

# St. Bernadette

## Catholic Church

7600 South 42nd Street,  
Bellevue, Nebraska 68147



Second Sunday of

# Advent

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
look to the east and see your children gathered  
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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### 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

#### Holy Day Masses

Holy Day Eve.....6 pm  
Holy Day..... 8:00am, & Noon

#### Parish Office

Hours..... Weekdays 8:00am - 4:00pm  
Parish Office .....(402) 731-4694  
School Office .....(402) 731-3033  
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**Items for the bulletin must be submitted  
9 days prior to the date of the Bulletin!**

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#### Pastoral Staff

Fr. Harry Buse .....Pastor  
Ron Casart .....Deacon  
Subby Enzolera .....Deacon

#### Parish Staff

Terri Mac.....Business Manager  
Tristen Riha ..... Secretary  
Subby Enzolera ....Director of Faith Formation  
Sue Reed .....PRE Coordinator  
Juan Jesus .....Pastoral Minister

#### School Staff

Lynn Schultz ..... Principal  
Primi Ochoa.....Secretary

Registration New Parishioners may register on line  
[www.stbernadetteparish.org](http://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.

## Fr Harry Buseness

### Preparing for Christmas through the Sacrament of Penance

On Tuesday, December 18, St. Bernadette Parish will host our annual Advent Penance Service. There will be four priests available to celebrate God's forgiveness and mercy individually (Fathers Harry Buse, Paul Vasquez, Bill Sanderson and Frank Jindra). I realize that some parishioners have recently received this sacrament at the 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation service for our second graders and their families and also at the ChristLife retreat on December 8. I invite others to seek God's forgiveness for your sins through this special opportunity of the penance service. Father Vasquez and I will also offer the opportunity for this sacrament at the following times:

Wednesday, December 19 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 21 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 22 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Other parishes' penance services in the area

St. Stan's December 9, @ 1pm, St. Mary's (Bellevue) December 11, @7-8:30 pm,

Holy Ghost December 15, @ 1pm, St. Peter & Paul December 16, @ 4:00 pm,

OLL December 17, @ 1 & 7pm, St. Bernadette December 18, @ 7:00 pm,

St. Columbkille December 19, @7:00 pm, St. Thomas More December 20, @ 7:00 pm

I hope many of you will make use of these special opportunities to receive God's forgiveness in preparation for your celebration of Christmas.

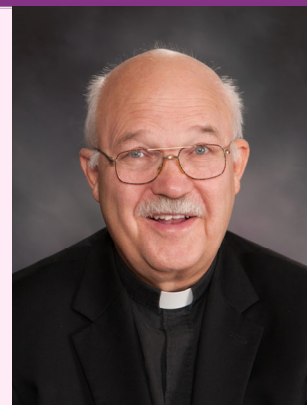
~Fr Harry Buse

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little or no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

### Men's Spiritual Journey

Croise (kwaa-zay) is for men over 18 who wish to rethink their relationship with God and Church, set new goals and put them into action. A Challenge Holy Hour is held at St. Cecilia Cathedral every third Monday from 7-8PM. The hour comprises of readings from spiritual masters, music to move the mind and body toward God, and meditation in silence for the Spirit to bring thoughts and receive answers that were not evident before. For more information access the website at <https://croise9.wixsite.com/croise> or contact Juan Jesus at [juanj@stbernadetteparish.org](mailto:juanj@stbernadetteparish.org)



## Around The Parish

### \$ Parish Financial Update \$

Fiscal Year July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019

#### Donations December 2, 2018

Sunday Envelopes & Children's:	\$10,954.05
Holy Days	\$88.00
Total:	\$11,042.05
Auto Pay & Mail in for a Week:	\$1,624.00
Weekly Total:	\$12,666.05
Our per Sunday goal is	\$15,500.00
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$(32,501.27)

### ~ Events of the Week ~ December

Monday 10th	Home & School	6:30 pm
Wednesday 12th	PRE Classes RCIA	6:15 pm 7 pm
Thursday 13th	Altar Society Mtg.	6:15 pm
Friday 14th	Shawl Ministry	1 pm
Saturday 15th	Altar Society Cookie Walk	After
Sunday 16th	Christmas Boutique/Raffle	all Masses

**IRA Investors** – Do you have a **Required Minimum Distribution** that you need to take before the end of the year? Consider making a **Qualified Charitable Distribution** to the church. You must contact your IRA trustee to make the distribution directly to the church. You don't have the additional taxable income and the church has the contribution.



Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent!!  
Praying that all is going well for your family and you are keeping up with your Jesse Tree. This week you will visit the stories of Moses,

the Israelites, Joshua, Gideon, Samson, Ruth and Samuel. I pray that you are finding family moments to share this Advent with your family.

As you are out and about and it very busy and hectic remember Hebrews 13:2..."Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels". Hold that door, give that smile, you just never know!!!

Regular classes on December 12<sup>th</sup>. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, please come to the social hall by 6:30. We will have our Christmas celebration. We will enjoy hot chocolate and cookies and then decorate cookies for our friends that have requested help through our St Vincent De Paul Society. The entire family is invited.



### Faith Formation

After Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said to him in reply, Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets..." – Luke 5:4-5  
As you can see from this passage, Jesus' vision for evangelization was much different from Peter's. He was not interested in the small, safe catches in the shallow waters, but rather sent Peter out to the deep for a miraculously abundant catch. He wants the nets of the church to be stretched to the point of breaking.

#### Advent Opportunities:

We have a couple of great offerings to help make your advent preparation more meaningful. Once you sign up, they both provide you with daily emails to help you prepare for a truly blessed Christmas. They are completely free. Sign up for one or both. Here's the sign up information for each of them:

**Best Advent Ever** from Dynamic Catholic - sign up at [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com)

**Advent Reflections** from FORMED - you must be registered with FORMED

\*\*\* see below on how to register with formed if you haven't already

Then logon to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and click on the Advent Reflections banner as it scrolls across the screen and fill in the information to receive the emails

#### FORMED Registration:

Are you looking for something meaningful to fill your evening instead of useless television? Why not register for FORMED and check out what it has to offer?

There are selections for everyone in the family from small children to adults.

Go to the parish website – [stbernadetteparish.org](http://stbernadetteparish.org) and find the box for 'FORMED'.

Click on 'REGISTER NOW' and follow the instructions. No access code needed.

## Liturgy Schedule

### Saturday, December 15, 5:00 pm

**Lector:** Sue Casart

**EMHCs** Mary Benak, Roberta Vana, Pete Vana, Don Deseck, Terry Deseck, Agnes Flowers

**Servers:** Grace Riha, Andrew Powers, Luella McLaughlin

### Sunday, December 16, 8:30 am

**Lector:** Robert Monaco

**EMHCs:** Cathy Jesus, Patty Pogge Ed Peabody, Jean Mill, Lloyd Mill, Theresa Yost

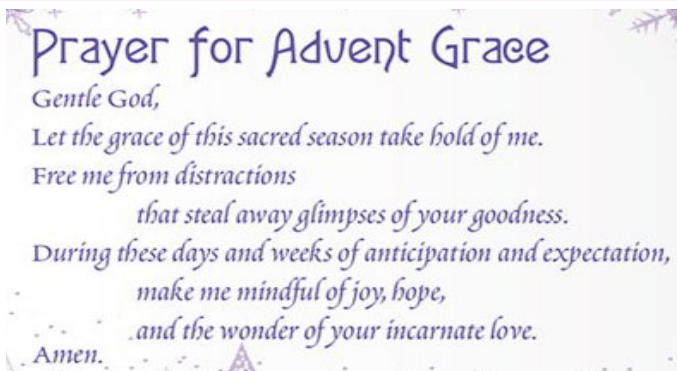
**Servers:** Maggie, Makenna & Noah Earnest

### Sunday, December 16, 10:30 am

**Lector:** Jean Circo

**EMHCs** Jackie Kmiecik, Stephen Krupa, Paul Derks, Kathy Wichita

**Servers:** Vincent Linder, Grace Nilson, Joshua Jansen



## In Loving Memory

Please remember in your prayers all those who have been born into eternal life especially retired archdiocesan priest Fr. Emmett F. Meyer. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## 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.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### **Monday, December 10, 2018**

