Catholic Parishes in Partnership

St. Bonaventure, Raeville | St. Boniface, Elgin | St. John the Baptist, Deloit
St. John the Baptist, Petersburg | St. Peter de Alcántara, Ewing | St. Theresa, Clearwater

Rev. John Norman | Pastor **Rev. Joseph Sund | Associate Pastor**

Emergency only: 402-578-0626 | **Staff Listing** CPPnebraska.org/staff
Office address: 207 N 4th Street, Petersburg, NE 68652
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SPE=Ewing, STC=Clearwater, SJD=Deloit
SJP=Petersburg, SBR=Raeville, SBE=Elgin

Bulletin submissions due Monday by 12pm

submit to: bulletin@cppnebraska.org

Date	Time	Event
Mon Feb 5	8:15 AM	Communion Service SBE
Mon Feb 5	7:30 PM	Rosary/Meditation SJD
Tues Feb 6	7:30 PM	KC Meeting Elgin
Wed Feb 7	5:00 PM	Confessions SBE
Wed Feb 7	6-7:00 PM	Family Formation Clearwater Site. Class Only
Wed Feb 7	6-7:15 PM	Family Formation Neligh Site. Mass/Class
Wed Feb 7	Follow Schedule	PRE/Religious Education
Thur Feb 8	8:30 AM - Noon	Morning Mass Adoration to Follow SPE
Sat Feb 10	--	--
Sun Feb 11	World Marriage Day	

If you would like something in the bulletin, posted on Facebook, the website, Flocknote, or added to the calendar:
please submit your information to
bulletin@cppnebraska.org
(*by Mondays at 12:00PM for the bulletin please!)*
If you send your information to this email address, it is sure to be seen and addressed by the bulletin editor & communications department.
As we continue to move forward on our Journey of Faith,
many changes are happening.
We are all on this journey together,
and we are all experiencing change.
May we all encounter others with humility, grace, patience and understanding.
One thing we know that never changes is our Lord.
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. - Hebrews 13:8

February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Journey of Faith

1 Family, 2 parishes, 8 Churches

As we move towards July and the proposed parish mergers (going from 8 parishes with 8 churches into 2 parishes with 8 churches), Archbishop Lucas has asked us for suggestions for new names for the 2 parishes. This is asking one of the saints in heaven to pray for each of the new parishes formed in this process. This does not change any of the church names. Each of the 8 church buildings has been consecrated to their specific saint, so their name cannot, and will not change.

The deadline for submission is Monday, February 12.

The FPPT (Family of Parishes Planning Team), which has a representative from each of the 8 church communities, will meet to compile the names and submit three name suggestions for each of the two new parish entities (six names will be sent in total) to Archbishop Lucas. He will then ultimately choose a name for each new parish entity. He is not required to choose from the names that are submitted, though he has asked for input from all of us, so let's give him our best ideas!
We've received 50 submissions so far. Some suggestions are the same, and some did not meet the criteria.

The link to submit your name ideas: https://cppnebraska.org/names

Upcoming Fish Fries

-Friday, February 9
Pre-Lenten
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
KC Hall Elgin
Sponsored by EMCC with proceeds going to Knights of Columbus

-Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday
American Legion in Clearwater
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

-Friday, March 8
Elgin KC Hall

-Friday, March 22
St. John's (Deloit)

-Every Friday during Lent
Petersburg Legion Club

-Every Friday during Lent
Albion KC Hall

St. Boniface Calendar Lottery Winners for January 2024

Weekday Calendar Lottery Winners for $60:
Debra Hemenway, Paul & Brenda Kuhlman, Tom & Joyce Diedrichsen, John & Tracy Beckman, Joyce Holliday, Shelley Bode, Karlie Shoemaker, Max Borer, Steve Lodge, Mark Allemang, Lucas Cianciolo, Jadelynn Parks, Dan Zwingman, Fr. Own Korte, Merle & Emily Borer, Kohl Buitenveld, Bart & Bobbie Moseman, Ace Pelster, John & Patty Thiele, Deanne & Dan Schrage, Roger & Mary Kay Ternus, John & Tracy Beckman, Aspen Hambleton, Lucy Score, Jen Anderson, Bre Bartak

Sunday Calendar Lottery Winners for $75:
Denis & Jan Henn, Keith & Lori Stieren, Travis & Angie Baumann, Andy Beckman

Mary, Mother of God on January 1 for $100:
Briggs, Emersyn, Lane & Fallon Heying

Congratulations to the January winners!
Thank You for your support of our Catholic Schools!

