

St. Bernadette Altar Society Minutes – September 3, 2026

Members in attendance: 39

6:15 – 6:30 Communion service in the church celebrated by Deacon Gray Krupa.

6:35 Mary welcomed the Altar Society members, including a new-comer, Linda Wiesen. Happy birthday wishes were conveyed to the members who celebrated birthdays in June through September. We prayed the opening prayer and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterwards, we enjoyed a delectable potluck dinner.

7:00 Induction of new officers: Deacon Gary installed the new officers for the upcoming 2026-27 year. Sue Miller was appointed treasurer and Michelle Varney was appointed vice president. President Mary Blaszak and Secretary Chris Kenny will continue in their current offices.

7:15 The meeting came to order. The members read the May meeting minutes, which were approved by Jodi Ronnfeldt and seconded by Margaret McCoy. Correspondence included a thank you card from Rose Ciurej (woman of the year award), a thank you card from the Serra Club (\$250 donation), and the Badura family (funeral luncheon). Sue Miller read the treasurer's report. The ending balance of the savings account is \$15,862.62; ending balance of the checking account is \$2,487.72. A \$2,980 down payment was made to Cosgrave's for the new altar clothes. The report was approved by Rosary Sorensen, seconded by Mary Sporcic.

New Business:

Alpha begins Monday September 14th at Holy Ghost. Rose Tselentis spoke about Alpha and how Jesus has called us all to be mission disciples. We voted to donate \$200 to the Alpha program to offset the cost of food and supplies.

A tour of the northeast churches of Nebraska will be on October 23. The cost is \$125, and all members are welcome to attend.

We will again be helping out with meals for a couple of the PRE confirmation dinners.

BEAP bake sale will be held after masses on September 19th and 20th. Pat Blankenship and Mary Sporcic are the OWLS. Please bake and sign up to work the sale.

Annette Jordan talked about the St. Elena Prayer Room, a parish prayer team for St. Elena, and a retreat that she is co-directing at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler.

Members voted to donate \$25 to the St. Vincent DePaul Society in remembrance of any future deceased member of the St. Bernadette Altar Society.

The stained-glass window project for the church is still a work-in-progress.

OUCCW is again hosting a diaper drive in October. Collection boxes will be found outside of the church. Theresa Yost, Mariann Kokotajlo, and Sue Miller will be coordinating the event.

The 8th Grade Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for November 15. Vicky Parr has asked if the Altar Society would be interested in hosting a bake sale or a raffle at this event. More information to follow.

The Altar Society has been asked to host a Lenten reception on either March 14th, 15th, or 16th. Cookies and punch will be served.

Our May, 2027 meeting has been moved to May 13th, due to a scheduling conflict with the school.

Holy Ghost's turkey dinner is scheduled for November 8th.

Bingo winners were Cheryl Adamson and Shayla Stanek.

Split the pot winner was Linda Harvey.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.