

St. Bernard Catholic Church

3601 No. 65th Street Omaha, NE 68104

December 26, 2010

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



PARISH STAFF

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Readings for the Week of December 26, 2010

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5---2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

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

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 8:00AM

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00 Noon

ROSARY ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE EACH MASS

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 3:30 to 4:30PM

Any time by appointment with a priest.

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM: Pre-Baptismal Class First Monday of the month.

MARRIAGE: Contact a Priest 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 St. Bernard Parish or for more information on joining the Catholic Church, call the rectory at 551-0269.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

MASS TIMES: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00 Noon
10:00AM Preschool (Clairvaux)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council (Clairvaux)
7:00-10:00PM Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

No Religious Formation Classes
No RCIA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30PM Choir Practice (Church)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

Mary, Mother of God - Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Times for January 1: 8:00AM and 10:00AM
5:00PM Mass is for Sunday Obligation

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 - Epiphany

PANTRY SUNDAY

DONUT SUNDAY (After 8:00 and 10:00AM Masses)

8:00AM Knights' Corporate Communion
10:00AM Preschool (Clairvaux)
2:00PM 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 551-0269 for more information or to register.

CREW #2 will clean Church on Friday, December 31: Capt. Jean Kalina, Bernie Trapp, Mary Ann Annin, Mary Ann Meyer, Clyde Meyer and Bill Monahan.

Requests to have a parishioner prayed for in the Prayers of the Faithful must be called into the rectory (551-0269) by a family member no later than Thursday morning for that weekend's Masses.

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.



DONUT SUNDAY: Next Sunday's Donut Sunday will be hosted by Social Justice, OTOC and Respect Life. Please come join us for some sweet treats and friendly conversation in the cafeteria after the 8:00 and 10:00AM Masses. We would like to extend a special invitation to all new members of St.

Bernard Parish to join us. Hope to see you there!



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

Have a desire to help the less fortunate? Visit with a St. Vincent de Paul member to find various ways you can help. Call Bob Miller at 571-5801.

JANUARY 2 BULLETIN DEADLINE:

All information, including inserts, for the January 2 Bulletin is due to the rectory by 8:00AM tomorrow Monday, December 27.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

There will be no Religious Formation classes on Wednesday, December 29th. Classes will resume on January 5th with our annual Event. All families are invited to this Event for catechesis, a craft and fellowship.



DECEMBER 27, 2010 - JANUARY 2, 2011

Monday, December 27
8:00AM Gary Reding +
Tuesday, December 28
8:00AM Mary Ann Bendon +
Wednesday, December 29
8:00AM Marie Byrnes +
Thursday, December 30
8:00AM Christine Gutowski +
Friday, December 31
8:00AM Marie Heth +
Saturday, January 1
8:00AM John Campbell +
10:00AM Elvera Feldman +
5:00PM Lorene O'Brien +
Sunday, January 2
8:00AM Parish Family
10:00AM Dennis Parr +
12:00PM Genevieve Walklin +

INTRAMURAL and MINI TIGER BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS run through the end of December. **Basketball starts Sunday, January 9th. Please sign up at the school office or email Molly Kelly at mkkelly1995@q.com.**



Prayer at Christmas

Lord, on this Christmas Day, in the midst of the joy of our celebrations, help us recall what is truly important about this day.

In the midst of opening presents, help us remember the love that each gift represents.

In the midst of Christmas dinner, help us remember that you are the source of all life.

In the midst of family gatherings, help us remember that you are the fullness of all joy.

And in the midst of Christmas Mass, help us remember the supreme act of love, sacrifice, and humility that we celebrate on this Christmas day when your Son came as a helpless, unknown baby and grew to be the life and light of the world.

Amen.

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From your Pastor,

On behalf of our parish staff, I would like to wish each one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I pray that each family in the parish will be blessed by God during the new year of 2011.

Please make an effort to attend our town hall meeting on January 16. We will be discussing the future needs of the parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Gerald Melchior

TOWN-HALL MEETING!!!

How many times have you seen these words and thought "what is this about?" The Parish Council has been discussing long range planning for the parish. Items we have discussed are:

1. Capital Campaign to finish the last phase of the church renovation.
2. Pay off the rectory renovations.
3. Improvements to update the school and technology.
4. Establishing some type of financial vehicle to generate funds yearly to improve teacher's salaries.
5. Up-grading the grounds around the school.

We are seeking parish input to help plan the future. Embarking on this quest, we have scheduled a **Town-Hall Meeting for January 16, 2011 starting at 1:30PM in the Church**. Prayerfully consider attending and making your voices heard. This is your chance to help set the direction of our St. Bernard Parish Community!

PARISH COUNCIL

HOSPITAL VISITATION BY PRIESTS AND PARISH MINISTERS

Due to recent federal privacy regulations (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act - HIPAA) and their implementation, health care institutions will no longer initiate notification of St. Bernard Parish for hospitalized parishioners. If you wish parish contact, we ask you or a family member to call the rectory at 551-0269. We also need to be informed if a parishioner moves, is transferred to a nursing home, retirement center, or becomes homebound and wishes to maintain contact with St. Bernard Parish.

****LITURGICAL ROLES****

Saturday 5:00PM (January 1, 2011): Deacon - D. Christensen; Lectors - L. Christensen, J. Kuhns; EMHC - K. Freimuth, D. Kemp, P. Kemp, P. Malcolm, B. Monahan, B. Monahan; Servers - J. Boatwright, C. O'Doherty, E. Palacio.

Sunday 8:00AM (January 2): Lectors - C. Kalkowski, M. Kalkowski; EMHC - P. Gehringer, L. Higgins, J. Kalina; Servers - L. Kalkowski, D. King.

Sunday 10:00AM: Deacon - P. Dreismeier; Lectors - B. Baughman, D. Gross; EMHC - S. Baughman, M. Bodnar, D. Dreismeier, J. Frakes, S. Kilton, M. Siebrandt; Servers - A. Sage, J. Whelan, S. Whelan.

Sunday 12:00PM: Deacon - T. McNeil; Lectors - B. Coffman, P. McNally; EMHC - J. Coffman, L. McNeil; Servers - M. Coffman, A. Patterson.

EMHC for Immanuel Hospital - December 29

P. Chamberlain, E. Kaipust, B. Siebrandt



A Christmas Blessing for the Home

Loving God,
as we gather at Christmas around the manger,
which reminds us of the birth of your Son,
we ask you to dwell in our hearts and our home.

Bless every member of our family,
and strengthen the bond of love among us.
May we joyfully praise you like the angel choir that announced the birth of your Son to the shepherds watching over their flocks.

May we show your love to others with the same brightness of the star that guided the Wise Men to offer gifts to the newborn King.

Make our family holy, just like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, so that we may always live in peace and love.

Amen.



END OF YEAR REMINDER

Any donations to be declared in 2010 must be post-marked or at the rectory by midnight this Friday, December 31. Thank you for your support throughout the year!

INCOME LAST WEEK: Due to the Holiday printing schedule, this information is not available.