

St. Bernard Catholic Church

3601 No. 65th Street Omaha, NE 68104

AUGUST 1, 2010

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH STAFF

(All Phone Numbers are Area Code 402)

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Sam Bandiera

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Readings for the Week of August 1, 2010

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or
15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Saturday: Hb 1:12---2:4/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-
12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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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, AUGUST 1

PANTRY SUNDAY

DONUT SUNDAY

after 8:00 and 10:00AM Masses

8:00AM Knights' Corporate Communion

10:00AM Preschool (Clairvaux)

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30PM Baptism Class (Clairvaux)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00PM St. Vincent de Paul (Clairvaux)

7:00-10:00PM Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00PM Athletic Club (School)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

7:30PM Choir Practice

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

10:00AM Preschool (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 #6 will clean Church on Saturday,

August 7: Capt. Maureen Lamoureux, Jan Lamoureux, Pat Schwarz, Kathy Brutto, Rosanne Chrystal, Judy Mori and John Brutto.

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.



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 contributions.

TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS or for more information call Jerry Siebrandt at 551-9758.



Today's **August 1 Donut Sunday** is hosted by **Religious Formation** and **Knights of Columbus**. 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!

FRANCIS HOUSE: This Friday, August 6, St. Bernard parishioners will serve dinner to the needy at the Francis House. Members of the Tran, Kilton and Monahan families 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 556-1548 as she organizes the volunteers for this ministry.

****RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS****

The Knights of Columbus and Religious Formation Office are hosting "Coffee and Donuts" after the 8:00AM and 10:00AM Masses today. Please come by the school cafeteria to talk to us about Religious Formation and register for the coming classes.



AUGUST 2 - 8, 2010

Monday, August 2
8:00AM Helen Witkowski +
Tuesday, August 3
8:00AM Anthony Falcone +
Wednesday, August 4
8:00AM Greg Frost +
Thursday, August 5
8:00AM Msgr. Robert Gass +
Friday, August 6
8:00AM George Brau +
Saturday, August 7
5:00PM John and Eva Weiss +
Sunday, August 8
8:00AM Parish Family
10:00AM Micki Scheidegger +
12:00PM Frank Huebner +

RECENT FAITH EVENTS: **Baptism:** Myla Rose Emerson (Alexander and Margaret). **Death:** Genevieve Walklin.

What is RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process through which non-baptized and baptized men and women from non-Catholic traditions enter the Catholic Church. These men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Participants undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the Church and was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the normal way adults prepare for baptism. In 1974 the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults was formally approved for use in the United States. The St. Bernard RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions will begin on August 25 at 7:00PM in the Clairvaux Center (rectory basement). If you would like more information, contact Pat Malcolm at 639-3387 or pkmalcolm@cox.net.

S.A.M. INDOOR PICNIC: St. Pius X invites all seniors (over 55) to the annual S.A.M. Indoor Picnic on **Tuesday, August 10**. Rosary is at 10:00AM, Mass at 10:30AM, Lunch at 11:15AM with entertainment following. **The cost is \$9.00** and please **make checks payable to Holy Name. Pre-registration by August 6th, 2010 to Sr. Jessica at 455-6046.**

From the desk of Father Bandiera:

“The most difficult Christian belief is to trust that God forgives and loves us *before* we repent...God’s good news is that he loves us and forgives us not because we repent; rather, we become repentant and transformed *because* God has loved us and forgiven us”. I came across this quote in my recent reading, but I don’t remember who said it. Ultimately it is a message from God. All too often we forget to give God credit for his great love and mercy, so preoccupied are we on our own shortcomings. Yes, we ought to and must regularly assess our own actions and inactions to see where we have gone right and where we have gone wrong; and we do well to confess our sins and be reconciled. Yet before all this, there is the very great and profound fact that God’s love and mercy know no bounds, and this fact remains no matter what we do or fail to do. Knowledge of the constancy of these divine gifts can help us to seek God all the more.

While we regularly seek to find a loophole that doesn’t involve trust or obedience of the other, God (the one who is worthy of our trust and obedience) never turns from us. It is as though the unchanging Love and Mercy that is God stands constantly ready with arms open to embrace us. Still, at times we seem to sit back and ponder whether or not to accept this greatest of gifts. Perhaps this week we can revisit the unfathomable, ineffable reality that is God, who is Love and whose greatest attribute is Mercy. Saint Faustina, in her Divine Mercy meditations, says that even the most hardened sinner, if he/she were to in the slightest way accept the waiting embrace of God’s mercy, will be saved and lovingly brought into the kingdom. And so let us never despair of our sins; rather, let us take every opportunity to grow in relationship with God our Father, his son our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who animates the Good News of God’s unending Love and Mercy.

Sincerely,

Father Sam Bandiera



If you enjoy singing, our parish choir is always in need of new members. If you would like to join them, contact Ryan Weathers at 208-4079 or the Liturgy Office at 639-3387.

****LITURGICAL ROLES****

Saturday 5:00PM (August 7): Deacon - D. Christensen; Lectors - L. Christensen, J. Kuhns; EMHC - K. Freimuth, P. Malcolm, L. Mohr, M. Valasek, C. Wessling, L. Winkler; Servers - K. Mohr, B. Wessling, C. Wessling.
Sunday 8:00AM (August 8): Deacon - E. Osterhaus; Lectors - B. Mausbach, D. Mausbach; EMHC - J. Kalina, S. Osterhaus; Servers - C. Harms, N. Kelly.
Sunday 10:00AM: Deacon - T. McNeil; Lectors - D. Young, D. Young; EMHC - L. McNeil, T. Mueting, C. Nelson, M. Nelson, T. Nelson, P. Sieczkowski; Servers - M. Keyser, N. McGill, K. Sieczkowski.
Sunday 12:00PM: Deacon - P. Dreismeier; Lectors - J. Raleigh, P. Schwarz; EMHC - D. Dreismeier, B. Schwarz; Servers - J. Thoms, J. Westwood.

EMHC for Immanuel Hospital - August 4
T. McNeil, L. McNeil

MARK THIS DATE



The **Feast of St. Bernard** celebration is on **August 22nd** beginning with a **12:00PM Mass**. Lunch will follow. The School will also be open for everyone to see and hear about all the great things happening at St. Bernard. The Feast of St. Bernard offers each of us an opportunity to invite our family, friends and neighbors to see our beautiful church and to hear more about our School, Daycare and Religious Formation programs. Please plan to attend and invite your friends and neighbors.

St. Bernard House Meeting Campaign coming soon! Please plan to be a part of this opportunity to share your concerns and ideas regarding our city, our neighborhoods and our parish. This campaign will be part of a city-wide campaign in OTOC (Omaha Together One Community) congregations all over the city. People of faith will be sharing ideas to build up not only our congregations, but also the wider community that we share. We are planning for strong participation by our St. Bernard community so that the ideas of all in the parish can be heard. We still need more leaders and hosts for meetings. **If you can help, please call Kathy Brutto at 932-8223, Micki Frost at 679-5850 or Sheila Osterhaus at 558-1710.** Training for leaders and hosts will be offered on August 9th and August 14th.

INCOME LAST WEEK:

Sunday Collection for July 25, 2010	\$7,158.00
Our Budgeted Weekly Sunday Goal	\$9,000.00
Fiscal Year Deficit for July 2010	(\$3,347.00)
Second Collection for Rectory Roof Repair - July 25	\$728.00
Rectory Roof Income to Date	\$51,731.00
Rectory Roof Expense to Date	\$158,883.00
Rectory Roof Deficit	(\$107,152.00)