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# THE ALPHA COURSE

Alpha

## “WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH?”

*What comes to mind when you hear the word, church? – Do you picture a building or religious object? – Do you picture an organization or a hierarchy? – Does some person or persons come to mind? – Do you see yourself as one of those persons? How do others contribute to your faith journey or your relationship with God? – Is that church? – How do YOU contribute to others faith journey or their relationship with God? – How important is the Catholic Church to the realization of God’s plan for creation?*

“WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH?” is the topic for our Alpha group’s discussion this week. There will be a lot of good discussion for this one.

### GATHER AS “CHURCH” – PRAY FOR 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.

As we enter this season of Advent, Jesus calls us to be alert to the opportunities to be His disciples, His witnesses and share His love. Your participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is an extension of our call to discipleship in our parish. Every gift matters. To date, St. Bernadette has committed \$41,289.00 towards our goal of \$58,939.50. Holy Ghost has committed \$13,311.00 towards our goal of \$16,095.99 Please help us reach our goal.



The Christmas tags for needy families in our community are on the trees in the church foyer. Please take a tag or two and shop for the child or family listed on the tag and return the wrapped gift to St. Bernadette’s by December 15th. Do not forget to affix the tag to the gift! We will deliver the gifts on Saturday morning, December 21st. If you would like to volunteer your time to help deliver these gifts, please come to the Social Hall at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 21st. Thank you!

**§ Parish Financial Update §**

**St. Bernadette Financials through 11/17/24**

**Weekly Needs: \$13,585.00**

**Collection: \$10,447.00**

**YTD Needs: \$266,650.00**

**YTD Collection: \$249,632.28**

**Shortage: \$17,017.72**



Heart of a Child Ministries will be presenting their Family Friendly Celebration of Life presentation for all ages after the 11am Mass on Dec 8th. Join us for donuts, coffee, and 30 minutes of music, fun fetal facts, a live 2D/3D ultrasound of featuring a pre-born baby moving and heart beating on the large screen, and Celebration of Life bags for all.

If you are between 20-32 weeks pregnant and would like to be our ultrasound volunteer for this presentation, please reach out to Tristenriha@gmail.com. For more information about this awesome, nationally renowned ministry, please go to [www.heartofachildministries.org](http://www.heartofachildministries.org) This presentation is fun for all – ages 2 -92.

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

8:00 am + Helen Kmiecik

+ Jack Egermier

**Thursday, December 5, 2024**

8:00 am + John Sporcic

+ Paul Jansen

**Saturday, December 7, 2024**

5:00 pm + Frank Kokotajlo

+ Thomas Howeth

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

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

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

6:30 pm + Mark Bode



**Religious Education**

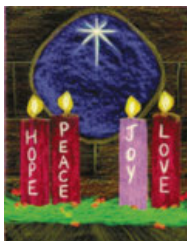
Lord Grant Peace & Consolation to the families of  
Walt Rozicki  
Gerald Cippert Sr.



Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual  
light shine upon them.

**Praying Along During Advent**

In our Catholic Faith, the Advent season reminds us about the importance of Christ in our lives. It prepares us to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas, and make ready for his second coming at a future time. Traditionally, during this time we focus more on prayer, the priests wear purple vestments and we celebrate traditions, such as the Advent wreath.



A good way to insure you have a spirit-filled advent is through one or two of the many Advent programs that are available through apps that you can download on your phone or tablet, or by receiving a daily email. Many of these are provided by trusted Catholic resources and are absolutely FREE! Here are just a couple of these free opportunities:

Download the 'AMEN' app from Augustine Institute. They will provide daily reflections during Advent based on the Jesse Tree. You can also access this program through FORMED.

Log into 'StPaulCenter.com' and signup for daily emails.

Happy Advent! We begin our new year of the Church this weekend and begin to prepare ourselves for the birth of our Savior.

Remember that this month our schedule is a little different. Everyone will join us on December 4th. This will be Parent Class for all the moms and dads and then all the children come so we can do our Circle of Grace Class. Please check your emails for more information.

December:

4-Parent Class and Circle of Grace

7-First Reconciliation at 10am

11-Family Class

18-Christmas Party with cookie decorating

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

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

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 Kurlmel  
 Dec 30 Rich Kmiecik, Jim Setlak, Juan Jesus, Sal Zoucha  
 Jan 6 Rolly & Theresa Yost, Gerry & Chris Ortner  
 Jan Rich Kmiecik, Jim Setlak, Juan Jesus, Sal Zoucha

## Scrip Sales

**Nov 30 & Dec 1**  
**Dec 7 & 8 Parish Group**  
**Dec 14 & 15 Home & School**  
**Dec 21 & 22 Altar Society**



## Vocations Calendar

Please find enclosed in this bulletin our new monthly Archdiocese Vocations Calendar! Each month, we will include a calendar to encourage prayer for our seminarians. Please take time each day to pray for these young men listed and anyone in our Archdiocese discerning a religious vocation. Consider placing this calendar on your fridge or bulletin board or wherever it will remind you to offer your prayers, works, joys, and sufferings for them. Thank you for your support of our seminarians!

