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Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday .....7:00 am  
Sunday.....9:00 am  
Confessions on Sundays 8:15 am

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Mass Times

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## THE ALPHA COURSE

Alpha

### “DOES GOD HEAL TODAY?”

We read about the healing miracles of Jesus in the gospels ... but does God still heal those in need today? When something bad is happening in our lives or in the life of someone we love, we often will pray for the physical, emotional and spiritual healing of that person. Does that mean we believe that God still heals today? The Catholic Church believes so strongly in God’s healing power that we ask for healing in one of our Sacraments.

But do we absolutely *believe* God heals today or do we just pray for it as a desperate last hope? And if God does indeed bring healing to His creation, what do we think a person has to do on our part to receive that healing? What do YOU believe about God’s role in any kind of healing?

Those are some of the questions that our Alpha group will grapple with at this week’s session.

#### **PRAY FOR “HEALING” FOR THOSE IN OUR ALPHA!**

You are invited to be part of our Parish Alpha by joining us for prayer this Monday at Holy Ghost church from 6:45pm-8:00pm while our Alpha group is meeting or please pray privately for us from your home.

Your generosity to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is a commitment to be part of the Living Body of Christ. Please prayerfully consider the gifts you have received and share a portion of your blessings with others during this time.



The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Bernadette’s is working on our annual Christmas Project. We will be assisting 40 families in our community with Christmas gifts for the children and a family gift, along with a grocery voucher for food. If you would like to adopt a family, please call Barb at 402-699-1434 or Rosary at 402-676-1557. The tags will be on the trees on Thanksgiving weekend. St. Bernadette parishioners are extremely generous and helpful in fulfilling Christ’s mission to love Him and to serve His children through this project. We appreciate YOU and all that you do to support this work!

**\$ Parish Financial Update \$**

Through November 10  
Weekly Needs: \$13,585.00  
Collection: \$12,328.33  
YTD Needs: \$253,065.00  
YTD Collection: \$239,185.28  
Shortage: \$13,879.72



*The parish office at St. Bernadette will be closed on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.*



We will have Thanksgiving Day Mass 9am at St. Bernadette, There will also be a Blessing of the Food at the end of Mass.

**Immaculate Conception Holy day Mass Times**

Monday, December 9  
7am at Holy Ghost  
Noon at Holy Ghost  
6:30 pm at ST. Bernadette

The Altar Society Annual Cookie Walk & Raffle is back. It will be held on Dec14 -15 after all Masses.

Be watching for more details. There will be a variety of cookies, available to purchase for your Holiday Events! Something to please everyone's sweet tooth! The Raffle will have fabulous items to buy. Come check out these items in the social after all the masses.



**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024**

8:00 am + Edward Setlak  
+ Robert Ciurej

**Thursday, November 28, 2024**

8:00 am + Joseph Huss  
+ Lawrence & Winifred Mausbach

**Saturday, November 30 2024**

5:00 pm + Bob & Rob Knoblauch

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

11:00 am Parishioners of St. Bernadette & Holy Ghost



**Religious Education**

Happy Thanksgiving!!! It is so fitting that Thanksgiving comes at the end of the month. We have spent time this month being thankful, let's take the time this week, to verbally tell others how thankful we are for them. God has blessed us so abundantly, thank Him for all the big and small moments, people and things in each of our lives.

**Important Dates**

- 11/27- No Classes- Happy Thanksgiving
- 12/4- Parent Class with Circle of Grace for the PRE students
- 12/11-Family Class with Advent Reconciliation



Thank you to all PRE & School families and Parish Members that generously gave to this year's Boxes of Joy project. With all of your help we will be blessing 92 children this Christmas season. Thank you again!!!!



