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Wednesday & Friday	7:00 am
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Sunday	11:00 am
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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. - Lk 4:18 Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

Nebraska Walk for Life and Gala

The Walk for Life Gala is on Jan 31, 2025, at the Embassy Suites Convention Center, LaVista. It's a fundraiser for Nebraska Right to Life held the night before the annual Walk for Life. Come join pro-lifers for either or both events. Speaking at the Gala will be Jim Caviezel, the actor who portrayed Jesus in "Passion of the Christ" and starred in the movie "Sound of Freedom." Tickets for the Gala are \$75, and can be purchased online at nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2025, or send a check to Nebraska Right to Life. Registration deadline is January 17.

The Walk for Life is on February 1 and begins on the North steps of the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. A new route this year will take us to the Cornhusker Hotel where you can browse informational booths and hear speaker Elizabeth Gillette's keynote speech at 11:30 a.m. Contact: Nebraska Right to Life, PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410. 402-438-4802, nebraskartl@gmail.com.

Parish Financial Update \$ No Financials due to the MLK Holiday



When we pray our Patriotic Rosary, we gather to lift our nation in prayer, asking for healing, peace, and restoration. We pray for California and all those affected by tragedy, particularly those who have lost their lives. We ask for wisdom to guide our leaders, and may we find strength in each other as we move forward in faith. Legion of Mary

The weekend of February 1-2, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which



occurs 40 days after the birth of Jesus. An ancient feast in the Church, it is also known as "Candlemas Day", since the blessing and procession of candles is included in the liturgy. This weekend's Masses will begin by the Baptismal Font. The candles will be blessed with the holy water during the Procession and all the candles held by the congregation will be lit with a flame taken from the Easter candle. The solemn procession represents the entry of Christ, who is the light of the world, into the Temple of Jerusalem.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

8:00 am + Pat Strauss

Thursday, January 30, 2025

8:00 am + Jack & Ronnie Egermier

+ Thomas Harding

Saturday, February 1, 2025

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Bernadette & Holy Ghost

Sunday, February 2, 2025

11:00 am + Concepcion Lopez + Julio Valadez

Catholic Schools Week Community Event

We want to invite you to our Pancake Man Community Event on January 26th, in the St. Bernadette Social Hall. We will be serving breakfast from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. The cost per person is \$7 with a family max of \$35. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and water....all you can eat! The SBS staff is looking forward to serving you and thanking you for all your support.



As we begin this last week of the new year, just remember that a new year is a time for new beginnings. If your family needs a reset...do it! Take time to pray and take the time to be a family.

Jan. 29- Parent Class

Feb. 5- Family Class

Feb. 12 &19- Sacrament Classes

Heavenly Pusters

Feb 1 Laurie Callahan

Feb 8 Pat Blankenship, Patty Gordon,

Shayla Stanek, Veronica Diaz-Vera,

Gloria Kirberger, Yolanda Jiminez

Feb 15 Mary Baker, Janet Kocourek, Theresa Yost, Carol Paskach, Joan Foreman-Mertz, Kathleen Filer Feb 22 Christ Ortner, Mariann Kokotajlo,

Linda Harvey

Mar 1 Rita Frickel, Mary Huss, Karen Langen, Patty Pogge, Tracy Kirby

Mar 8 Rose Zoucha, Mary Sporcic, Rose Tslentis Connie Tucker, Linda Halsey

Scrip Sales

Jan 25 & 26 Men's Club Feb 1 & 2 Parish Grp Feb 8 & 9 Home & School Feb 15 & 16 Altar Society



If anyone knows a homebound person or neighbor who would like a Valentine gift bag, please Call St Bernadette's Legion of Mary 402-681-7331 or 402-734-2384

Congratulations to the following St. Bernadette students who made the honor roll at Creighton Prep



Drew Jarrett, Jacob White, Martin Magana-Avalos, Jackson Wurgler The Rosary at 4:20pm before the 5pm Mass on Saturdays will be for the intention of vocations.



Money Counters

Jan 27 Carol Paskach, Mariann Kokotajlo Rosary Soresen

Feb 3 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Colleen Kurmel

Feb 10 Rich Kmiecik, Jim Seylak, Juan Jesus, Sal Zoucha

Feb 18 Rolly & Theresa Yost, Chris & Jerry Ortner Feb 24 Carol Paskach, Mariann Kokotajlo, Rosary Sorensen

Mar 3 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Colleen Kurmel

Please support St Bernadette Home & School with the following Family Food Nights. Please mention St. Bernadette when ordering!

