

# SAINT Bernadette PARISH

DECEMBER 26, 2021 | THE NATIVITY/THE HOLY FAMILY | LEMAY, MISSOURI

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday Vigil  
Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 am

### WEEKDAY

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am  
Friday Communion Service 8:00 am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 pm or by appointment

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert Reiker	Pastor
Dn. Michael L. Buckley	Deacon
Dn. Phillip Warren	Deacon
Sister Ruth Emke, SSND	Office Manager
Sister Kathy Kull, SSND	Liturgy Director
Mrs. Sue Majchrzak	PSR Director
Mr. Joe Simpson	Music Director

## PARISH OFFICE

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[www.churchofsaintbernadette.org](http://www.churchofsaintbernadette.org)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM—3:30 pm  
Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 pm

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR CLASSES 9:00 to 10:15 am  
Sunday Mornings September to April  
phone: 314-892-6882 (Parish Office)



# The Nativity of the Lord

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God, in the Parish of St. Bernadette, understanding ourselves to be a part of the Universal Church, have received the call of His son Jesus through Baptism and Confirmation, to be His disciples and to spread and promote the Kingdom of God in faith and prayer through Christian worship, education, and service. The Council, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and nourished by the Sacraments, attempts to listen to the needs and furnish leadership to the people of St. Bernadette. We do this to serve our God and to develop in our parish, His presence as the source and cause of our common Christian life and holiness.

## Mass from St. Bernadette



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# -SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021-

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptisms

Sunday after 10:30 am Mass. Registered parishioners should contact the Rectory Office at least three weeks prior to desired date. Baptisms are not usually celebrated during Lent.

### Matrimony

Registered Parishioners should make arrangements with the priest of the parish as soon as you are seriously contemplating marriage - at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings are strongly discouraged during Lent and Octave of Easter.

### Communion Calls

Holy Communion is brought to the homebound of the Parish Family. If you would like Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for someone in your household, notify the parish office. Also notify us if someone is in the hospital or a nursing home.

### PRAYER NETWORK

Prayer Works! Parishioners are ready to pray for those in need. Ask and it shall be given to you. Contact Audrey at 487-6077.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send bulletin items to the Parish Office in writing by 2:00 pm each Monday for the upcoming weekend. You may choose to send them via email at [secretary@stbernadetteleamay.org](mailto:secretary@stbernadetteleamay.org)



Bart Castelli	Genevieve Zimmer
Sr. Phyllis Ann Price	Ed Neiter
Jan Buckley	Eileen & Harold Howard
Fr. Bob Reiker	Ken Smith
Barbara Eichhorst	Wally Perks
Kathy Weber	Viola Finch
Sandy Warren	
Fr. Gary Faust	<i>(Please let Sr. Ruth know if you would like to be put on this prayer list or be taken off it.)</i>
Rita Wiesehan	
Carole Benedick	

### **Ministers for the Weekend of January 2, 2021**

Please sign up for the liturgical ministries on the papers in the back of church on the bulletin board.

The regular schedules will resume next week, January 9th .

Thank you!



## SUNDAY OFFERTORY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 12, 2021

<b>Sunday Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 3,720.00</b>
<b>Sunday Loose Offering</b>	<b>\$ 845.00</b>
<b>Online Electronic Giving</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>
<b>Total Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$ 5,015.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Amount</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Year-to-date Budget</b>	<b>\$120,000.00</b>
<b>Year-to-date Actual</b>	<b>\$ 115,786.00</b>
<b>Budget surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>\$(4,214.00)</b>
<b>Special Collections:</b>	
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 562.00</b>
<b>Christmas Offering</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Other Special Collections</b>	<b>\$ 399.00</b>

### Mass Intentions for 2022

We have a lot of free dates for Mass intentions in the new year. If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, come to the parish office or drop the information in the Sunday collection. The usual Mass stipend is now \$10.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 25

9:00am Marilyn Arras

### Sunday, December 26

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am Gary Sorth

### Monday, December 27

8:00am Joanne Franklin

### Tuesday, December 28

8:00am Chris Swinhart

### Wednesday, December 29

8:00am In Thanksgiving-PP

### Thursday, December 30

8:00 am St. B Purgatorial Society

### Friday, December 31

4:00 pm Terry Baum

### Saturday, January 1

9:00 am Rick Allgeyer

### Sunday, January 2

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am In Thanksgiving-PP

## - THE NATIVITY/THE HOLY FAMILY -



Fr. Bob's Column

### SUNDAY, FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

This is indeed a Sunday bulletin, but it will also be available for the Christmas Masses because of the proximity of Sunday to Christmas. However, no problem! These two feasts of the Nativity of our Lord and the Holy Family are like two video clips from Jesus' early life placed in one DVD.