## Heavenly Dusters

Nov 30 Kelly Linder, Liz Zoucha  
 Dec 7 Laurie Callahan  
 Dec 14 Pat Blankenship, Patty Gordon, Shayla Stanek, Veronica Diaz-Vera, Gloria Kirberger, Yolanda Jiminez  
 Dec 21 Mary Baker, Janet Kocourek, Joan Foreman-Mertz, Carol Paskach, Kathleen Filer, Theresa Yost  
 Dec 28 Chris Ortner, Linda Harvey, Mariann Kokotajlo  
 Jan 4 Rita Frickel, Mary Huss, Karen Langan, Patty Pogge, Tracy Kirby

The Rosary at 4:20pm before the 5pm Mass on Saturdays will be for the intention of vocations.



## Money Counters

Nov 25 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Colleen Kurmel  
 Dec 2 Rich Kmiecik, Jim Setlak, Juan Jesus, Sal Zoucha  
 Dec 9 Rolly & Theresa Yost, Jerry & Chris Ortner  
 Dec 16 Carol Paskach, Rosary Sorensen, Mariann Kokotajlo  
 Dec 23 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Colleen Kurmel  
 Dec 30 Rich Kmiecik, Jim Setlak, Juan Jesus, Sal Zoucha  
 Jan 6 Rolly & Theresa Yost, Gerry & Chris Ortner

## Scrip Sales

**Nov 23 & 24 Men's Club**  
**Nov 30 & Dec 1**  
**Dec 7 & 8 Parish Group**  
**Dec 14 & 15 Home & School**



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  
**November**  
 11/21 McDonald's - LaVista 4-8pm  
**December**  
 12/3 Texas Roadhouse - Shadow Lake 4-8pm

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawls were lovingly crocheted and knitted by ladies from St. Bernadette and Holy Ghost churches. Each stitch in every shawl is a prayer for the person who receives the shawl.

Mary Untier of Knots is the patroness of our group. She always helps us untie the mistaken stitches in our work and in our everyday lives. Please enjoy viewing the shawls and if you would like to have one for yourself or as a gift, please help yourself. There is no charge for the shawls, however, good will donations to replace yarn is appreciated.

*Thank you*

We want to give a heartfelt thank you to all the Legion of Mary Legionnaires and the Junior Legionnaires for their help at Omaha Nursing Home. The residents have enjoyed bingo twice a

week and the rosary on Tuesday mornings. The Junior legion kids have helped with playing games and serving ice cream sodas and doing crafts with the residents. Also, for the manicures and one-on-one visits. We also want to thank Fr. Phil, and Deacon Gary, Deacon Al and Deacon Tom for Mass and communion services. Their lives have been enriched spiritually and emotionally.

Thank you and God Bless you!  
 Omaha Nursing Home

## The Patriotic Rosary

This is a powerful and moving way of praying for our country. Monday night at 6:30, St. Bernadette's Church.

## December 1 - 15, 2024

### Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler

Christmas Craft Show: a special two-week opportunity to do Christmas shopping at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, *December 1 - 15, 2024*, M-F 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A very large variety of crafts and gifts made by area artists will be on sale. Book and Gift Store will be open. Learn more by clicking the button below or call (402) 352-8819.

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, November 30, 2024 5:00 pm Mass**

Lector: Bill Veys

EMHC: Robert Monaco, Cathie Pajnigar

Altar Servers: Liam Wurgler

**Sunday, December 1, 2024 11:00 am Mass**

Lector: Mark Redford

EMHC: Don & Terry Deseck

Altar Servers: Sophia Parr, Joshua & Lucas Weiser

### 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.



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, 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 Pankievicz, 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

Finally, St. Bernadette School rounded out Vocation Awareness Week with the kick-off of a Traveling Vocation Crucifix program. The Traveling Vocation Crucifix is to inspire prayer for vocations. Every week, the crucifix travels to a new classroom. The classroom enthrones it in a place of honor and prays for vocations each day using the given prayers inside the brochure that come with the kit. After the all-school Mass on Thursdays, they will pass it along to the next classroom. Father Boyd blessed the crucifix. Each classroom was also given a Queen of Vocations Consecration Poster. Each poster has a prayer with a request to a religious calling within the classroom and The Memorare along with a picture of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Huge thank you to St Bernadette Home and School for the funding of the week! Please continue to pray for our school students and children from our parish family to have open hearts to hear their true calling.





