

# St. Bernadette

7600 South 42nd Street,  
Bellevue, Nebraska 68147

## Catholic Church



Pastor.....Fr. Harry Buse

Parish office hours..... 8 am-Noon

Temporary Hours                      Monday – Friday

Parish office..... (402) 731-4694

Parish Website.....[stbernadetteparish.org](http://stbernadetteparish.org)

Parish Facebook page.....St. Bernadette  
Parish Archdiocese of Omaha

### Prayers for the World during the Outbreak of the Coronavirus

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation. Through that charity which bound you to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

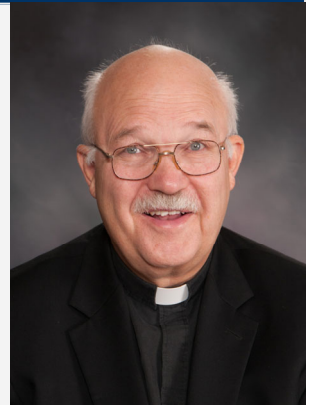
O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's children from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection.

Amen.

## Fr Harry Buseness

### Responding to the Coronavirus

Over the past couple of weeks, it seems that lives have been turned upside down. So many regular events have been canceled. The economy has been adversely affected. Many people are living in fear. Leaders scramble to determine the appropriate response and actions at this time. A society that is used to being in charge of things now lives at the mercy of this coronavirus.



In our modern world, we are used to controlling so many things in our daily lives. People are tempted to believe that they do not need God. Recent events remind us that we cannot always control our world and our environment. A virus can arise, which is at least for a time, out of our control. The situation calls us to again place our trust in God. As believing Catholics, we turn to God at times like this. We petition God for relief for those afflicted by the virus. We petition God for good judgement for our leaders. We petition God for prudent action by all of our people. We petition God for a return to faith for those who might have wandered from God, thinking they can control their world, separate from God and accountability to God.

As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, we face this world pandemic during the season of lent, that season which calls us to repentance and to a closer relationship with God. As you face the challenges of this situation, I invite you to do so in the spirit of this season. Place your trust in God for your needs. Seek to deepen your faith relationship with God through prayer. Actually, with the extra time people will have due to the cancellation of so many activities, this is a great opportunity to spend more time in prayer, perhaps saying the rosary as a family or spending time with holy scripture. Reflect on your need of conversion and turning away from sin during this Lenten season.

As a parishioner, you also have completely free online access to FORMED. This website from Augustine Institute is brimming with many faith-filled programs, from Bible Studies, Current Topics, to Youth and Children's videos. When you logon you can view teachings on the coming Sunday's Gospel. There are also many movies, books and audio offerings.

If you haven't logged onto FORMED yet, now is the time to explore this wonderful resource.

I encourage you to follow the steps below to register:

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.

Once you register you can download the FORMED phone app and access on the go.



One of the things I have noticed is the accounts of people emptying shelves of grocery stores for in-demand items. Try not to act selfishly in hoarding these items. And be conscious of neighbors or others who might be in particular need of assistance at this time, perhaps some shut-ins. Times of crisis always offer the opportunity for reaching out in charity and occasionally acts of heroism. We are called to Christian charity at all times, but especially when there is great need in our communities. A year ago, at this time, we were experiencing great flooding in the heartland. People responded by reaching out to their neighbors at that time. May there be a similar response to those in need at this time.

At this time, all public Masses and communal celebration of the sacraments and other liturgies are indefinitely suspended. This includes Stations of the Cross during lent. We will continue to keep the church open for private prayer from 7:00 a.m. to noon and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. I invite you to come for Eucharistic adoration or to pray the rosary or the stations of the cross privately.

We are suspending all parish meetings involving more than ten people.

Sacrament of Penance: I will continue to be available at the church on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. I will station myself in the area behind the altar to take away the possibility of touching un sanitized surfaces. We are marking the church with tape to provide for people to keep an appropriate distance between one another as they wait in line for the sacrament.

Mass is available on EWTN, Cox cable channel 2 at 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. daily. Mass for Shut-ins is aired every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on WOWT, channel 8 on Cox cable. KVSS, 102.7, local Catholic Radio, also airs a Mass at 10:30 a.m. daily and on Sundays at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. When participating in T.V. Mass I encourage you to use the Spiritual Communion Prayer found at the end of this bulletin. During lent, KVSS airs stations of the cross daily at 11:00 a.m. I urge you to pray daily the pray of St. Joseph offered to us by Archbishop Lucas. It is found on the front page.

At this time, it is very important to connect with the elderly, shut-ins and others who live alone. Be sure to reach out to those people you know in these circumstances, particularly your neighbors who may not have family nearby. All EMHC's, now unable to take communion to the homebound, should keep in touch with their people to continue to support them and to pray with them over the phone.

