



Catholic Parishes in Partnership



*If you
trust in God
you too
shall live*



*Make good to the Lord
all that you vow*

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 pm

St. Peter de Alcantara, Ewing

Saturday: 7:00 pm

St. John the Baptist, Petersburg

Sunday: 8:00 am St. Bonaventure, Raeville

Sunday: 10:00 am St. Boniface, Elgin

Sunday: 10:00 am St. Theresa of Avila, Clearwater

Sunday: 11:30 am St. John the Baptist, Deloit



RELIGIOUS

Fr. John Norman, Pastor PO Box 37- Ewing, NE 402-626-7605

Email: jmnorman@archomaha.org

Fr. Kevin Vogel, Assoc. Pastor PO Box B- Elgin 402-843-2345

Email: kwvogel@archomaha.org

Deacon Dennis Wiehn 402-843-0182

Deacon John Starman 402-386-5570

Deacon William Camp (retired) 402-843-5464

Sister Patricia Hoffman PO Box 219 402-843-5461

Emergencies Needing a Priest: call office numbers and system will re-direct your call.

Elgin Office (office entrance is east side of rectory)

Mailing Address: PO Box B, Elgin NE 68636

Parish Office Phone 402-843-2345

Fax 402-843-2253

St. Boniface Gym Phone 402-843-2249

Website: www.stbonparishes.com

Monday 1pm-4pm

Tuesday-Thursday (Closed 12-1 pm) 9am-4pm

Friday 9am-12pm

Michele Reicks mreicks@stbonparishes.com

Linda Moser lmoser@stbonparishes.com

Petersburg Office (office entrance is north entr. Werner Hall)

Mailing Address: PO Box 608, Petersburg NE 68652

Parish Office Phone 402-386-5580

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 am-3:00pm

Jaci Hoefer jhoefer@archomaha.org

Ewing Office (office entrance is front door of Rectory)

Mailing Address: PO Box 37, Ewing, NE 68735

Helen Larson) 402-626-7605

Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:00am – Noon

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE *(watch weekly calendar for changes)*

Wednesday: 5-5:30pm- Elgin

Saturday: 4:45-5:15 pm- Ewing

Saturday: 6:15- 6:45 pm- Petersburg

Sunday: 7:30-7:50 am- Raeville

Reconciliation will be offered before and after each Mass, as available, and other times as shown here in the bulletin.

ADORATION SCHEDULE

St. Peter's: Thursday- 9- Noon

Elgin: Day before First Friday, Each Month

St. John's-Deloit- Devotions on Mondays at 7pm (summer)

SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS

St. Boniface/St. Bonaventure Parish: Linda Moser 843-2345

St. John's Parish- Petersburg: Kelly Starman 386-5570 or email kelly_starman@yahoo.com.

St. Peter, St. John Deloit, St. Theresa's: Helen Larson 402-626-7605.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

St. Boniface Parish: Deacon Dennis Wiehn, 402-843-5808

St. Bonaventure Parish: Joan Stuhr, 402-843-0485

St. John the Baptist, Petersburg: Rotating, so please see Liturgical Schedule in bulletin.

FIRST FRIDAYS in Elgin, after morning Mass, Father Vogel will bring Communion to the homebound if you call the office the day before, 402-843-2345.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON

Send to lmoser@stbonparishes.com

(AND) mreicks@stbonparishes.com

COMBINED Monthly Calendar: 3rd TUES / Mo.

Our parishes currently have two websites:

<https://stbonparishes.com/>

and cppnebraska.org. If parishes want event flyers, calendars, etc. posted please email

mreicks@stbonparishes.com.

Each parish maintains their own Facebook Page

St. Boniface School (K-6) / Pope John Central (7-12)

Betty Getzfred, Principal 402-843-5325

Website: www.picrusaders.org

St. Michael School- Albion (Preschool-8)

Lisa Schumacher, Principal Website: www.stmichael.esu7.org

Elgin Religious Education

Family Formation (Gr. K-6)

Cheryl Veik, Coordinator 402-843-8023

Elgin Sunday Youth Group (Gr. 7-12)

Louise Schindler, Sunday Youth Group 402-843-5375

Petersburg Religious Education (in Albion)

Lisa Wagner, Director (to register) 308-750-0423

(Gr. K-8) Wednesday during School Year **6:00-7:00 pm**

(Gr. 9-12) Wednesday during School Year **7:15-8:15 pm**

St. Peter, St. Theresa, St. John Deloit Religious Ed Classes

Elementary: Wed. 3:45-5:15 pm at St. Theresa's Hall in Clearwater, Wed. 4-5:00 pm at St. Dominic's Hall, and Wed. 3:45- 5:15pm at the Orchard Methodist Church. Angela Tagel, Director 308-367-7249.

