

St. Bernard Catholic Church

3601 No. 65th Street Omaha, NE 68104

December 25, 2011

The Nativity of the Lord



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Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

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

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

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

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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

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

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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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:30PM School Recruitment Meeting (School)
7:00-10:00PM Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30PM Choir Practice (Church)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:15AM Sunday Scripture Study (Clairvaux)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

MASS TIME: 5:00PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 - Solemnity of Mary

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

8:00AM Knights Corporate Communion (Church)



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 #4 will clean church on Friday, December 30: Colleen Rickabaugh, Bev Mausbach, Karen Kafka, Lauretta Simon, Lino Thomas and Trish Smith.

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.



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 donations.



NO DONUT SUNDAY ON JANUARY 1. OUR NEXT DONUT SUNDAY WILL BE JANUARY 15 and will be hosted by Social Justice, OTOC, and Christian Family Movement.

Have a desire to help the less fortunate? Visit with a St. Vincent de Paul member to find various ways you can help. Call Grant Hrabovsky at 402-571-9587.

LOST AND FOUND: 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're 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

No Religious Education classes on December 28. Classes resume on January 4 at 6:30PM.



DECEMBER 26, 2011 - JANUARY 1, 2012

Monday, December 26
8:00AM Communion Service

Tuesday, December 27
8:00AM Pat Eckardt +

Wednesday, December 28
8:00AM Bette J. Rudloff +

Thursday, December 29
8:00AM Donald J. Korinek +

Friday, December 30
8:00AM Dorothy Dobesh +

Saturday, December 31
5:00PM Darrell Eckardt +

Sunday, January 1
8:00AM Mary Jean Nauslar +
10:00AM Parish Family

RECENT FAITH EVENTS: Death: Al Ballweg (Brother-in-law of Bernie Mlnarik and Uncle of Joe Mlnarik).



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

Please keep this area clean.

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 next year. 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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION 2011-2012!

Join members of Pro Sanctity and the parish of St. James for a New Year's Eve Hour of Prayer for Peace, Midnight Mass and breakfast. Bring the New Year in with prayer. We will be praying in union with Mary, Mother of God, for Peace - in our world, in our nation and in our hearts! Schedule:

10:00PM - Rosary and quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament

11:00PM - Holy Hour in Preparation for the New Year
12:00 Midnight Mass in Honor of Mary, Mother of God

* Reconciliation will be available from 10:00-11:30PM
Hot Breakfast will follow! (a love offering). Bring goodies to share! Come for all or part of the evening.

Where: St. James Parish, 9025 Larimore (one block south of Fort Street on 90th). Need a ride: Call 402-289-2670 or 402-553-4418. St. James and Pro Sanctity co-sponsored event.

From your pastor,

On behalf of our entire parish community, I would like to wish each one of you a very Merry Christmas. I would also like to thank everyone who worked so hard to prepare for our Christmas Masses. Musicians, lectors, servers, EMHCs, and liturgy committee members all helped to make this a special experience for everyone.


May God bless you and your families.

Fr. Gerald Melchior, JCL
Pastor

As an honorary chief of the Igbo people in Nigeria, I have been invited to make a return visit to a village in that country. I will be leaving for Nigeria on Christmas day. I will also be visiting Ghana for a few days. I will return to the parish on January 7. I will be available in the parish office on January 10. I will be traveling with my priest friend Fr. Chi Igboanus. He is a priest of the Omaha Archdiocese who is serving as chaplain for Roncalli High School.

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

LOOKING FOR A OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE? Would you consider becoming a Mentor to a young mother? 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.



ST. BERNARD
CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

CHRISTMAS BREAK: NO SCHOOL THIS WEEK

END OF YEAR REMINDER

Any donations to be declared in 2011 must be postmarked or at the rectory by midnight this Saturday, December 31. Thank you for your support throughout the year!

****LITURGICAL ROLES****

Saturday 5:00PM (December 31): Deacon - T. McNeil; Lectors - R. Chrystal, A. Chrystal; EMHC - L. McNeil, J. Kalina. Servers needed.

Sunday 8:00AM (January 1): Lector - E. Bailey; EMHC - J. O'Neill, J. Zuerlein, A. Chamberlain; Server - N. Gallo-way.

Sunday 10:00AM: Lectors - B. Baughman, D. Gross; EMHC - S. Baughman, G. Reding; Server - M. Coffman.

EMHC for Immanuel Hospital - December 28
 R. Eklund, L. Mohr, J. Siebrandt

- 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

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 evening 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, KidCare 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.

INCOME LAST WEEK:

Sunday Collection for December 18, 2011	\$9,054.00
Our Budgeted Weekly Sunday Goal	\$9,640.00
\$1.5 Million Capital Campaign Update as of December 19:	
Total Amount Pledged	\$609,615.00
Total Amount Collected for Capital Campaign..	\$170,917.00