus said: "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest," that is, God the Father, "to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. I am pleased to stress this today, which is the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." From Pope Frances' Regina Caeli Message, Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2013
Let us invoke the intercession of Mary who is the Woman of the "yes". Mary said "yes" throughout her life! She learned to recognize Jesus' voice from the time when she carried him in her womb. May Mary, our Mother, help us to know Jesus' voice better and better and to follow it, so as to walk on the path of life! Pope Frances

For all those called to be perfected through the vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, that their lives of service in charity will bear lasting fruit, we pray to the Lord.

This week pray for Seminarian Minh Tran. Read his vocations story and biography at https://archomaha.org/vocations/seminary-life/Minh-Tran/

"God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Harry Buse at 402-731-4694 or email: hjbuse@archomaha.org.

Community News

Black and Indian Mission Collection

Next week, our parish will take up the 136th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

St Mary's Parish

Join us on Sunday, March 1 from 11:15am to 4pm at St. Mary's school gym (36th & Q Street) for our Corned Beef and Cabbage Irish Dinner. Cost Adults-$11, 65 & older-$10 Children-$6. Irish dancers will be performing at 2pm. Take out available.

Come to St. Joan of Arc, 74th & Hascall, on March 6, March 10, and April 3rd for an **All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner**. Dinner includes pasta, salad, bread & butter, dessert, & coffee/tea/water (or single serve to-go option). Pop will be available for $1; Beer and Wine available for a donation. Adults, $9; Children ages 6-12, $5; Children ages 5 & under, Free! Cash & Checks only; No credit cards accepted! Hope to see you there.

Catholic Charities

Please join me on **March 14th** for Catholic Charities 28th Annual Irish Fest at the Marriott Hotel Capitol District. We are honored to have the Janie and Harry Hoch, Jr. family serving as the Event Chairs, and Renaissance Financial as the presenting sponsor. All proceeds from this event will support Catholic Charities' programs and services for our neighbors in need. Irish Fest has something for everyone including a delicious menu, unique auction items, and live music. Please consider being a sponsor or purchasing a ticket. **Online registration is now open at** ccomaha.org. I guarantee you'll have a "shamrocking" great time! We look forward to seeing you there!

Knights of Columbus 3019 News

To view Knights News go to www.kofc3019.org
March 7, 2020 Prime Rib Dinner with all the fixings $13.00. Starts at 6:00pm
New member sign up can be any time, call Knights hall and leave a message for information.
Hall rentals available for your events at 4323 Washington call 402-733-5688 for more information.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 8:00 am 1:30 pm
St. Mary's - Lincoln
Thank you for your interest in attending Catholics at the Capitol on March 4! This year we will be at St. Mary's Church (1420 K St. in Lincoln) with Mass at 8 a.m. Our morning session will begin at 9 a.m. in the basement of St. Mary's. You will receive a thorough update of important legislation facing the legislature this session and get trained on talking to your state senator and other elected officials. Then, you'll put your new skills and knowledge into practice when we head over to the Capitol to meet your senators. There is an optional lunch ($10) with senators at St. Mary's at 11:45 a.m.

A Six Part Lenten Series with Joyce Rupp OSM

The Challenge and Practice of Boundless Compassion
Sessions will take place at the Servite Center of Compassion on the Tuesdays in Lent from February 25 – March 31, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cost $ 80.

The liturgical season of Lent, with its six weeks focused on spiritual renewal, encourages us to take time to look more closely at our daily living. In doing so, we can be invigorated and inspired in both attitude and action. This Lenten series offers an opportunity to find greater meaning and restored enthusiasm to live as our best selves. Using Joyce Rupp's book *Boundless Compassion,* we will journey through the key aspects of compassion as a living concept, a practice of loving others and oneself, and a caring engagement with our world and our earth. Sessions will involve input, reflection, and discussion. Each session will be led by the co-directors of Boundless Compassion, along with certified facilitators of this program.

The $80 fee covers all six sessions. Participants are encouraged to attend all sessions in order to receive the full benefit of the Lenten series. Completing the six sessions does qualify one to take the training to become a facilitator of the Boundless Compassion Program. We will be using the book, *Boundless Compassion,* as the required resource. Please purchase it either through the Servite Gift Store at a reduced price or at another place of your choice. Facilitators are: **Sr. Joyce Rupp, Patty Forsberg, Jeanne Johnson, Anne Kubr, Sr. Val Lewandoski, and Sr. Margaret Stratman.**