Parish Grouping Office Hours

MAIN OFFICE
Petersburg
207 N. 4th Street
(open/In-Person Hours)
Monday Closed
Tuesday 10:30 am - Noon & 1 - 4 pm
Wed, Thurs, & Fri 9:30 am - Noon

When calling the parish offices, please call 402-843-2345
(This will give you an option to connect to a priest in the event of emergency)

SATELLITE OFFICES
Elgin
No longer holding office hours.
Still used as meeting space when needed
301 S. 2ND STREET, ELGIN, NE 68636
(Still checking office door and PO Box B weekly)
Ewing
220 W. US HWY 275, EWING, NE 68735
Tuesday & Thursday mornings
9:00 am - Noon
(Still checking PO Box 37 regularly)

Deacon Dennis Wiehn 402-843-0182
Deacon John Starman 402-843-8393
Deacon William Camp (retired) 402-843-5464
Sister Patricia Hoffman (retired) 402-843-5461

ASH WEDNESDAY
Mass Schedule for February 14

6:30am St. John's Deloit
8:15am St. Boniface, Elgin, School Mass
8:30am St. Francis, Neligh
5:30pm St. Francis, Neligh
6:30pm St. Theresa's, Clearwater
7:00pm St. John's, Petersburg
7:30pm OLMC, Tilden

Note Pope John is hosting the Red Cross blood drive. Before and after giving blood, it is okay to eat based on medical necessity for donations. Still refrain from meat.

St. Bonaventure, Raeville

~ Raeville parishioners are asked to please pick up raffle booklets in the back of church and begin selling for our *March 3rd Breakfast Raffle*. Extra booklets are also there if you need more.

~ Anyone from the St. Bonaventure parish that would like to take a Christmas flower plant home after Mass on February 4th is welcome to do so. (Plastic bags in the Sacristy to put them in.) Thank You!

Raeville Furnace Project
The furnace project is installed & completed.
The cost is $22,400
Donated to date: $ 11,752.64
Still needed: $10,647.36

Families Save the Dates
****Gratia****
Girls Retreat for upcoming 4th through 6th grades will be held July 9-10, 2024 at Tintern
****Legion of Joseph****
Boys Retreat for upcoming 5th through 7th Grades will be held July 17-18, 2024 at Tintern

St. John's (Deloit)
Christian Mothers Meeting
Monday, February 12th at 7:00 P.M. Please come for St. Valentine treats and prayer. Please bring a friend or neighbor. Any requested agenda items can be directed to the officers.

St. John's (Deloit) Christian Mothers are requesting applications from high school senior parishioners for college scholarships awarded for the 2024/2025 school year. Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2024. Applications and questions can be directed to:
Marilyn Sehi
Scholarship Committee Chair
84682 509th Ave.,
Clearwater, NE 68726

St. John's, Petersburg
POTATO BAKE ****** St John's Altar Society will be doing a Potato Bake on April 7th. Watch the bulletin for details regarding food and workers. Proceeds will be used to replace the cooler shelves in the Werner Hall kitchen.

Nine Day Novena for Life Overview
The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus.
Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, our Council will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community. Please join us in a short prayer service before every Mass in the southern Parishes starting on Saturday, Feb 3 and ending on Monday, Feb 11.

Super Bowl Breakfast Sunday, February 11 Neligh American Legion. Serving eggs, sausage, pancakes and French Toast 8AM - Noon.. Sponsored by the St Francis Knights of Columbus.

PRAYER LINE

Please Rember in Your Prayers....

