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Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday7:00 am
Sunday.....9:00 am
Confessions on Sundays 8:15 am

Parish Office

Weekday Hours..... 8 am—4 pm
Lunch 12-1 pm

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Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday..... 8:00 am
Saturday Evening.....5:00 pm
Sunday11:00 am
Confessions on Saturdays 4-4:45 pm

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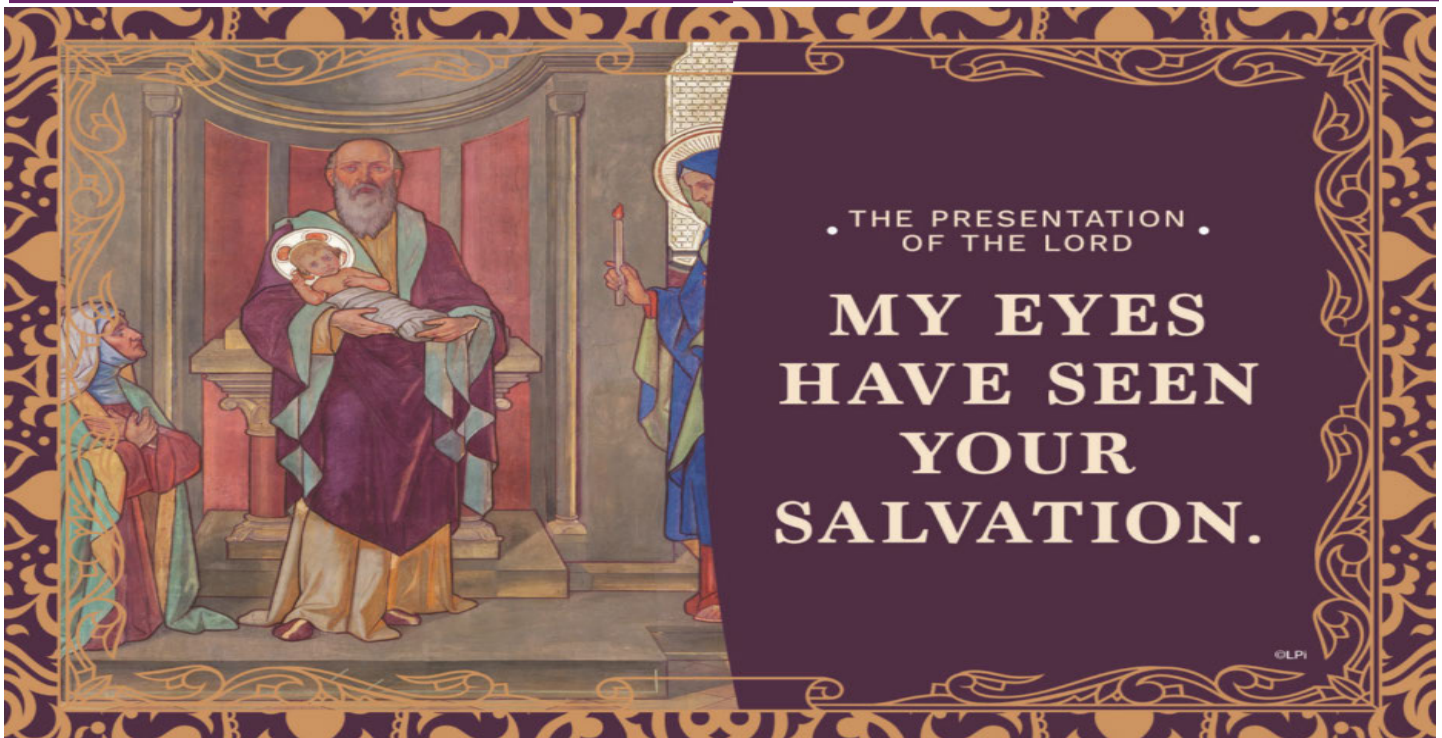
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As faithful Jews who obeyed the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph performed two ritual acts that the law prescribed after the birth of the firstborn son—Mary’s ritual purification and Jesus’ dedication. The Presentation of the Lord is celebrated forty days after Christmas, marking the day that Mary and Joseph would have brought Jesus into the Temple. Though Mary was pure and free from sin from the moment of her conception, and though the Son of God did not need to be redeemed, Mary and Joseph fulfilled these ritual obligations.