8:00 am + Barbara Gilsdorf

### **Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

8:00 am + John Sporcic

### **Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

8:00 am + Steven Gaul

### **Thursday, December 13, 2018**

8:00 am + Sanford & Mary Blakely

### **Friday, December 14, 2018**

8:00 am + Ron & Lisa Gibilisco

### **Saturday, December 15, 2018**

5:00 pm + Bishop Anthony Milone

### **Sunday, December 16, 2018**

8:30 am Parishioners of St. Bernadette

10:30 am + Al & Helen Kmiecik

## Rosary

Monday Evening at 6 pm  
Friday Morning at 7:15 am  
Saturday Evening at 4:20 pm



### Rosary Leaders

Dec 15 Rosemarie Davis  
Dec 22 John Holst  
Dec 29 Donna Dailey  
Jan 5 Dorothy Nelson

### Heavenly Dusters

Dec 15 Mary Jo Kocol  
Dec 22 Chris Ortner  
Mariann Kokotajlo  
Linda Harvey  
Dec 29 Laurie Callahan  
Jan 5 Rita Frickel Grp

### Money Counters

**Monday, December 10**  
Vic Trudeau, Rich Kmiecik,  
Jim Setlak, Joe Stein,  
Sal Zoucha, Juan Jesus

### Gift Cards

Dec 15 & 16 Altar Society  
Dec 22 & 23 Men's Club  
Dec 29 & 30 Men's Club  
Jan 5 & 6 Home & School



## Home & School News

**Baker's Card Rewards:** Thank you to the 55 St. Bernadette households who support Home and School. We recently received a payment of \$336.12 for the past 3 months of shopping. Simply assign St. Bernadette as your organization and swipe your Baker's card every time you shop for groceries.

**Christmas Shopping:** During the time of giving, please remember these ways to also help out our school:

1) Buy Scrip Gift Cards for gifts, shopping or groceries.

2) TAGG it . At check out time TAGG your purchase with your phone, many places participate. For example Big Fred's, The Cake Gallery, Petrow's, Jimmy Johns, DJ's Dug out, Dickey's BBQ, Papio Fun Park, Omaha Steaks, Orange Leaf and many many more! Download the APP "Together A Greater Good" and start using!

3) Smile.Amazon.com: Assign the Omaha Catholic Consortium as your organization and shop Amazon as usual and 0.5% of your purchase comes back to the OCSC.

**Family Food Night:** Please support Home and School at Five Guys in Papillion on Tuesday, December 11 from 4-8pm. Please mention St. Bernadette when ordering and a portion of your order comes right back to our school.

**Box Tops/etc.:** Send in those Box Tops, Our Family UPCs, Tyson A+ labels, Family Fare/Super Mercado receipts, Hy-Vee receipts, and Coke/Powerade caps! Every little bit adds up to great rewards for our school. Please place in the pink mailbox by the school office window. \*Family Fare is now offering to have your receipt emailed to you, but please be sure to PRINT your receipt at the store and hand in at school for Home and School to get credit.\* Thanks for your participation!

**Contact Us:** Be sure to "like" St. Bernadette Home and School on Facebook and email any questions or suggestions to [sbshs@yahoo.com](mailto:sbshs@yahoo.com)

## Healing Prayers Needed for the Sick

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

*Lucille Bilek, Annabelle Berrera, Julie Binder, Ann Marie Boukal, Nancy Courtney, Mary Beth Casart Havener, Rosemarie Davis, Michelle Diehm, Mike Digilio, Dorothy Dube Margaret Eipperle, Norma Flores, Bob Flowers, Richard Franek, Frank Gaeta, Trudy Gomez, Amy Hamm, Lisa Hargis, Jeanette Hauptman, Joyce Higgins, John Holst, Ron Knoblauch, Carol Kozicki, Donna Krysl, Michael Macdonald, Joan Maeder, Mick & Pat Marsicek, Jason Mathews, Carol McDaniel, Leonard Meier, Joel Rivera, Russell Mitchell, Theresa Mitera, Blanche Murphy, Liz Neal, Sue Novotny, Craig Olson, Maryn Page, Ellen Pankiewicz, Catherine Palinski, Wanda Parlin, Ella Peters, Keelan Phillips, Joe Pitman, Mary Ann Pisci, Kathleen Prince, Clarence Reinig, Jann Reinig, Mary Reis, Dennis Schafer, Kelley Burkhardt Sheard, Debbie Schumacher, Todd Sears, Dane Sinnott, Isabella Sterba, Pam Stein, Peggy Sullivan, Bill Veys, David Virgilito, Jim Vondra, Annabella Zyla,*