St. John's Petersburg:
No Intentions at this time
(To start prayer line, call
Kelly Starman, 402-386-5570 or
Kathy Koch 402-386-5481)

St Theresa's:
Leo Starman, Nate Thiele, Adam Kester, Peg Kuester, Regina Krebs and Scott Kuester
(To start prayer line,
call Teresa Kester 402-750-0262)

St. Peter's: Nicki Dougherty, Kathi Retwisch, Sister Joseph, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick, Anna Murdy, Gary Funk, and infant Cohen Summers.
(To start prayer line, call
Lavonne Sisson
402-626-7755)

St. John's Deloit:
Darlene Schueth and Steven Schrunk
(To start prayer line, call
Jeanne Knievel
402-929-0847.)

St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure:
Laura Ferando, Brandon Henn, Infant Graham Sayers, Adam Kester, Marlene (Hoefer) Hughes, Larry DeMuth, Infant Paul Bell, Neil Childers, Loretta Zegers, Gloria Lordemann, Chris Baum, George Childers, Ann Beckman, Bernadine Hoefer, Gene Heithoff, Infant Fallon Sue Heying, Harry Cunningham, Marin Schindler, Judy Johnson, Denise Jamison, Bruce Baum, Alice Kallhoff, Travis Pieper, Phil Stuhr, Judy Zegers, Mike Dwyer, Brett Kielty, Henry Biggie, Tom Jamieson, baby Nora Henn, and Barb Ziegler.
(To start prayer line
for St. Boniface,
call Mary Jane Boes
843-2379/JoAnn Beckman 843-6287 .
St. Bonaventure: Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-843-6129 or
Diane Scholl
402-386-5256.)

CPP Youth Group
This Sunday, Feb 4th
5 - 8 PM at Tintern
9-12 grades welcome!

Parish Stewardship for January 27 & 28, 2024

God Bless You for your generosity!

Children's Collection is included in the Sunday offertory amount

STC (Clearwater)
Sunday $1,313
Seminary $775

SBE (Elgin)
Sunday $6,930
Respect Life $210
Seminary $517
God's Portion $500
Catholic Relief $100
World Mission $100
Holy Day $400
Utilities $500
Insurance $500

SJD (Deloit)
Sunday $1,406
Respect Life $125
Seminary $562

SBR (Raeville)
Sunday $1,081
Respect Life $135
Seminary $1,002
Furnace $1,500

SPE (Ewing)
Sunday $2,331
Respect Life $20
Seminary $480

SJP (Petersburg)
Sunday $1,164
Respect Life $50
Seminary $259

Special Collections
February 25 - Easter Flowers
February 25 - Utilities

OACCW Winter Meeting

WHO: All Catholic Women
WHAT: OACCW (Omaha Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women) meeting.
WHEN & WHERE: Tue., Feb 13, 2024 at Heine Learning Center in Msgr. Cyril J. Werner Activity Center, parking lot and entrance on south side of Holy Trinity Elementary School, off S. Summit St. , Hartington, NE. *Please note this is a change from original scheduled host site.
ITINERARY: 9:30 a.m. Registration of $10. 10:00 a.m. Meeting begins. Lunch and Commission/Committee Reports to follow throughout day and a program presented by RNC. Day will conclude with Mass at 2:00 p.m. Info/Updates to include Catholics at Capitol, Spirituality Day and next meeting.
Deanery Presidents: Please bring your Senior girl scholarship winner essays and names for the Scholarship committee selection of OACCW $750 scholarship. Remember, they need turned in by Feb 15 to Kim. Please bring finished baby blankets, bibs, diapers and indestructible books for Christ Child Society layettes. Please bring your Parish/Deanery Penny and a Prayer collections for the Archdiocesan Vocations Fund. RSVP encouraged by Feb 7 for lunch count to Kim Estes, OACCW President via email at kimberley_estes@hotmail.com or text to 402-340-2866.
Leonarda Arens, 1st Vice President/Mary Thoene, OACCW Publicity
402-253-5120/ 402-841-0923

2024 St. Boniface, Elgin
Altar Society Leadership

President - Betty Getzfred
Vice President - Jill McNally
Secretary- Deb Beckman
Treasurer: Sam Stoltz