Don & Millie's - First Tuesday of every month Jan 30 Panda Express-Papillion All Day 20% kickback For online orders Enter 3834236 in the fundraiser code box

<u>Feb 17</u> Panera-Bellevue 4-8pm For online orders Enter FUND4U for online orders

<u>March 4</u> Godfather's Pizza-Twin Creek 4-9pm 20% kick-back

March 27 Village Inn on Fort Crook in Bellevue 10am-7pm 20% kick-back

Registration is now open for Essential Pregnancy Services' 29th Annual Benefit Dinner, GLOW! The event will take place on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025, at the CHI Health Center

(455 N 10th St, Omaha, NE 68102) and will feature an inspiring keynote address by Steventhen Holland. The cocktail hour begins at 5:30PM and dinner begins at 6:30PM.

Registration is \$75 per person or \$750 to host a table of 10. Find more details and register today at bidpal.net/glow25.

Essential Pregnancy Services provides life-affirming, holistic support to women experiencing unexpected or under-supported pregnancies. For event questions or if you would like to volunteer at this event, contact Tim Neal at TimN@essentialps.org or 531-239-3130.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2025 THE NEBRASKA WIND SYMPHONY

SWINGTONES

BENEFIT DANCE FOR
MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR & AT THE MCS OFFICE: MCS OFFICE, MSGR ERNEST GRAHAM BIdg, RM 206, 3900 WEBSTER 402-827-3724 ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH CENTER 5419 N 114TH ST

7:30 – 10:00 PM DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

FREE SWING DANCE INSTRUCTION BY DAN WONDRA 6:15 – 7:15 PM

TICKETS ARE \$15 PER PERSON

CASH, CHECKS, AND CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 1 2025 5:00 pm Mass

Lector: Andy Flanagan

EMHC: Bill Loges, Mariann Kokotajlo

Altar Servers: Harper & Rowan Loges, Josie Chandler

Sunday, February 2, 2025 11:00 am Mass

Lector: Mark Redford

EMHC: Barb Slaven, Joan Ronnfeldt

Altar Servers: Amalia Poeppe, Mario Vazquez, Joshua Weiser

In Loving Memory

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

Claire Winter, Theresa Yost, Annabella Zyla,

Prayer Line

Please call Betty Rezek at 402-734-2531 to request instant prayer for those in need. Special Prayers needed for all military personnel. Please consider putting your name on our prayer line.





Join us for Coffee and sweet treats after the 8am Mass every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Healing Prayers Needed for the Sick

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, Tillie Gunia, Josephine Gutierrez, Michelle Gutierrez, Lisa Hargis, Jeanette Hauptman, Barbara Jansen, Margie Janssen, Carol Johnson, Carol Jura, Olga Kanne, Phyllis Knicky, Janet Klamt, Connie Kleber, Donna Kubiak, Donna Krysl, John Kwapnioski, Terry Lampe, Jan Lampe, Kris Mixan, 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, Katherine Stinson, David Virgilito, Hope Wicken, Mark White, Michael Winter,

Vocations

This week we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week. By focusing on faith, knowledge, community, and service, Catholic schools prepare children to use their God-given talents to the fullest. Catholic Schools Week offers an opportunity for students to explore the many life paths that enable them to use their talents well in the service of God and others. Many priests and sisters credit Catholic schools for their faith and discernment to the priestly and consecrated life.

This week, let us pray for the students of St. Bernadette School and Gross Catholic to learn in an ever faith-filled environment where vocations to the priesthood and religious life may abound.

Is Christ calling you or someone you know to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact Father Boyd or email: vocations@archomaha.org to help with your discernment.





Our next Don & Millie's on 84th & Q Caring and Sharing event is February 17th from 11am-9pm. Dine in or carry out! We hope to see you there!

GAME ON is an adult night out with friends to support Holy Ghost Parish



The **GAME ON** evening begins with a Mexican buffet and drinks, and then the games begin. Your friends and family will experience a fast-moving night of crazy fun competitions between your Table Team of eight and others to earn points throughout the night. At the end of the night one Table Team will be crowned the GAME ON CHAMPION, but everyone goes home a winner.

- Saturday, February 15, 2025
- St John Vianney Social Hall
- \$450 FOR TABLE OF 8 (and worth every penny 😉)

Gather your family and friends for a team of 8 people and sign up today by calling Nikki Washington – 402 201-6166 or go online https://form.jotform.com/233418373128153 to register your team.