Jr. Hi/HS Wed. 7-8:15 pm at St. Theresa's Hall, Clearwater.

(Contact: Sandy Moser 402-851-0116), or 7-8:30pm at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing. (Contact: Ann Kurpgewit 402-336-7749.)

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

St. Boniface: Call Mary Jane Boes 402-843-2379 or JoAnn Beckman 402-843-6287.

St. Bonaventure: Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-386-5350 or Diane Scholl 402-386-5256.

St. John-Petersburg: Call Kathy Koch 402-386-5481 or Kelly Starman 402-386-5570

St. Peter-Ewing: Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755

St. Theresa-Clearwater: Teresa Kester, 402-750-0262

St. John the Baptist-Deloit: Jeannie Knievel 402-929-0847

RENTAL REQUESTS

St. Bonaventure, Raeville Rectory or Hall: Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-386-5350.

St. John's Rectory, Petersburg: Call Mary Lu Larson 402-843-8420 or Jacque Luettel 402-843-8974.

St. John's Werner Hall, Petersburg events all need to be scheduled through Jaci Hoefer – including all funerals, events, receptions, and showers by calling 402-386-5580 or email jhoefer@archomaha.org.

St. John's Rural Clearwater: Sue Mlnarik 402-485-2428

St. Theresa's Clearwater: Koryn Koinzan 402-929-0520

St. Peter's Ewing (St. Dominic's) Hall: Helen Larson 402-626-7605

Knights of Columbus Hall, (Elgin): Dave Hoefer 402-843-8921. Website: KofC.org/JoinUs

Tintern Retreat Center (Oakdale) Cheryl Veik 402-776-2188 tinternretreatcenter.com

Important Links <https://get.tithe.ly/> (online giving)

<https://flocknote.com/> (notification system)

Together, We Make Disciples

This Week in Our Parishes.....

Day	Date	Time	Events
Sunday	February 16	11am-1pm	Burger BASH at Elgin KC Hall (Donation: Non-Perishable Food for Pantries)
Sunday	February 16	6:00 pm	"Taste of Italy" with Fr. John-St. Peter's Ewing (Advanced tickets)
Sunday	February 16	6:30- 8 pm	Bible Study at St. Bonaventure Hall Raeville
Mon- Thurs.	Feb. 17-20	-----	St. Bonaventure Raeville Cleans Church (All Help Appreciated)
Monday	February 17	7:00 pm	St. Boniface Elgin Altar Society Meeting in Convent
Monday	February 17	7:00 / 8:00	St. Boniface/ Pope John School Board Meetings
Tuesday	February 18	Noon	Bulletin Deadline for February 23 rd Bulletin Items/ <u>March Calendar Items</u>
Wednesday	February 19	10:00 am	St. Peter's Ewing Final Bible Study at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing
Wednesday	February 19	9am-3pm	Pope John Blood Drive at KC Hall
Wednesday	February 19	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Thursday	February 20	-----	St. Boniface Elgin Circle 1 Cleans Church (at time that works for you)
Thursday	February 20	7:00 pm	St. John's Petersburg Parish Council Meeting
Friday	February 21	-----	SB/PJ No School
Friday	February 21	5-7:30 pm	Albion KC "pre-lenten" Fish Fry at the Albion KC Hall
Sat/Sun	Feb. 22-23	-----	SBE/SBR/SJP Pennies from Heaven Containers at Church Entrances
Sunday	February 23	11:15-11:45am	KC Major Degree for men wishing to join (families welcome) SBE Church
Sunday	February 23	12:30 pm	KC District Free Throw Contest in St. Boniface Gym
Sunday	February 23	5-7 pm	St. John's Petersburg Potato Bake at Werner Hall
Sunday	February 22	6:30- 8 pm	Bible Study at St. Bonaventure Hall Raeville (open to all)
RELIGIOUS ED SCHEDULE			
Wednesday	February 19	3:45- 5:15 pm	Elementary CCD at St. Theresa's Hall
Wednesday	February 19	3:45-5:15 pm	Orchard CCD at Orchard Methodist Church
Wednesday	February 19	4-5:00 pm	Elementary Religious Ed. at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing
Wednesday	February 19	5-6 pm	Family Formation Student Only Class
Wednesday	February 19	7-8:15 pm	Youth Group at St. Theresa's Hall, Clearwater
Wednesday	February 19	7-8:15 pm	Jr High/High School Religious Ed at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing
Wednesday	February 19	6:00-7:00pm	Religious Ed (PRE) at Albion- Grades K-8
Wednesday	February 19	7:15-8:15am	Religious Ed (PRE) at Albion for Grades 9-12
Sunday	February 23	11:00-12:30	Sunday Youth Group, Elgin