At the heart of this celebration is the encounter of Simeon and Anna with the Christ Child in the Temple. Simeon was the first to understand and proclaim Jesus as the Savior of the World. He also prophesied that this salvation would be accomplished by a sword of sorrow that would pierce Mary’s Immaculate Heart. Anna, a prophetess, also came forward and “gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem” ([Luke 2:38](#)). In the ritual acts in the Temple, Jesus’ divine mission was made manifest to the world.

We are invited to participate in Mary’s ritual purification and Jesus’ ritual redemption. Each of us is unworthy of entering the true Temple of the Lord in Heaven, yet we are invited to do so in union with Mary, our Blessed Mother. It was her consent to God’s will that opened the door of God’s grace to us all. By allowing Jesus to be born in our hearts by grace, we spiritually become Jesus’ “mother.” With her, we are now able to appear before God, purified and holy in His sight.

In presenting Jesus in the Temple, Saint Joseph also redeems us by presenting to the Father all who strive to live in union with Jesus. The hope is that, like Simeon and Anna, others will see God alive within us and experience the Savior of the World through us.

The 50th Annual St. Bernadette Men’s Club Pasta Dinner will be Sunday February 23rd, from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Come and enjoy an authentic Italian delicacy of pasta, 2 meatballs or 1 sausage, salad, and Italian bread. We will have full inside seating with pickles, meat wheel and desserts from the Altar Society available or you can order takeout to enjoy at home.. Visit the parish website to pre-order adult dinners for \$13.00, kids (under 12) \$8.00, family of 4 (to- go only) for \$40.00, packages of 12 meatballs or 6 sausages in sauce for \$13.00, 1 quart container of sauce for \$6.00 or 20 meat wheel spins for \$20.00. (All proceeds support our youth activities and scholarships, and also special parish needs)

Spaghetti Dinner Signups

We will start 2 weeks of volunteer signups beginning next week. Please sign up after any Mass the next two weekends at the tables as you leave church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

\$ Parish Financial Update \$

Weekly Needs: \$13,585.00

Collection: \$21,897.00

YTD Needs: \$402,500.00

YTD Collection: \$390770.09

Shortage: \$11,729.91

It has been brought to the attention of the parish office that scammers have been sending emails pretending to be a staff member or priest of St. Bernadette. Please be careful when reading emails, especially if asking for "quick correspondence" these are not real and please disregard. If you have any question you can contact the office. 402-731-4694

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

This weekend 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, February 4, 2025

8:00 am + Bernie McCoy

+ Louise Franco

Thursday, February 6, 2025

8:00 am + Lawrence & Winifred Maubasch

+ Stefan Visty

Saturday, February 8, 2025

5:00 pm + Thomas Howeth

Sunday, February 9, 2025

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

ALTAR SOCIETY UPCOMING MEETING

All ladies of our St. Bernadette and Holy Ghost parishes are invited to join us at our monthly meeting on Thursday, February 6th. We will begin with a rosary at 6:15 in the Social Hall, followed by a light dinner. Our meeting will begin at 7:00. Please consider joining us for food, fun and fellowship!



