

St. Bernard Catholic Church

3601 No. 65th Street Omaha, NE 68104

January 1, 2012

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



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Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00AM

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM AND 10:00AM

Rosary one half hour before each Mass.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesday 8:30AM.

The Church is open from 7:30AM-3:00PM

Monday-Friday. Use West door.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

Office closed Saturday, Sunday, major holidays
and weather related school closing days.

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 4:00 to 4:30PM.

Any time by appointment with a priest.

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM: Pre-Baptismal Class First

Monday of the month.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Pastor at least 6 months in
advance.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK OR COMMUNION IN
THE HOME:** At any time by request.

To become a member of the parish or for more
information on joining the Catholic Church, call the
rectory at 551-0269.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 - Solemnity of Mary

MASS TIMES: 8:00AM and 10:00AM

PANTRY SUNDAY

8:00AM Knights Corporate Communion (Church)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00PM Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

7:00PM SVDP (Clairvaux)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

SCHOOL RESUMES - 8:10AM Mass

6:30PM Religious Education Classes (School)

7:00PM Athletic Club (School)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30PM Choir Practice (Church)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

9:15AM Sunday Scripture Study (Clairvaux)

4:30PM St. Bernard to serve at Francis House

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

1:30PM CFM Epiphany Party (Clairvaux)



Baptism classes are held the first Monday of the month at 7:30PM in the Clairvaux Center. Prior to attending the class all parents must register. Please call the rectory at 402-551-0269 for more information or to register.

CREW #5 will clean church this Saturday, January 7: Capt. Maureen Lamoureux, Jan Lamoureux, Pat Schwarz, Kathy Brutto, John Brutto, Rosanne Chrystal and Dick Mori.



TODAY IS PANTRY SUNDAY. Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the west entry of church. Envelopes are also available for your donations.



NO DONUT SUNDAY TODAY. OUR NEXT DONUT SUNDAY WILL BE JANUARY 15 and will be hosted by Social Justice, OTOC, and Christian Family Movement.

FRANCIS HOUSE: This Friday, January 6, St. Bernard Parishioners will serve dinner to the needy at the Francis House. Kathy Hoff, Dolores Neal, and Christian Family Movement are volunteering this month. If you would like to be added to our list of volunteers who serve meals at the Francis House on the first Friday of every month, please call Sue Keyser at 402-556-1548 as she organizes the volunteers for this ministry.

Mr. Daro has two leather jackets that were left after the Dinner/Auction in October. Please call the school at 402-553-4993 if you are missing a jacket.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES and PARENTS

The new two-year cycle will begin for Confirmation candidates at St. Bernard in January. The five-day school program will be led by Margie Galles with assistance from Jerry Brocky. The Religious Education program will be coordinated by Father Jerry and Jerry Brocky. Please contact the Religious Education office at 402-556-1679 for more information. **The first Candidate and Parent meeting will be on January 29 following the 10:00AM Mass. We will meet in the Clairvaux Center.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes resume this Wednesday evening at 6:30PM.



JANUARY 2 - 8, 2012

Monday, January 2

8:00AM Communion Service

Tuesday, January 3

8:00AM Memorial Fund Members

Wednesday, January 4

8:10AM Richard Osterhaus +

Thursday, January 5

8:00AM Denis Parr +

Friday, January 6

8:00AM Laura Piepgras +

Saturday, January 7

5:00PM Marie Byrnes +

Sunday, January 8

8:00AM Parish Family
10:00AM Gary Reding +

RECENT FAITH EVENTS: Death: Irene Bellus (Mother of Mary Ann Annin and Joan Finn).

Anyone who would like more information on the Sacrament of Reconciliation is asked to pick up a copy of the booklet "PREPARING FOR CONFESSION" available at each entrance of the church.

SEMINARY COLLECTION: The Seminary Collection will be held next weekend, January 7 and 8. The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with twenty-eight men studying for the Priesthood. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices and generous financial support. Please use the envelope included in your packet of envelopes.

The Knights of Columbus at St. Bernard Parish are looking for a few good men wanting to get involved with our council to help St. Bernard Parish, School and community. If you think you would like to become a member of the Knights, call Jerry Siebrandt for more information at 402-551-9758.

The Monday Night Bible Study group recently completed its study of Second Isaiah, God's prophet during the time of the Jewish exile to Babylon. We plan on beginning a new study of a book of the Bible sometime near the end of January of 2012. We invite you to consider joining our group. More details to follow in the bulletin. One thing learned during our study of Second Isaiah: in times of serious discouragement and stress God may seem very distant; but God's everlasting love and compassion will reach out to us, and, if we continue to believe, we will be surprised at God's powerful presence acting in our lives.