St. Bonaventure Raeville

Financial Stewardship St. Bonaventure- Raeville

Sunday Collection (13 Env.)	\$873.54
Children's Collection	\$13.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 32	
Budgeted Total	\$32,000.00
Actual Total	\$32,873.54
Amount Ahead	\$873.54

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which totaled: **\$8,878** the past 12 months.

The St. Bonaventure annual Heat/Fuel collection will be held **February 23**. There is a special envelope in your packet for this. The money donated will directly offset the gas bills for our parish,



**St. Bonaventure
Spring Breakfast
Sunday, March 1, 2020**
Serving 8:30-Noon
at Raeville Hall

Menu: Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Ham, Dessert and Beverages. **Free will donation.**

As we did last year, we will be donating the proceeds from our Raeville breakfast to area seminarians, Zach Eischeid, Elgin and Luke Schmitz, Albion; and the Antelope County Food Pantry and Boone County Food Pantry.

Raffle Drawing has 102 Prizes

****Raffle tickets are available from any St. Bonaventure parishioner, in back of some of our churches, or at the Elgin Parish Office****



**St. Bonaventure Parish
invites you**

**"Ephesians: Discover
Your Inheritance"**

Sunday evenings, Ephesians Bible Study series is being held at the Raeville Hall at 6:30pm. Introduction was February 9, and first session begins February 15, so it is not too late to join! Just show up. This is a low-pressure bible study. Purchasing materials is optional.

St. Bonaventure Parishioners are asked to please fill out the letter inside your raffle envelope and return it to JoAnn Mattner, 1128 West R Rd., Petersburg, NE 68652. The worklist will be sent soon. If you do not receive one, you are not scheduled to work. *Thanks for helping make our Spring Breakfast a success.*

**St. Bonaventure will Clean Church
February 17 - 20.**
Your help is appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the week.....

<u>Location</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cele.</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
(SBE)Elgin	Monday	Feb. 17	7:20 am		Communion Service
(SJD) Deloit	Monday	Feb. 17	-----		No Mass
(SBR) Raeville	Tuesday	Feb. 18	8:30 am		+Betty Vaisvilas
(SBE) Elgin	Tuesday	Feb. 18	11:50 am		Liv. & Dec. PJ Alumni by PJ 8th Grade; Cele: Fr. Nields
(SPE)Ewing	Tuesday	Feb. 18	8:30 am		+Sam & Lois Regan
(STC) Clearw.	Wednesday	Feb. 19	8:30 am		Priest Intention
(SBE) Elgin	Wednesday	Feb. 19	8:15 am		+Frank Kamphaus by SB Kind./6th Grade
(SJP) Peters.	Wednesday	Feb. 19	10:30 am		+Jerry Borer
(SBE) Elgin	Thursday	Feb. 20	7:20 am		+Margaret Dozler
(SBE) Elgin	Friday	Feb. 21	7:20 am		+Yvonne Heithoff
(SPE) Ewing	Thursday	Feb. 20	8:30 am		+Helen Burk
(SJD) Deloit	Friday	Feb. 21	8:30 am		+Brent Weikel
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	Feb. 22	5:30 pm	KV	+Weslyn & Helen Larson
(SJP) Peters.	Saturday	Feb. 22	7:00 pm	JN	Living Members of Our Parishes
(SBR) Raeville	Sunday	Feb. 23	8:00 am	JN	+Norbert, Marjorie & Phyllis Bode
(SBE) Elgin	Sunday	Feb. 23	10:00 am	JN	+Tony Schiltmeyer
(STC) Clearw.	Sunday	Feb. 23	10:00 am	KV	Priest Intention
(SJD) Deloit	Sunday	Feb. 23	11:30 am	KV	+Marvin Palmer

