

# St. Bernard Catholic Church

3601 No. 65th Street Omaha, NE 68104

November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent



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### Readings for the Week of November 27, 2011

**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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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 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 the parish or for more information on joining the Catholic Church, call the rectory at 551-0269.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

10:00AM Rite of Welcome at 10:00AM Mass

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:30PM Cub Scouts (School)

7:15PM Bible Study (School)

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:30PM Cub Scouts (School)

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:10AM All School Mass (Church)

6:30PM Religious Formation Classes (School)

6:30PM RCIA (Clairvaux)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30PM Choir Practice (Church)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:15AM Sunday Scripture Study (Clairvaux)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:30-7:00PM Youth Group Meeting (Gym)



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 on Friday, December 2:** Mary Ann Dankert, Paul Cushman, LaNita Wood and Marcy Stefan.



**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.



**DONUT SUNDAY:** Next Sunday's Donut Sunday will be hosted by School Board, Home and School, Child Care and 5 Day School Teachers and Staff. 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, December 2 St. Bernard parishioners will serve dinner to the needy at the Francis House. Kathy Hoff and Dolores Neal are volunteering this month but other volunteers are also needed. 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.

Have a desire to help the less fortunate? Visit with a St. Vincent de Paul member to find various ways you can help. Call Judy Mori at 402-572-8211.

On **Thursday December 8th**, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the **National Day of Prayer for Life** will once again be uniting parishes in an effort to end abortion through Eucharistic Adoration and Prayers of Reparation. **Adoration will begin with Benediction at 1:00PM. Please join us in church then or anytime until 5:00PM.** To schedule your time, please call Rosanne at 402-571-2108 or email [arcdjc620@gmail.com](mailto:arcdjc620@gmail.com).

**\*\*RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS\*\***

**Religious Education classes resume this Wednesday evening at 6:30PM in the school.**



**November 28 - December 4, 2011**

Monday, November 28  
8:00AM Communion Service  
Tuesday, November 29  
8:00AM Deb and Therese Zuerlein +  
Wednesday, November 30  
8:10AM Pat Eckardt +  
Thursday, December 1  
8:00AM Memorial Fund Members  
Friday, December 2  
8:00AM Msgr. Edward McCaslin +  
Saturday, December 3  
5:00PM John and Eva Weiss +  
Sunday, December 4  
8:00AM Laura Piepgras +  
10:00AM Sam Salerno +

Eleanor Spenner, the mother of Fr. Spenner, died last week. Please keep Fr. Spenner and his family in your prayers. Fr Spenner's address is the following:

Fr. Jerome Spenner  
Vianney Residence  
7323 Shirley Street #203  
Omaha, NE 68124

**ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY SCRIP EARLY!**

Please remember to buy your holiday scrip early. Feel free to check out the website [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) to see what retailers are available. Some retailers are offering special discounts, so help us out even more by purchasing those gift cards. **The last order of the year will go in on Monday, December 12. This scrip order should be back to St. Bernard School by December 16. You can pick up your scrip order at school until 4:00PM on Tuesday, December 20.**

For those who took a *free copy* if "Give Us This Day" the new monthly publication from Liturgical Press and would like to subscribe, please use the following instructions. Remember for every subscription established by a parishioner, our parish earns \$5.00 in credit toward purchases from Liturgical Press. To earn that credit for St. Bernard Catholic Church, please use the promotion code TDBR5076 when you subscribe online at [www.giveusthisday.org](http://www.giveusthisday.org) or call 800-858-5450.

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.

*From your pastor,*

Recent Census data in Nebraska and nationally shows that poverty is on the rise. In 2010, 18% or almost one in five, Nebraska children was living in poverty. The Census Bureau recently released information that indicates that nearly 50 million Americans - more than 16% of our population, or about 1 in 5 people - is living in poverty.

As a parish, we provide direct assistance to the poor through our St. Vincent de Paul Society. We have a food pantry, and we provide some emergency help to families in crisis. Other local charities such as Francis/Sienna House and Catholic Charities also provide some assistance to the poor of our area. However, the needs of poor, elderly and low income families are far greater than any non-profit charity's means or ability.

Important government sponsored safety net programs should be protected from severe cuts. Programs like SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid and the Earned Income Tax Credit have in the past, lifted many families out of poverty. They are in danger of possible large cuts.

Medicare and Medicaid are crucial safety-net programs for the elderly, people with disabilities and our state's poorest children. Severe cuts to Medicaid or Medicare will have a real and significant impact on the quality of life for these groups. Access to health care is a critical component of healthy development in childhood and security in old age. About 25% of our state's children rely on Medicaid for access to health insurance. Many of our state's seniors could not access health care without Medicaid.

The Catholic bishops of the United States are asking us to keep these points in mind as voters and citizens. As Catholics, we need to defend the basic human rights of all people - especially the poor.

Sincerely yours,

*Fr. Gerald P. Melchior, JCL*

**ATTENTION LECTORS:** The new "2012 Workbook for Lectors" is now available. Please pick up a copy in the sacristy after Mass or contact Andy Walsh at 402-551-0269 to obtain a copy.



*ST. BERNARD  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS*

**CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS for Nov. 28 - Dec. 2**

- Monday: Ella Jane Bailey and Jean Kalina
- Tuesday: Laretta Simon and Help Needed
- Wednesday: Sharon Anderson and Help Needed
- Thursday: Lori Mai and Elaine Tyler
- Friday: LaNita Wood and Kersten Borer

**\*\*LITURGICAL ROLES\*\***

**Saturday 5:00PM (December 3):** Deacon - P. Dreismeier; Lectors - D. Respeliers, J. Kuhns; EMHC - A. Chrystal, C. Wessling; Servers - R. Gudenrath, R. Tsoka, J. Boatwright.

**Sunday 8:00AM (December 4):** Lectors - D. Fus, B. Babb; EMHC - B. Lamoureux, A. Chamberlain, P. Chamberlain; Servers - D. King, N. Kelly.

**Sunday 10:00AM:** Deacon - T. McNeil; Lectors - C. Goodman II, D. Kemp; EMHC - T. Mueting, M. Arthur, C. Nelson, T. Nelson, P. Sieczkowski, D. Gross; Servers - J. Whelan, S. Whelan, N. Bekaert.

**EMHC for Immanuel Hospital - November 30**  
P. Chamberlain, E. Kaipust



**TAPESTRY OF LIGHT:  
A CELTIC CHRISTMAS  
CELEBRATION**

**Performed by  
St. Bernard/St. Pius Choirs  
December 18 at 7:00PM in St. Bernard Church**

**PRO-LIFE TELEVISION ADS:** The Archbishop has asked all parishes of the Archdiocese to join the other dioceses in Nebraska to take part in the Virtue media campaign that will air powerful pro-life television ads in Nebraska in upcoming months. Envelopes for this fundraiser are available at each church entrance. Please take one if you are interested in supporting this important effort.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING**

Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, December 4** from **5:30 - 7:00PM** in the gym.

**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.

**INCOME LAST WEEK:**

Sunday Collection for November 20, 2011 ..... \$8,459.00  
Our Budgeted Weekly Sunday Goal ..... \$9,640.00

**\$1.5 Million Capital Campaign Update as of November 20**  
Total Amount Pledged ..... \$609,065.00  
Total Amount Collected for Capital Campaign.. \$160,814.00