

# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

2400 Bell Avenue | Rockford, IL 61103 | 815-968-0904  
Parish Website: [www.stbernadetterockford.com](http://www.stbernadetterockford.com)

## Parish Priests

Rev. Kenneth Stachyra, Pastor  
Rev. Ricardo Hernandez, Parochial Vicar

## Deacons

Rich Gerdeman ..... (Retired)  
Ron Meadors.....815-637-4821  
Gregg Cox .....815-964-0528

## Mass Schedule

Saturdays .....4:45 PM (Sunday Obligation)  
Sundays .....8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## Weekdays:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday ----- 6:30 AM  
Monday—Saturday -----8:00 AM

## Holy Days of Obligation

6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM & 5:30 PM

## Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office at 968-0904 to make arrangements. This can be done prior to the birth of your child.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least six months in advance. Individuals must be at least 19 years of age. No final wedding date guaranteed by phone. Couples must meet with the Pastor and participate in assessment and instructional process.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

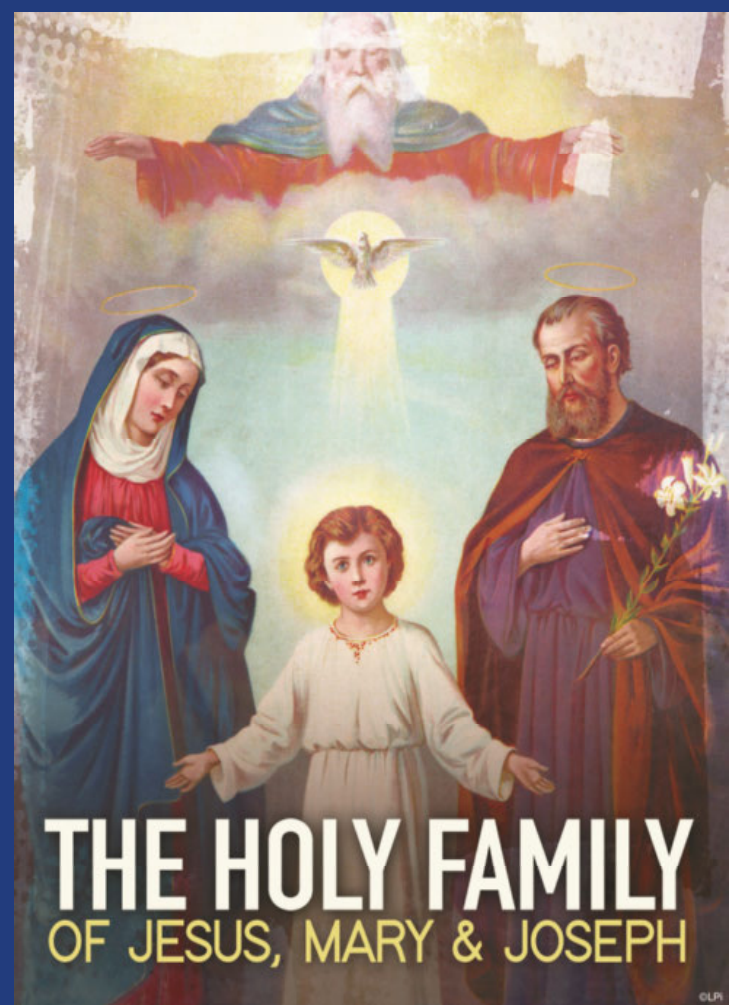
Saturday—After the 8:00 A.M. Mass  
Saturday—3:30 P.M.—4:15 P.M.  
Any Time by Appointment

## Religious Education

Classes for public grammar school students Wednesday  
6:30 - 7:30 PM Contact Religious Education  
Coordinator, Kevin Rilott, 815-494-0333

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*The Most Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
December 26, 2021*



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

**Parish Office Hours & Phone: 968-0904 Fax: 815-987-9476**  
Monday thru Wednesday ----- 8:30 AM — 2:00 PM  
Thursday & Friday ----- 8:30 AM — 12:00 PM

## Our Lady of Lourdes Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday ----- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Wednesday ----- 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

The chapel is located in the SW corner of the Parish grounds.