Circle 1:
Leader: Tracy (John) Beckman
Asst 1: Audra Borer
Asst 2: Julie Borer

Circle 2:
Leader: Pam Dinslage
Asst 1: Connie Dvorak
Asst 2: Mary Alice Dwyer

Circle 3:
Leader: Sandi Henn
Asst 1: Susan Kallhoff
Asst 2: Verona Henn

Circle 4:
Leader: Diane Nelson
Asst 1: Linda Mitchell
Asst 2: Lynell Morgan

Circle 5:
Leader: Connie Pelster
Asst 1: Kari Schindler
Asst 2: Jessie Pelster

Circle 6:
Leader: Patti Stoltz
Asst 1: Deb Tharnish
Asst 2: Nicole Starman

Date	Time	Location	Cel.	Intention	Notes
MON FEB 5	8:15 AM	Elgin	DW		Communion Service
TUES FEB 6	8:30 AM	Petersburg	JS JN	+Ruth Kerkman +Larry Temme	Rosary Prior to Mass
WED FEB 7	8:15 AM	Elgin	JS	+Conrad Mack Family	Rosary Following Mass
WED FEB 7	8:30 AM	Clearwater	JN	+Mary Ann Thiele & Arnold	
THUR FEB 8	8:15 AM	Elgin	PN	+William & Catherine Brown Family	SB 2nd Grade Plans Mass
THUR FEB 8	8:30 AM	Ewing	JN	+John & Agusta Meyburg	
FRI FEB 9	8:15 AM	Elgin	JS	+Mary Borer	
FRI FEB 9	8:30 AM	Deloit	JN	+LaVern & Vera Dell Stuhr & Philip Thiele	
SAT FEB 10	5:30 PM	Tilden	JN	+Bill Corkle	
SAT FEB 10	5:30 PM	Ewing	PN	+Rita Funk	
SUN FEB 11	8:00 AM	Petersburg	JS	+Lawrence Stuhr	
SUN FEB 11	8:00 AM	Clearwater	PN	For the People of Our Parishes	
SUN FEB 11	10:00 AM	Elgin	JS	+Jolene Schrage	
SUN FEB 11	10:00 AM	Neligh	JN	For the Parishioners of St. Francis & OLMC	

Ministry Schedule for February 10 & 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 2/10/12024

5:30 pm St. Peter (Ewing)

Altar Servers: Charlee Wagner, Paityn Wagner
EMHC: Gina Koenig
Giftbearers: Denis Bergstrom
Lector: Sierra Summers
Ushers: Bruce Hoffman, Dan Koenig

Sunday 2/11/2024

8:00 am St. John the Baptist (Petersburg)

(Contact Deacon John Starman to schedule Communion to sick or homebound 402-843-8393)

Altar Servers: Levi Krohn, Katelyn Krohn
Homebound: Rod Stuhr
Lector: Lynn Pelster
Money: Clyde Stuhr, Carolyn Beckman
Music: Jeanne Temme, Alan Temme
Ushers: Alan Faust, Rick Pelster

8:00 am

St. Theresa (Clearwater)

Altar Servers: Grace Ahlers, Ayden Bazelman
EMHC: Kevin Filsinger
Giftbearers: John Kester
Lector: Connie Cronin
Ushers: Smoke Kester, Aaron Kruger

Family of Parishes Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 PM Every Weekend Our Lady of Mount Carmel, (Tilden)
5:30 PM 1st/3rd/5th Sunday St. John the Baptist, Deloit
5:30 PM 2nd/4th Sunday St. Peter de Alcantara, Ewing

Sunday

8:00 AM Every Weekend St. Theresa, Clearwater
8:00 AM 1st/3rd/5th Weekend St. Bonaventure, Raeville
8:00 AM 2nd/4th Weekend St. John the Baptist, Petersburg
10:00 AM Every Weekend St. Francis, Neligh
10:00 AM Every Weekend St. Boniface, Elgin

**** When area schools have a late start or cancellation due to weather, then that day's Mass or Communion Service at parishes within our family will be cancelled as well, though the Mass intentions for that day will still be celebrated by the priests privately.**