## Vocations

Six Steps in Vocation Discernment (In a series 5 of 6) Respond to Christ's love with all of you. We seek to give ourselves entirely to Jesus through a deep, personal relationship. In order to understand the meaning of your life and what you are supposed to do with it this personal relationship is necessary. Another way of putting it is to ask yourself, "Do I know Jesus, or do I only know about Him?" It is in this relationship with Him as Lord and Redeemer and as His intimate friend where we can hear his call to us. Loving Jesus means striving after holiness. Our first vocation, the demand for holiness was placed upon us at our Baptism. Holiness means living the life of God here and now. Within this call to holiness emerges the more specific call to a state of life in the Church: priesthood, consecrated life, or marriage. The life of holiness involves prayer (contemplating God), virtue (living God's life) and asceticism (opening up oneself to God's life). (From Diocese of Harrisburg)

This week pray for Seminarian Brett Jamrog read his vocations story and biography at <https://archomaha.org/vocations/seminary-life/Brett-Jamrog/>

"And this is my prayer: that your love increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Phil 1: 9-10) If you are feeling called as a priest, religious, or deacon, call Father Harry Buse at 402-731-4694 or email: [hjbuse@archomaha.org](mailto:hjbuse@archomaha.org).



## Parish News



**Senior Christmas Potluck Party** will be Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm at the Mape's residence 214 Wood River Dr. Please RSVP to Rosemary Mapes 402-733-6156



**The Altar Society's** annual cookie walk and Christmas Boutique-Rerun Sale is next weekend, December 15th and 16th, after all masses. Please join us in the social hall to finish your holiday shopping and baking. You can fill a container with delicious cookies for \$10.00 and shop for gently used Christmas items at bargain prices. Thank you for your support.

### Cleaning the Church for Christmas!

Grab your buckets and mark your calendars for Wednesday December 19th when we will once again do a semi annual cleaning in church. If you can spare a couple of hours or whatever time you can, join us after the 8 AM mass. The more hands we have the quicker the chore is done. Let's start advent with getting our place of worship ready for Jesus!

### Decorating the Church

Get in the real spirit of Christmas by helping to decorate the church on Friday, December 21. We will start at 9:00 am and everyone's help is greatly appreciated. Call Jean Circo for any questions (402) 731-1682



Also please consider helping on Sunday, January 6th after the 10:30 am Mass to help take down the Christmas decorations and pack them away. Thank you!

### Save the Date St Vincent de Paul Society

We will be delivering the items our generous parishioners are donating from the SVDP tree to the families on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9am. If you would be able to spare a couple of hours on that day, your help would be greatly appreciated. Call Jeannie Mill at 402-733-6096 or Barb Slaven at 402-699-1434 and let us know you are available. Donuts and coffee will be served if that gives you an incentive to join us!

**SAVE THE DATE!!** The third Annual Altar Society Brunch is scheduled for Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019!! If you have attended before, you know the food is out of this world. If you have never attended, stop down and see what you have been missing!

## Community News

The Columban Missionaries will be presenting a retreat **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WITH MARY** on Saturday December 8, 2018 at the Priests Residence, 1902 N Calhoun St., Bellevue, NE. The retreat will begin with registration at 8:30 am and will include a mass in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The retreat will conclude with lunch at 12:30 pm. Free will offering. Please RSVP by calling 402 291 1920, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm or by emailing [mission@columban.org](mailto:mission@columban.org) listing your name(s) and address.

**"GIVE THE GIFT OF A RETREAT** Immaculee Ilibagiza Retreat: This Christmas season, give yourself or someone you love tickets to a weekend retreat to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, March 22-23, 2019. Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide and author of the book "Left to Tell", will bring her message of forgiveness, healing, and hope to all who attend. Give the gift of experiencing her powerful journey and remarkable message. Cost is \$57 for one, or \$76 for two. For details, tickets, and registration visit [www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com), or contact RaNae O'Brien at [ranaeobrien1@gmail.com](mailto:ranaeobrien1@gmail.com)."