## Other Parish Staff Phone Numbers:

Business Manager, Carrie Flanagan ----- 968-0904  
Contemporary Choir, Kathy Cecchetti ----- 973-0632  
Arts & Environment, Kathie Welte ----- 978-7638  
Seniors, Diane Cattani ----- 962-8277  
Ladies of St. Bernadette, Mary Cox ----- 964-0528  
Sacristan, Carl Rossato ----- 968-5438  
Religious Education, Kevin Rilott ----- 815-494-0333  
stbre@comcast.net

## Sacristan and Adoration Chapel Coordinator:

Kevin Rilott ----- 815-494-0333  
RCIA Coordinators  
Steve & Luana Francisco ----- 815-540-8883

## Head Ushers:

4:45 PM Carm Cascio 8:00 AM Alex Haffenden  
9:30 AM Tom Hooker 11:00 AM John Corcoran

## Compassion Ministry Coordinators,

Ron & Becca Meadors ----- 637-4821  
K of C Auxiliary #15530, Cyndi Haffenden ----- 633-0106  
Knights of Columbus

Council #15530 --- John Corcoran, GK -- 815-742-6343

# WORSHIP WITH US

## **MASS**

At this time, reservations are **NO LONGER REQUIRED** for Sunday and Weekday Masses.

Please note:

- Face masks and social distancing **ARE** again required starting on August 30, 2021, even for those who are fully vaccinated.
- We ask that you respect the social distancing needs for those who are not vaccinated or feel more comfortable being seated near others who are also wearing masks.
- Bulletins are again being distributed at all Masses
- Missals / songbooks have been returned to the pews
- Holy water is available at the exits of the church.
- The collection basket will remain at the entrance of the Church by the Blessed Mother statue.



### **THE MONEY COUNTERS NEED YOUR HELP:**

Please mark the outside of your Sunday envelopes with the amount of your contribution and the check number or the word "cash". Thank you!

**Online Giving** is the electronic way to participate in St. Bernadette's weekly offertory. To sign up :

1. Visit our church website at [stbernadetterockford.com](http://stbernadetterockford.com) and click on the online giving link.
2. Schedule your one-time or recurring gift.

If you have any questions about online giving, call Carrie in the Church office (815) 968-0904.

## VOLUNTEER



Ruthie's Kitchen is located at Zion Lutheran Church in Rockford. Ruthie's provides hot meals on weekends for our neighbors who are struggling or homeless.

Before Covid, we had a crew from St. Bernadette that prepared lunch on an occasional Saturday. We have been asked to help again – **WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED?** We would like to form a St. Bernadette Crew.

If you can help, you would be asked to assist in preparing a lunch in the Zion Lutheran kitchen & help serve the lunch you prepared. You would be working with fellow parishioners from St. Bernadette Church no more than one Saturday every other month.

If you can help or would like more information, please contact Kevin at 815-494-0333/[stbre@comcast.net](mailto:stbre@comcast.net).

This is my home ...  
We are Family  
December 12

Sunday Envelopes	\$11,205.00
Sunday Offertory	\$ 408.80
	<b>\$11,613.80</b>
On Line Giving	\$ 1,295.00
	<b>\$12,908.80</b>
Votive Lights	\$ 45.00
Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Holy Day	\$ 638.00
Mission Appeal	\$ 100.00
Christmas	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$17,701.80</b>



Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!



### Reminders

January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2022, and so Mass attendance is not required for Saturday, January 1.

The Parish Office will be closed on December 24, December 27, December 31, and January 3.

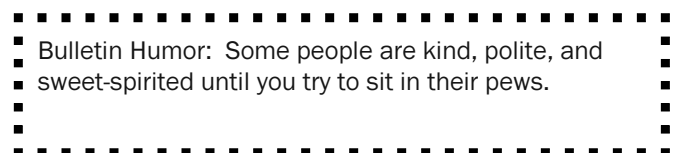
The Adoration Chapel will be closed on December 27, 2021, and January 3, 2022.



### DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH FOR 2021

Any donations intended for 2021 must be dated 2021 and received by January 6, 2022; otherwise, the donation will be credited to 2022.

By the end of January, the Parish Office will be sending year end statements to all parishioners who have made contributions of \$250.00 or more.



Bulletin Humor: Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**  
**December 26**



Fitzgerald Funeral Home has provided the 2022 Religious Art Calendars to St. Bernadette Church. We are grateful for this donation.

Thank you Fitzgeralds!

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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**YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED**

We are in the process of planning educational & social events for the parish for the coming year in 2022. These events would include, for example, speakers, community prayer & Rosary, movies, etc. We would like for as many people to attend as possible. Therefore, we are asking for your input as to days and times that would enable you to attend events most frequently. Please complete the attached form by checking preferred days & times & then return it by placing it in the collection basket or by dropping it off to the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin at 815-494-0333/stbre@comcast.net

**Best Times to Attend Events at St. Bernadette**

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

Other Ideas/Comments:

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Please return to collection basket or office.



**Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program**

Volunteers for Catholic Charities Long-Term Ombudsman Program visit nursing home residents & provide confidential assistance.

Ombudsmen provide information on the rights of nursing home residents & advocate for individuals to receive the highest quality of life & care. Catholic Charities provides this non-denominational service to elders in 9 counties of Northern Illinois & works in conjunction with the Illinois Department on Aging. As a volunteer ombudsman, you will be able to make a difference & have a rewarding experience as an advocate for residents of long-term care facilities.