As we begin the month of February, I always think of this month as the month of LOVE. Spend time this month, thinking and praying for those that you love. Spend time as a family praying for those people that are important to your family. Feb. 5- Family Class Feb. 12 and 19- Sacrament Classes Feb. 26- Parent Class

Heavenly Dusters

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

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



Money Counters

Feb 3 Rosemary Mapes, Joyce Renner, Colleen Kurlmel
 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 Kurlmel

Scrip Sales

Feb 1 & 2 Parish Grp
Feb 8 & 9 Home & School
Feb 15 & 16 Altar Society
Feb 22 & 23 Men's club



We have 30 students from St Bernadette School and our Religious Education Program that will be receiving their Confirmation on April 4, 2025. They are currently preparing to receive this most important sacrament and as they continue on this journey, they could use some prayers. This is where we could use your help. In the back of St Bernadette Church, you will find a basket. Please pick a card from the basket and pray for the student whose name on the front. Also, we are not only asking for prayers but also that you give them a card, that will be given to them on their Confirmation Day. More information about the cards can be found on the back of your prayer card. You can also contact sreedstb@gmail.com, and a name can be emailed to you. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

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

Feb 17 Panera-Bellevue 4-8pm For online orders Enter FUND4U for online orders

March 4 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 Steven 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
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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 8 2025 5:00 pm Mass

Lector: Pam Stein

EMHC: Joe Stein, Tom Van Haute

Altar Servers: Jack Linhart, Georgia Earnest, Daleyxa Sotoya-Rocha

Sunday, February 9, 2025 11:00 am Mass

Lector: Denise Andersen

EMHC: Larry Andersen, Rich Leimbach

Altar Servers: Nathan Sontag, Mila Barrientos

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.



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

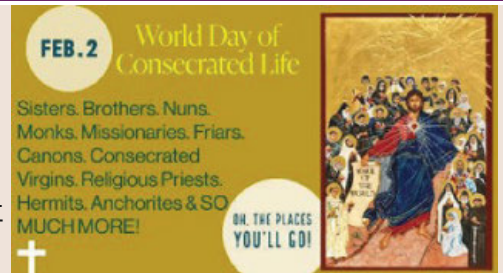
If you have someone in need of Prayers, contact the Parish Office

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, 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 Pankiewicz, Ella Peters, Jonathan Perez, Rita Perito, Keelan Phillips, Joe Pitman, Jennifer Prymak, 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, Claire Winter, Theresa Yost, Annabella Zyla,

Vocations

Today we celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life, highlighting the gift of the consecrated persons for the whole Church. In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, especially the Marianist priests and brothers and others in our Archdiocese. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

[If you or someone you know is considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Father Boyd or email: vocations@archomaha.org.](#)





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.

Holy Ghost Men's Club will meet on Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30pm in the social hall. All men of the parish are invited.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

7:00 am + Mae Strong

Friday, February 7, 2025

7:00 am + Darlene Marion

Sunday, February 2, 2025

9:00 am + Barb Gofta

Holy Ghost Women's Club

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.

Weekly Needs: \$3,350.00
Collection: \$5,340.50
YTD Needs: \$100,500.00
YTD Collection: \$109,558.64
Overage: \$9,058.64

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

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 arensljrepair@hotmail.com or text to 402-253-5120

Mary Thoene, OACCW Publicity 402-841-0923

February 8, 2025, 51st Annual Celebration of Life Banquet with Dr Monica Miller of [Citizens for a Pro-Life Society](#), featuring Dr Pat Castle, director & founder of [LIFE Runners](#). German American Society, 3717 S 120th Street, Omaha. MC Chip Maxwell. Silent Jewelry Auction and clearance! **5:30pm social, dinner/program 6:30p. Reservations @ \$75. or table of ten \$700. visit www.NebraskansEmbracingLife.org,**



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Spring & Summer Dates
 Thurs-Sun Apr 10 - 13, 2025
 Thurs-Sun May 1 - 4, 2025
 Sun-Wed Jun 29 - Jul 2, 2025

The cost is \$375 for room, all meals and private sessions. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 requested at registration.

Register at creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats or scan code.

Terril Lou Duggan
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Saints Peter and Paul Trivia Night

Saturday, March 8, 2025 in the Saints Peter & Paul Gym

Doors open at 6:00pm. Trivia begins at 7:00pm

\$20 for individuals / \$160 for table of 8 / \$200 for table of 10

Register online <https://forms.gle/sEpK7t3geMfo6nA39>

More information can be found on the Saints Peter and Paul School Facebook or contact Patty at prezek@sppsaints.org

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