Sunday 2/11/2024

10:00 am

St. Boniface (Elgin)

(Contact Deacon Dennis Wiehn to schedule Communion to sick or homebound 402-843-0182)

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Moser, Jacob Niewohner
Giftbearers: Mike & Kristin Zegers
Greeters: Brenda Schrage, Mark Schrage, Steve Kerkman, Andrew Childers
Homebound: Julie Borer, Betty Getzfred
Lector: Dave Beckman
Ushers: Chuck Pelster, Phil Kluthe, Bob Koenig, Ryan Lodge
Music: Laura Ruge

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The Catholic Parish:
A Gathering of Exiles

What does it mean to be an exile? An exile is a person who is not living in their native land…at its most basic level, an exile is someone who doesn't have a home. Think here of Jesus himself, when he told the scribe 'The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' A home is where one resides, especially as a member of a family. The word home conjures up many images…. images beyond just a physical place, images such as safety, warmth, comfort, acceptance, peace. Our parishes too can be likened to a home, for it is here where we 'reside, as a member of a family'…like a home, our parishes are meant to be a place of safety, warmth, comfort, acceptance, peace…. a place of refuge. And yet, we are still exiles…

I mention all of this in relation to the Journey of Faith that our family of parishes have been experiencing, for the words exile and parish go together. A little background. The word for exile in Greek is 'pariokia', which literally means 'live beside a house'. In other words, one does not have a home. And it is from this word that we get the English word parish. What this means is that a parish is a community of exiles…a parochial school is a 'school of exiles'. So then, a parish is a place where a community of exiles on earth (who long for their heavenly home) gather and journey together….to their heavenly homeland.

To help us see this, is where our faith comes in, for our faith helps us to see the things that are invisible, of a promised land that we can't yet physically see, our heavenly home. A passage from Hebrews is an example of this. The passage is speaking of Abraham and his family….

All these died in faith. They did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth, for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland.
If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. (Hebrews 11:13-16)
This passage from Hebrews is saying that, even though Abraham and his family were living on earth, in the 'promised land', they were still exiles because they were longing for a 'better homeland, a heavenly one.'
So, as mentioned above, a parish is a place where those of us, who are exiles on earth and who long for a heavenly homeland, gather as one, as we journey toward that heavenly promised land. To put it another way: "The local church – our parish – is meant to be the gathering of Christian 'sojourners' and 'aliens' who are far from their true home. And what is our true home? It is where God dwells…. (Keating, Daniel. First and Second Peter, Jude. Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture).
As we continue our Journey of Faith, I think it is helpful reflect on this, as so often we can think of our parish as just our local community (that we somehow exist on our own with no need for any other community), or just the institution where I participate in and practice my faith, and all of these are true. However, we need to always remember that a parish is literally, a gathering of exiles, of a people who don't have a home in this world, because we are all journeying toward the heavenly home in the world to come. This means that all parishes, wherever they are, are participating in the same journey…. that all people, regardless of which parish they belong to, are journeying towards the same destination…. that we are all one family of sojourners….
Within a family, changes occur, and no family stays the same. So too with our parishes, what was before must change to something different; without it, our sojourning towards our true home becomes more difficult and it becomes harder to see the path towards our destination….
Any journey is easier and more pleasant when we have others beside us, which is what a parish is about. This is what our family of parishes is about….
As we continue our Journey of Faith, let us keep in mind that all of us are exiles, journeying together towards our true home, where God dwells…. a place of safety, warmth, comfort, rest and peace….

Yours in Christ,
Deacon John Starman

How will you live this Lent?

Here are some ways to get connected and renewed this Lent:

LIVE *Lent* TOGETHER

Start a small group!

All the material is prepared for you.
6-week guides for small groups to pray together with Scripture (lectio divina). They rely on Jesus to do the heavy lifting of leading the group, and aim for transformation of heart (not just transfer of information). Your small group can include friends, neighbors, co-workers, or even your children and their friends.
Anyone interested in leading or being in a LLT group please contact Becky
402-843-0573
bkerkman@cppnebraska.org

Hallow - the #1 Catholic prayer app is *free* and breaks down everything you need to know about prayer and has great prayer resources to help you build a habit of daily prayer.