If anyone would like to be contacted by a fellow parishioner please call the parish office. If anyone would like to serve as an outreach minister to currently homebound parishioners please contact the parish office we will provide information and training to connect these two groups.



## Parish News

Parish operating expenses continue at this time and we would like to thank everyone for their continuing donations. Through your generosity, we are currently in a strong financial state. But the current situation will challenge all parishes in the months to come. We do have electronic giving available. Many of you are currently using this method to make donations. I encourage others to look into this option. Below are a few different options for you to continue your support of the parish as Masses are suspended:

1. Mail your contribution directly to St. Bernadette Parish at 7600 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Bellevue, NE 68147.
2. Drop off your contribution to the parish office during office hours listed below.
3. Contact your financial institution. They would be able to assist you in setting up a weekly or monthly donation check that would be sent out to the parish. You may also be able to set this up via online banking.
4. We do have automatic withdrawal for contributions set up for the 10<sup>th</sup> and/or the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. For this option, you authorize us to draw a particular amount from your account on a regular basis. To set this up please contact Myrna Partida at the parish office or email her at [mdpartida@archomaha.com](mailto:mdpartida@archomaha.com). She will give you information on how to set this up.

We are also looking into other options for receiving your donations. Again thank you for your generosity.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Bernadette Parish will continue to be active at this time. In particular, with school not in session, we are aware that some families, particularly those on free or reduced school lunches, may be in need of groceries at this time. If such of a need arises, you may call the parish office to make a request.

Be sure to check the parish website, [stbernadetteparish.org](http://stbernadetteparish.org) or St. Bernadette Parish Archdiocese of Omaha Facebook page daily for possible updates and new information about activities and services here at St. Bernadette Parish.

For the time being, the parish office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon. Monday through Friday.

~Fr. Harry Buse



## Around The Parish

### \$ Parish Financial Update \$

#### Donations 3/15/ 2020

Sunday Envelopes & Children's:	\$9,783.00
Holy Days	\$643.76
Total:	\$10,426.76
Auto Pay & Mail in for a Week:	\$2,851.00
Weekly Total:	\$13,277.76
Our per Sunday goal is	\$14,400.00
Fiscal Year to Date:	(\$504.49)

**Parish Mission El Centro Pastoral Tepayac**  
**\$1774.00**



#### PRE Families...

Please continue to check your emails. I will be sending weekly activities and updates.

Also, check the church website. [www.stbernadetteparish.org](http://www.stbernadetteparish.org) for updates from Fr Harry and the Archdiocese.

Remember to pray for not only your own family but others as we maneuver our way through this.

Dear Parishioners of St. Bernadette,

It was a pleasure to preach your parish mission this year. Thank you for your invitation. Thanks, too, for your generous support of El Centro Pastoral Tepayac, our new Hispanic ministry center in the old St. Mary School on 36<sup>th</sup> & Q. The donated funds, just over \$1,700, will be used to convert an old storage room into a retreat director's room. Many weekends of the year, there are overnight guests, and this will be a big help. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,  
Fr. Scott

### Weekly Mass Intentions

**Fr. Harry will fulfill the following Mass intentions with his private mass.**

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020**

+ Jean & Ted Wilczynski

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

+ Mike & Ann Bartels

**Thursday, March 26, 2020**

+ Carmella Circo

**Friday, March 27, 2020**

+ David Kindschuh

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**

+ Alleen Wilks

**Sunday, March 29, 2020**

Parishioners of St. Bernadette

### 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, John Holst, Paul Jansen, Patricia Jensen, Joaquine Johnson, Phyllis Knicky, 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 Prymak, 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,*

## Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Vocations

(2 in Series of 6) Marriage - A vocation of marriage is God's call for us to make a union with a person of the opposite sex to help each other grow in holiness and love for God. One of the major goals of marriage is to get our spouses to heaven. When you hear about vocations, it is usually associated with priesthood and the religious life, but marriage seems to be the vocation of the majority of people. Living a married life can be just as much a response to God's call as becoming a priest, monk, or sister. One of the gifts and callings of marriage is to share in God's creative work (bearing children) if physically able. By becoming mothers and fathers God entrusts us to raise children by modeling the love of God for us to our children. A family is the first community a child knows, and parents who strive to do the best for their children model the love of God to their children.

(From: <http://www.aboutcatholics.com/beliefs/vocation-a-calling-from-god>)

That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and bring more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

This week pray for Seminarian Devin Riedel. Read his vocations story and biography at <https://archomaha.org/vocations/seminary-life/Devin-Riedel/>

"The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Call Father Harry Buse at 402-731-4694 or email: [hjbuse@archomaha.org](mailto:hjbuse@archomaha.org).