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

## Immaculate Conception Holy day Mass Times

**Monday, December 9**

**7am at Holy Ghost**

**Noon at Holy Ghost**

**6:30 pm at ST. Bernadette**

Welcome our newest member of St. Bernadette  
 Baptized on November 24, 2024



Wesley Alexander Villgas  
 Son of Jacob & Elizabeth Villgas

The Altar Society Annual Cookie Walk & Raffle is back. It will be held on Dec 14 -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.



## The Patriotic Rosary

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

Mary teaches us to enter the Time of Gestation a time of patience, silence, and waiting. The things of God take time and come slowly; a long gestation is necessary for the new thing to happen.

Legion of Mary

December 1, 2024– First Sunday of Advent

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, December 7, 2024 5:00 pm Mass**

Lector: Pam Stein

EMHC: Joe Stein, Katie Laughhunn

Altar Servers: Sylvia Linder, Harper & Rowan Loges

**Sunday, December 8, 2024 11:00 am Mass**

Lector: Dorest Harvey

EMHC: Linda Harvey

Altar Servers: Sophia Parr, Beatrice Goolsby, Joey Jansen

### 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.

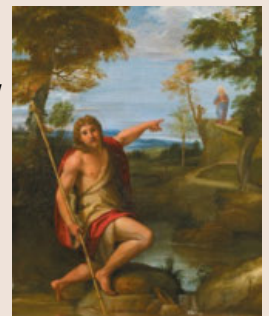
### Healing Prayers Needed for the Sick

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

The season of Advent presents us with some amazing persons as examples of vocation – doing the will of God in our lives. These are John the Baptist, our Blessed Mother, and St. Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus. They all lived their vocation really well! How do we know we are living in keeping with God’s vocation for us? When we seek God, when we cry out to Him, He will answer us. He will show us the way we ought to go when our hearts are completely open to Him. Not only will He show us, but He will guide us and grant us the grace to do and to be all that He is calling us to. God does not just point to a mountain, He shows us the way around it, He gives us grace and the strength to overcome it, it takes us into His arms and carries us over it.



This Advent, as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ’s coming, may we faithfully embrace our call to vocations with hope and trust and find strength in prayer as we seek God’s direction in our lives. May our parish community of St Bernadette and Holy Ghost support one another in our spiritual journey, fostering an environment where vocations can flourish.



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!

This week Holy Ghost's Women's club will begin their Annual Advent Angels, sponsoring The Bethlehem House.

Each advent angel tag has an item that the center needs. We ask that you take an angel tag and purchase the item listed; attach the tag to the item, DO NOT wrap the item. Bring back to church or parish office no later than Sunday, December 15.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to The Bethlehem House and place it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

The gifts you give will go a long way in helping The Bethlehem House during the Christmas season. Thank you for sharing your stewardship of treasure and your gift of Christ's love.

Questions/comments: Call Heather Slizoski 402-669-8863.

Congratulations to those born again of water and the Holy Spirit and made children of God at Holy Ghost.

Jacob Samuel Julian, Son of Jacob and Samantha Julian  
Samuel Jay Ripa, Son of Anthony and Laura Ripa

**\*\*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.



**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

7:00 am + Peggy Steinauer

**Friday, December 6, 2024**

7:00 am + Nicole Rudol

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

9:00 am + Jeannene Harm

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

7:00 am + Jerry Buscher

Noon Parishioners of Holy Ghost & St. Bernadette

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

Advent Angels: November 30th tags will be hung at Holy Ghost. Bring gifts back with tag attached by Sunday, December 15, to Holy Ghost. We will sort items on Dec 15 after 9:00 a.m. mass in social hall at Holy Ghost.

Chicken Dinner: Friday, January 10 at Holy Ghost. We need your delicious desserts.

Meeting: Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Ghost Social Hall.

Cinnamon Rolls: Sunday, January 26 after 9:00 a.m. mass at Holy Ghost.

May the Lord grant peace and consolation to the family of Joseph Ellis.

**Holy Ghost Financials through 11/17/24**

**Weekly Needs: \$3,350.00**

**Collection: \$1,680.00**

**YTD Needs: \$67,000.00**

**YTD Collection: \$67,543.44**

**Overage: \$543.44**

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 Schwartzer, 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,



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