Lent can be an incredibly rewarding time for our faith lives. Hallow would be a perfect guide, if you are looking to experience Lent in a more meaningful way.

Abiding Together Podcast

Hosted by Sister Miriam, Michelle Benzinger, and Heather Khym, Abiding Together provides a place of connection, rest and encouragement for people who are on the journey of living out their passion and purpose in Jesus Christ. Join their Lenten Book Study **A Time of Renewal** beginning on February 12, 2024. Every week throughout Lent, they will post discussion and journaling questions along with the podcast episode. Listen by yourself or gather together with a group of friends!

The Poco A Poco Podcast

Poco A Poco,
little by little, step by step.
Three Franciscan Friars have a weekly podcast as a source of rest, encouragement, refreshment, and renewal helping us to discern and make the next best step.

Ascension Press is always a wonderful resource for all Catholic content.
Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem, the Ascension Lenten Companion will guide you, day by day, to an encounter with the person of Christ and help you arrive at Easter transformed by God's love.

The Catholic Talk Show

Hosted by three men with unbelievable conversion stories. Their talk show is faithful, hilarious, entertaining, and informative!

Bona-Fide Cat's

Hello! My name is ***Deacon Matthew Pohlman,*** and I am from St. Gerald's Parish in Ralston. Growing up in the same parish as many of my extended family members is incredible, as we can participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass together often. My Mom, Dad, and four siblings have been influential in my response to the Lord's call- even to the point of "playing Mass" with me as a child.

I remember sitting in my first-grade classroom at St. Gerald the day St. John Paul II died. His death catalyzed my interest in the Catholic Faith, along with my parents' example of faith at home. As I grew in knowledge and maturity, the Holy Spirit led my prayers toward discernment of the priesthood. My faith was strengthened throughout my four years at Skutt Catholic High School. It was during numerous interactions, musical experiences, and visits with our Lord in the school chapel that I was graced with an overwhelming excitement for the priesthood.

Sharing in the priesthood of Jesus Christ is certainly a call beyond my lowliness, but seminary formation has taught me that the Father desires that we trust in His plan. The sacrificial abandonment I believe I am called to in the priesthood will only be accomplished by the grace of Jesus Christ. I am thrilled to engage deeply in seminary formation for the sake of striving after holiness.

For those young men considering seminary or who feel a call to a priestly vocation, I urge you to persevere in prayer, and continue to grow in your relationship with the Lord. Fears will set in, but trust in Jesus. I still sing and play the piano! I still lift at the gym! I still do things that I love, but I do them in light of me being a beloved son of the Father. It's awesome. Take courage in Moses' words to the Israelites before they crossed the Red Sea: "The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be still" (Exodus 14:14).

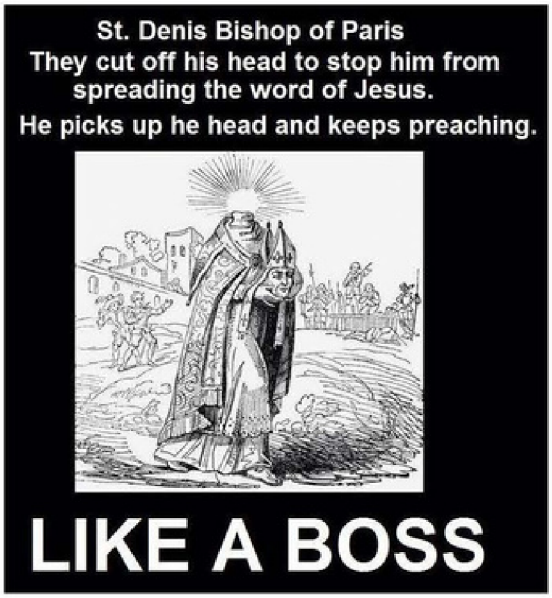
Hey! I'm ***Deacon Zach Eischeid.*** I grew up in Elgin, Nebraska and belong to the Saint Boniface Parish. I attended Saint Boniface Elementary and graduated from Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School. Saint Boniface Parish is a great place to learn about the Faith with our schools and to see so many parishioners helping each other and our parish in a myriad of ways.