From your pastor,

We all have much to thank God for as we begin a new year. We have been blessed in so many ways as a parish and as families during the last year.

I would like to thank everyone for the gifts to me of cookies, cakes, candy, food, gift cards, cards, and cash during the last few weeks. I appreciate your kindness to me.

May God bless you and your families in the New Year.

Fr. Gerald Melchior, JCL
Pastor

Have a desire to help the less fortunate? Visit with a St. Vincent de Paul member to find various ways you can help. Call Ken Thompson at 402-498-3731.

TEC RETREAT: High school juniors and seniors, and college students are invited to a dynamic three-day retreat called TEC (**T**eens **E**ncounter **C**hrist). TEC is a high-energy, youth-focused, spirit-directed faith experience offered by the Archdiocese of Omaha. The next TEC retreat is **January 14 - 16, 2012** at the **Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center in Omaha**. The cost is \$60. Scholarships are available. Applications are available at: www.archomaha.org/education/cffo/youth-ministry/tec.html

Separation or Divorce is among life's most painful experiences. If you are going through separation or divorce or know someone who is, learn about our special DivorceCare group. It is a place to find help and encouragement. DivorceCare, a 13 week video seminar and support group for people experiencing divorce and separation will be held on Monday evenings beginning January 9 from 6:30 to 8:30PM at St. Leo the Great. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include *Facing My Anger*, *Facing My Loneliness*, *Depression*, *New Relationships*, *Kid-Care* and *Forgiveness*. Pre-registration is requested. The cost is \$20.00 and includes the seminar workbook. For more information, contact Pat Seier at 402-557-5514 or paseier@archomaha.org.



A baby changing station is now located in the Parish Library.

Please keep this area clean.



ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Monday and Tuesday: No School
Wednesday: Selena Wetzel and Angie VonDollen
Thursday: Lori Mai and Elaine Tyler
Friday: LaNita Wood and Kersten Borer

****LITURGICAL ROLES****

Saturday 5:00PM (January 7): Lectors - C. Tranisi, J. Buescher; EMHC - W. Monahan, B. Monahan, J. Kuhns; Servers - S. Kerwin, P. Kerwin, C. Adams.

Sunday 8:00AM (January 8): Lectors - B. Baughman, J. Kuhns; EMHC - S. Baughman, M. Kalkowski, C. Kalkowski; Servers - C. Kalkowski, N. King.

Sunday 10:00AM: Deacon - E. Osterhaus; Lectors - T. Mueting, T. Robertson; EMHC - S. Osterhaus, R. Schwarz, M. Sharp, N. Sharp, K. Freimuth, K. Mohr; Servers - M. Brison, E. Brison, M. Robertson.

EMHC for Immanuel Hospital - January 4
P. Chamberlain, E. Kaipust

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

PLACEMENT/SCHOLARSHIP EXAMS

The eight area Catholic high schools will offer their Scholarship and Placement Tests to **current 8th graders** on **Saturday, January 14th**. The tests are used in the admissions process and to determine scholarship winners.

CREIGHTON PREP - 8:00AM

Contact: Josh Luedtke at 402-548-3872

DUCHESNE ACADEMY - 8:30AM

Contact: Meg Jones at 402-558-3800

GROSS CATHOLIC - 8:00AM

Contact: Tim Johnk at 402-734-2000

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL - 8:00AM

Contact: Molly Woodman at 402-571-2618

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL - 8:00AM

Contact: Anne Zadina at 402-553-9424

MT. MICHAEL - 9:00AM

Contact: Eric Crawford at 402-253-0946

RONCALLI CATHOLIC - 8:00AM

Contact: Paulette Theisen at 402-571-7670

SKUTT CATHOLIC - 8:00AM

Contact: Tim Bloomingdale at 402-333-0818

LOOKING FOR A OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE? Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Mentoring Moms Program, is looking for "Mentoring Moms" to provide one-on-one mentoring support to pregnant and parenting women. The Mentor's role is to be a friend, someone who listens, encourages, supports and models positive parenting skills. Catholic Charities invites you to consider giving of your time and talents to make a difference in the life of a child. Interested? Call Kathy at 402-829-9289 or e-mail kathym@ccomaha.org.

INCOME LAST WEEK:

Sunday Collection for December 25, 2011	\$6,913.00
Our Budgeted Weekly Sunday Goal	\$9,640.00
Christmas Collection	\$21,374.00
Total Collected Year to Date (July - Dec.)	\$201,687.00
Total Budgeted for Sunday (July - Dec.)	\$250,640.00
Fiscal Year Deficit July - Dec.. (Sunday)	(\$48,953.00)

\$1.5 Million Capital Campaign Update as of December 27

Total Amount Pledged	\$610,615.00
Total Amount Collected for Capital Campaign..	\$173,970.00