May the Lord grant peace and consolations to the families of Bob Monzingo and Marie Soula

Weekly Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 29, 2025
7:00 am +John & Betty Krayneski
Friday, January 31, 2025
7:00 am + Sam Culotta
Sunday, February 2, 2025
9:00 am Parishioners of Holy Ghost
& St. Bernadette

Holy Ghost Women's Club

Sunday, January 26: Cinnamon rolls after mass at Holy Ghost

Saturday, February 1: 2025 Nebraska Walk and Rally for Life in Lincoln, NE. More details to come

Wednesday, February 19 at 6:00 pm Valentine salad pot luck and meeting, HG social hall.

All women of both parishes are invited. Contact Terri Aulner at 402-669-9024 with any questions.

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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, 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,



Save the Date! Totus Tuus summer youth camp will be back at St Bernadette the week of June 8-13! Registration and more information coming soon.

The Rev. Joel Macul, OSB, STL, will present a retreat titled, "With Age-Old Love I have Loved You" (Jeremiah 31:3) at Saint Benedict Center, four miles north of Schuyler, February 14 - 16, 2025. "Your words were my joy, the happiness of my from someone who delights in the Lord's love. But for Jeremiah they come out of an experience of crisis. The world that he knows is coming apart. And he finds himself torn between his love for the community and his fidelity to God.

heart" (Jer 15:16). This line sounds as though it comes

WHO: All Women

What: OACCW (Omaha Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women) meeting.

When: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Where: St Francis Borgia Church, 2005 Davis Drive, Blair

NE 68008

ITINERARY: 9:30 a.m. Registration of \$10 includes coffee/rolls and Lunch. 10:00 a.m. OACCW Meeting at St. Francis Borgia Church-- Hosted by OU Deanery, Mass, Lunch, Commission/ Committee reports and Speaker. Karen Marshall, Crofton, is the newly elected OACCW Vice-President, she recently went on a trip/ pilgrimage to Medjugorje. She will tell us about this trip and a few other shrines she has visited. All Catholic Women are invited and encouraged to attend. Please have a representative from your parish or deanery come to share in the activities of the day and bring back information to your parish. There are always lots of updates and information to bring back to our parish family to share. Looking forward to seeing you all RSVP encouraged by February 1 for lunch count to Leonarda Arens OACCW President via email at arenslirepair@hotmail.com or text to 402-253-5120

Mary Thoene, OACCW Publicity 402-841-0923

8:15am Weekday Mass at Holy Ghost with St. John Paul II Academy - Please join us for Mass, which takes place each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Students from St. John Paul II Academy serve, sing and lector for this Mass, which is usually offered by Fr. Flott, Fr. Boyd, or other priests from nearby parishes. All are most welcome!

Pilgrimage 2025

For the Holy Jubilee Year of 2025 the Archdiocese of Omaha has designated St. Benedict Center to be an official Place of Pilgrimage.

Come as a Pilgrim of Hope to St. Benedict Center: 1126 Co Rd I, Schuyler, NE.



PILGRIMAGE TO SLOVENIA, CROATIA & MEDJUGORJE with Fr. Michael Grewe, Sept. 30 - Oct. 12, 2025 Join us on a journey through Slovenia, Croatia, and BosniaHerzegovina, a region rich in Catholic history and tradition, where you will experience a culture of deep faith and spirituality. From the island Church of the Assumption on Lake Bled to the shrine of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, you will visit the most important sites dedicated to the Blessed Mother in Slovenia. In Croatia, venerate the relics of St. Simeon, explore the UNESCO World Heritage town of Trogir, and marvel at Dubrovnik, the Pearl of the Adriatic. Spend five days in the peaceful Bosnian village of Medjugorje, which many say it feels like Heaven on earth. Return home refreshed and renewed in your faith. To learn more about the trip itinerary, cost, and related details go to: https://www.tektonministries.org/pilgrimage pages/ pilgrimage-to-slovenia-croatia-and-medjugorje/ Our Spiritual Director is Father Michael Grewe, retired priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha, and our Group Leader is Jolene Jefferies, Parish Manager of St. Patrick in Gretna. Please be sure to attend our upcoming Pilgrimage Info Meeting on Tuesday, January

21, 2025, at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 508 W. Angus Street in Gretna in the Parish Center, Father Grewe will be in attendance. You will have the opportunity to ask questions as you discern this pilgrimage opportunity. If you cannot attend the meeting, a Zoom video can be emailed to you for viewing at a time convenient for you. How will you respond to our Blessed Mother's loving invitation? For questions, please contact Jolene Jefferies at 402-521-0717 or jolenejefferies@gmail.com.





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