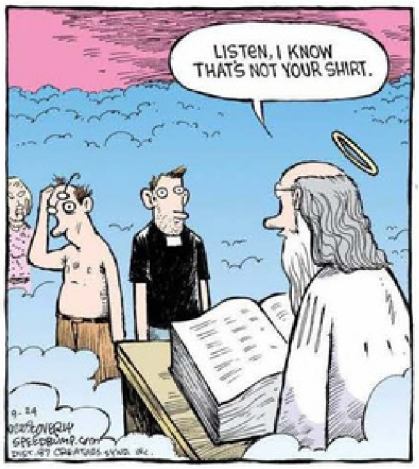
My discernment has been around for as long as I can remember. Since I was a toddler, the priesthood always amazed me. However, around junior high, I kept pushing it to the back of my mind because I didn't want to be labeled as that "extra-religious guy." After graduating, I decided to attend Benedictine College to major in Theology. Towards the end of my first year at Benedictine, while at my sister's wedding dance, I oddly had a strong feeling about seminary. A month later, I attended the priest ordination while teaching Totus Tuus, and started weeping during the procession in the cathedral. This sign was big encouragement in finally giving my future in God's hands. I am currently at Kenrick Glennon Seminary in St. Louis and have made many fraternal friendships, as we are all on the same journey of striving to be what God wants us to be.

For all those with even an inkling about entering seminary, I encourage you to be open to it. Pray about it, frequent the sacraments, and remember: "You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." And remember, every priest and seminarian has gone through what you are going through.

In my down time, I like playing any sport, especially basketball and baseball, jamming on the ukulele, listening to Christian rap, watching Nebraska football, and combating heresy.

Seminary Life - Archdiocese of Omaha (archomaha.org)





Ordination to the Priesthood
For Deacon Matthew & Deacon Zach

Saturday, June 1st, 2024, 10:00 AM
Saint Cecilia Cathedral
701 N 40th Street, Omaha, NE

"The greatest obstacles to holiness are discouragement & anxiety." Said Jesus to St. Faustina.

****JUST IN CASE YOU NEEDED TO KNOW... 😉

Alligator OK to eat on Lenten Fridays

by Carl Bunderson

New Orleans, La., Feb 15, 2013

Alligator is permissible to eat on Fridays of Lent, the archbishop of New Orleans assured a conscientious parishioner, and his approval has been backed by the national bishops' conference.

"Concerning the question if alligator is acceptable to eat during the Lenten season...yes, the alligator is considered in the fish family," Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond wrote in a 2010 letter provided to CNA by the New Orleans archdiocese Feb. 15.

"The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year," canon law continues.

"Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs – all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat...Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted."

Since alligators are reptiles and therefore cold-blooded, their flesh does not count as "meat" from which U.S. Catholics must abstain on Fridays in Lent.

Other reptiles that could presumably be consumed on Lenten Fridays include turtles, snakes, and tortoises. The bishops indicate that foods such as chicken broth, meat gravies or sauces, "as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden."

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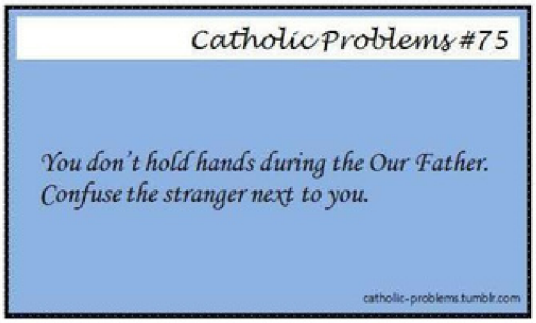

Any questions or info concerning the Priesthood or Religious Life, please contact Fr. John, Fr. Sund or Fr. Scott (Vocation Director) 402.558.3101 Ext. 3011

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