Liturgical Schedule for February 22-23, 2020

Weekend	Servers	Ushers	Greeters - SBE Rosary Ldrs- SBR \$\$ Counters-SJP	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	E.M.H.C. * to the sick (Elgin)
Saturday FEBRUARY 22 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING	Rebecca Napier Riley Napier	Dan Koenig Greg Thramer	-----	Ed & Mary Nordby Family	Tammy Summers	Follow Schedule	Mike Summers
Saturday FEBRUARY 22 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG	Katelyn Krohn Kaitey Schumacher	Kevin Schumacher & 1 Volunteer	<u>Money Counters:</u> Alan Temme Clyde Stuhr	-----	Lisa Schumacher	Please Volunteer	Teresa Heying, Jane Thieman <u>Homebound-</u> Jeanne Temme
Sunday FEBRUARY 23 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE	Reese Stuhr Samantha Stuhr	Bryan Bode Jake Grundmayer	Ken & Joyce Reestman	Mark & Chris Grundmayer	Ken Stuhr	Paul Kuhlman	Tami Schrage
Sunday FEBRUARY 23 10:00 am St. Boniface ELGIN	Cale Kinney Brooke Kinney	Chris Baum Jim Baum Ted Baum Gary Beckman	Travis & Carmen Eischeid- W Dave & Wanda Linnaus- N & S	LeRoy & Linda Kerkman	Dave Beckman	Deb Baum Becky Kerkman	<u>NO Precious Blood-</u> Pastor, *Terry Reicks for Deacon, *Ally Selting
Sunday FEBRUARY 23 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER	Keaton Thiele Bailey Ahlers	Ted Mlnarik Chris Moser	-----	Robert & Marlene Thiessen	Sonia Rittscher	Follow Schedule	John Moser
Sunday FEBRUARY 23 11:30 a.m. St. John's DELOIT	Noah Schmidt Alec Schindler	Paul Dicke Gary Bartak	-----	Dale & Linda Funk	Marilyn Sehi	Follow Schedule	Elaine Kimes

Ask yourself....How can you be the Rainbow in someone else's storm?

St. John's Deloit
St. Theresa's

Financial Stewardship

St. Peter's Ewing

February 9: \$1,272.00
Home & Foreign Mission: \$10.00
Solemnity: \$20.00 Seminary: \$20.00
Respect Life: \$20.00 Building Fund: \$80.00

St. John's Deloit

February 9: \$1,021.00

St. Theresa's

February 9: \$1,260.00
Home & Foreign Mission: \$20.00
Respect Life: \$20.00

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FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS:

St. Peter's: Steve Koenig, Butch Sojka, Sister Joseph, Mary Edwards, Jessica Hobbs, Jeanette Tomjack, Sharon Ward, Leo Hawk, Duaine Bollwitt, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick and Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel.

St. Theresa's: Mary Ann Thiele, Leo Starman, Nate Thiele, Regina Krebs.

St. John's: Keith Palmer, Jackie Bartak, Darlene Schueth, Carl Ernesti and Georgine Funk.



Please pray for the soul of St. John the Baptist parishioner **Joan Stearns**, who passed away this week. Joan is the mother of Sheila (Dan) Bleyhl, Ron (Judy) Stearns, Mary (Dennis) McKillip, and Steve (Michelle) Stearns, grandmother of parishioners Chris (Natalie) McKillip and sister of parishioners Yvonne Thrumer, John (Barb) Mlnarik and Tom (Sue) Mlnarik.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.



St. John's Deloit
Fish Fry is
March 27



Our parishes will be holding an annual **Heat/Fuel collection on February 23.** There is a special envelope in your packet for this. The money donated will directly offset the gas bills for our parish.

St. Theresa's previous 12 mo. gas bills totaled: \$4,010
St. John the Baptist previous 12 mo. gas bills totaled: \$3,320
St. Peter's previous 12mo. gas bills totaled: \$6,120

You are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on
Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 am at St. Peter's Church.



Sons of the Legion, Clearwater
Ash Wednesday Fish Fry
Feb. 26th 5-8 pm Clearwater Legion
Serving fish, potatoes, cole slaw, buns and drinks. Free Will Offering.
Everyone is welcome to attend!