Christmas is really a solemnity that truly lasts for two weeks (remember the "12 days of Christmas") up to and including the Baptism of Jesus. What we are celebrating is the doctrine of the incarnation – the most fundamental Christian belief that God's Son, second Person of the Trinity, became human. Both his divine nature and human nature are fused together into one person. The divine became human so that the humans could be saved and live with the divine forever. No wonder Christmas is such a big celebration in the life of the Church. It is much more than a lovely baby being born in Bethlehem. It is God becoming one of us to save us! For this reason, it is indeed a Merry Christmas!

The Feast of the Holy Family provides us with a snapshot of Joseph, Mary and Jesus, a shining example of family life in their mutual love and patience, and also their obedience to God's will for them. The Holy Family of Bethlehem and Nazareth shows us how to live together in peace.



Fr. Bob's Column Continued



Fr. Bob's Column Continued...

### A BLESSING AND A WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR CHRISTMAS GUESTS!

The St. Bernadette Parish Family is always glad "to have company" for these holy days. If you have not been here to celebrate the Eucharist for a while, we are glad to have you back. If you are joining us with some of your family or friends, we hope you feel at home here. If you are just visiting from out of town, we pray that your stay here will be delightful and spiritually uplifting. A blessed and holy Christmas Season to all!

### SEMINARY COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS – THIS WEEKEND

The extra envelope in your monthly packet for Christmas is to support our St. Louis seminarians preparing for priesthood in our archdiocese at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Please be generous so that we can have well prepared priests for our parishes in the future.

### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Often at the end of the calendar year, parish members look to catch up on Sunday offerings that they may have missed during the year, or they want to make a larger "end of year" contribution. Just remember that to count that as a 2021 tax deduction, it must be in to the Parish Office by Friday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

**ST. BERNADETTE PARISH FAMILY IS GRATEFUL** to the family of the late Bob and Jean Koebbe for sending to our parish a \$5,000 grant from the Koebbe Family Fund in memory of their parents, long-time members of St. Bernadette Parish.

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - A HOLY FEAST DAY

As the Church in its liturgy of the Christmas Season continues to celebrate important mysteries of our faith, on this Friday and Saturday we remember and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary whom God found favor with to give her the privilege to have the Son of God become incarnate within her body. Mary gave birth to Jesus, God's only Son, and the world has never been the same since. Thank you, Mary, for cooperating with God's plan of salvation for all of us. Come celebrate this mystery:

**New Year's Eve, Fri. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, Mass at 4:00pm**

**New Year's Day, Sat. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, Mass at 9:00am**

[ NO Saturday evening Mass at 4pm ]



## WEEKLY READINGS - December 26, 2021

- Sunday: The Holy Family**  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
Lk 2:41-52
- Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**  
1 Jn 1:1-4  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
1 Jn 1:5—2:2  
Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**  
1 Jn 2:3-11  
Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday: Weekday**  
1 Jn 2:12-17  
Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve**  
1 Jn 2:18-21  
Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace**  
Nm 6:22-27  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;**  
Is 60:1-6  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12

### The Giving Tree

You did it once again. We may be small here at St. Bernadette but your generosity is tremendous. I can't thank all of you enough for your giving - you have helped to make Christmas a little brighter for many in our community.



Merry Christmas to all and a  
Happy New Year!

Karen Miller

### 50 Plus News from Kathy Gillis, President

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the Christmas Party.

Our next meeting will be January 27th at 1pm. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift from home...something you no longer need or use...but nice for someone else to win. And come ready to share laughter and fun together.

Also, please bring your membership dues of \$7.50. If you bring a check, make it out to 50 Plus Club.

If the Mehlville School district closes school due to bad weather on our meeting day, then our meeting will be cancelled.

Merry Christmas and have a safe, Happy New Year!



- PARISH ACTIVITIES -

- ◇ Christmas Eve Mass - 4pm & 6pm
- ◇ Christmas Day Mass - 9am
- ◇ Sunday, Dec. 26th Mass - 8am & 10:30am (NO PSR Classes)
- ◇ Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 27th.
- ◇ NO Bible Study this week.
- ◇ Mass Monday through Thursday at 8am. Perpetual Help devotions follow the 8am Mass on Wednesday.
- ◇ NO Communion Service this Friday, Dec. 31st.
- ◇ New Year's Eve Mass - 4pm
- ◇ New Year's Day Mass - 9am
- ◇ Sunday, Jan. 2nd Mass - 8am & 10:30am (NO PSR Classes)



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