Training sessions for volunteers will soon be scheduled. For more information or to register to attend the training, please call Christine Adams at 800-369-0895 or e-mail at [cadams@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:cadams@rockforddiocese.org).

We hope you will please consider becoming a volunteer for the Catholic Charities Long-Term Ombudsman Program.



## Liturgical Roles: Jan. 1 – Jan. 2, 2022

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, January 1:

4:45 P.M. Diane Didier Adolphson

Sunday, January 2:

8:00 A.M. Joanne DeCastris

9:30 A.M. Sue Hammack

11:00 A.M. Andy Didier

### Lectors

Saturday, January 1:

4:45 P.M. Rudy Wirth

Sunday, January 2:

8:00 A.M. Marianne Musso

9:30 A.M. Phil Spataro

11:00 A.M. Luana Francisco

## WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

### Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021

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Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1

Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn

20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5–2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt

2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6

[11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/

Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn

1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal

4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### Observances for the Week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday:

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

## **-Mass Intentions-**

**FOR THE WEEK OF December 26 — January 2**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 25 — December 26**

**4:45 PM NO MASS**

8:00 AM † Peggy Leon (Family)

† Stephen Cain (Family)

9:30 AM † Joseph & Carmelina Cicio, Jr. (Nancy Waters)

11:00 AM For Our Parishioners

**Monday, December 27**

8:00 AM † The Twins (Family)

**Tuesday, December 28**

6:30 AM In Thanksgiving (Marianne Musso)

8:00 AM † Gene Readette (Marilyn Groves)

† John Vitale (Marcia Vitale)

**Wednesday, December 29**

6:30 AM † Father Anthony Pantyra

8:00 AM † William DeVita (Lucille Kennedy)

**Thursday, December 30**

8:00 AM † Eva Huene (Family)

**Friday, December 31**

6:30 AM † Father Anthony Pantyra

8:00 AM † Gene Readette (Marilyn Groves)

**Saturday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God**

8:00 AM Increased Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Marianne Musso)

4:45 PM For Our Parishioners

**Sunday, January 2—Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM † Amy Nicosia (Marianne Musso)

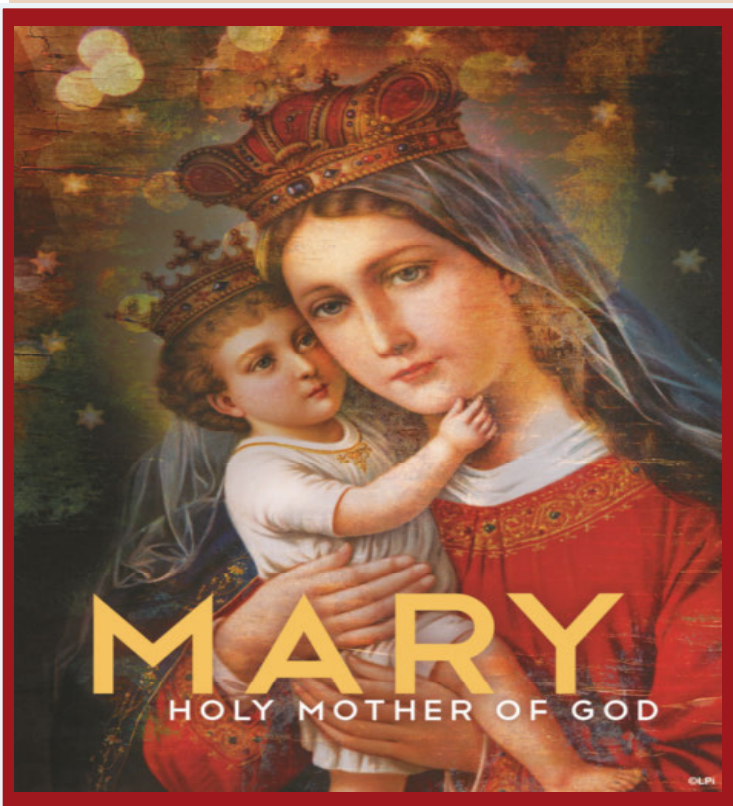
9:30 AM † Daniel & Joan Kelly (Joe & Cookie Scandrolì)

11:00 AM † Diane Abel Judy (Elizabeth Powers)

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*Baby James & Adam Morse*

(Requested by Grandma Martha Bauch)





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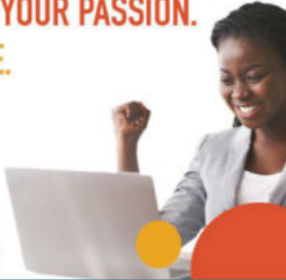
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