Our next Don & Millie's on 84th & Q Caring and Sharing event is December 16th from 11am- 9pm. Dine in or carry out! We hope to see you there!



A huge thank you to everyone that attended, worked or donated to our Turkey Dinner. We had a record 651 dinners served. Once all we have all the info we will share with you

what we made. Thank you again for your support!

### Weekly Mass Intentions

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024**

7:00 am + Peggy Steinauer

**Friday, November 22, 2024**

7:00 am + Floyd East

**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

9:00 am + Todd Gruidel

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

Advent Angels – tags will be hung on November 30<sup>th</sup>

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### \*\*NOTE DATE CHANGE\*\*

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 December 5th speaker Adam Carriker.



**Through November 10**  
**Weekly Needs: \$3,350.00**  
**Collection: \$3,372.00**  
**YTD Needs: \$63,650.00**  
**YTD Collection: \$65,863.44**  
**Overage: \$2,213.00**

**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 Schwartz, 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,

Registration is now open!

3rd Annual Holy Family Shrine Retreat

*“Mary, Mother of Advent: A Journey of Grace and Devotion”*

December 14 | 8 AM-3:30 PM  
Tickets are \$85, of which \$20 is a tax deductible donation to the Shrine.

Please direct any questions about the retreat

to [christa@holyshrine.com](mailto:christa@holyshrine.com)

**Improving Our Communication Skills, December 13 – 14, at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Father Joseph A. Miksch from Columbus, NE.** Communication skills are essential in the family, in church, and in all walks of life. In this seminar, Fr. Joe, a certified teacher of communication skills, will teach active listening, avoiding Roadblocks to communication, and how to confront and resolve conflict. There is one caveat! Just reading a book or attending a seminar isn't going to do much to improve your communication skills. One must make a conscientious effort to *practice, practice and practice* these skills! Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Saturday, 3:00 p.m. Register now at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call (402) 352-8819.

Presentations  
Offered By:



Fr. Richard Gabuzda Kathy Kanavy



Fr. Brian Weller Fr. Jim Rafferty

## “Hope Does Not Disappoint”

An IPF Advent Morning of Reflection



December 14th, 2024

Christ the King Parish; 654 S. 86th Street

Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

Event concludes at noon



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### Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity – Join Us on Mission

Since 2004, parishioners from across the Archdiocese of Omaha have gone to our sister diocese in Huehuetenango, Guatemala to work alongside our sisters and brothers in Christ. Ixim missionaries build bridges of understanding and solidarity by learning about the lives and realities of those in Huehuetenango. Over the years, Ixim missionaries have staffed medical clinics, taught lessons at local schools, applied fluoride treatments to children, assisted with reforestation projects, painted parish and school buildings, and helped implement clean water projects. Our 20<sup>th</sup> trip will be June 12 – June 23, 2025. Learn more about our mission trip at an upcoming information meeting: Contact Charlie for Zoom links or to reserve a spot at an in-person information meeting: [cpetro@archomaha.org](mailto:cpetro@archomaha.org) or 531-218-6354 (call or text).

We are excited to share that Franciscan LEAD will be happening at all three of our conference this year! LEAD is the perfect program for your teens that are ready to go deeper in their faith journey and learn how to share their Catholic faith with others. If you have questions or would like to know more about Franciscan LEAD, please contact us at [admin@partnershipforyouth.org](mailto:admin@partnershipforyouth.org) or call 952-224-0333

**Visit Nativity Scenes: Dec. 1 – 17, 2024; Jan. 2 – 3, 2025, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at St. Benedict Center. Everybody is invited to make a pilgrimage to St. Benedict Center, view God's Love made visible in nativity scenes from the Holy Land, from Africa, Asia, South & North America and Europe and pray for the peace which our world so urgently needs. No admission fee. Learn more by clicking the button below or call (402) 352-8819.



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