St. John's Petersburg

St. John's – Petersburg: February 8

Adult: \$2,254.00 Loose: \$17.00
Children: \$3.00
Utility Fund: \$165.00 Maintenance Fund: \$205.00
Seminary: \$10.00
KC's 1 Rose 1 Life: \$10.00

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St John's Altar Society Members:

There is a sign-up sheet at the main west entrance of the church. Please sign up for funerals if you are available (all circles), what days' work best for you, your cell phone number, and if you prefer working or bringing food or both. Thank you in advance!

St. John the Baptist Petersburg Altar Society is in of a Vice President.

If you have questions or are interested, please contact Bobbi Kennedy at 402-741-1751.

St. John's Petersburg Snow Removal

FEBRUARY Families with Last Names S-Z
MARCH Families with Last Names A-R

***Thank you**

POTATO BAKE

St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Petersburg will have a Potato Bake on Sunday, February 23 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Werner Hall. Baked potato with several toppings to choose from and homemade desserts. Everyone is welcome!



St. John the Baptist, Petersburg Heat/Fuel collection will be held Saturday, February 22.
There is a special envelope in your packet for this.
The money donated will directly offset our gas bills which totaled: \$7,000 the past 12 mos.

THANK YOU to everyone who purchased & sold tickets for the St. John the Baptist (Petersburg) Once A Month Club for 2020. With your help, this fundraiser was a great success! 328 tickets were sold!

January 2020 Winners:

\$150	Bobbi Kennedy	
\$100	Delbert & Maureen Seier	
\$100	Austin Heying	
\$75	Juan Hoefer	
\$50	Jordynn Luettel	\$50 Jerry & Carol Bode
\$50	Sydney Schumacher	\$50 Curt Faust
\$50	Jason Krebs	\$50 Alan Faust

Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday Collection (41 Env.)	\$4,398.26
Children's Collection:	\$12.00
Home & Foreign Mission	\$20.00
Church Gutter Fund	\$700.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 32	
Budgeted Total	\$141,176.64
Actual Total	\$125,700.45
Amount Behind	(\$15,476.19)

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St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure: Please Remember In Your Prayers: Jolene Lichty, Larry Braband, Roger & Jan Sorenson, Terry Dinslage, Cheri (Schindler) Cavanagh, Laurie Horn, Dave Shrader, Bob Redler, Garrett Scholz, Alfreda Pelster, Neil Childers, Sally Beckman, Marie Cheatum, Leonard Beckman, Charlotte Hoefer, Joe Buelt, Helen Borer, Karlene Moser, Cliff Burger, Brittany Waldrop, Brenda Papstein, Jacquelyn Brugman, Larry Shavlik, Mary Ann Starman, Denise Jamieson, Chris Stargel, Gary Preister, Cammy (Dwyer) Abbey, Fr. Patrick Nields, Lyle Mackel.

[Please let us know if name can be removed.]

SNOW REMOVAL

St. Boniface Men's Circle Schedule

Mondays	CIRCLE 1	(Arehart-Buelt)
Tuesdays	CIRCLE 2	(Busteed-Getzfred)
Wednesdays	CIRCLE 3	(Gossman-Kinney)
Thursdays	CIRCLE 4	(Kluthe-Payne)
Fridays	CIRCLE 5	(Pelster-Schrage)
Saturdays	CIRCLE 6	(Schueths-Zwingman)
Sundays	ALL CIRCLES	

St. Boniface Church Gutter Fund Drive

St. Boniface Finance Committee is asking for your help to offset this unfortunate, unexpected cost of lining our gutters. This is an immediate expense, to prevent further damage. A generous donor will match half the cost (\$8,500), if we raise the other \$8,500.

\$1,225 YET TO RAISE!

Magnificat

Another order will soon be placed for bulk subscriptions to the Magnificat. This prayer book contains the Mass readings, morning, evening and night prayer of the Church, along with daily info about the lives of the saints. Meditations each day are chosen to help us grow deeper in our spiritual journey. **The cost is \$36.** If it is ordered singly the cost is \$47. Your books are put in St. Boniface Church monthly with your name on them. There are some sample copies in the back of St. Boniface Church for you to take. Please let Pam Dinslage know by March 1st if you wish to subscribe. Cell Phone: 929-0668.



The St. Boniface annual Heat/Fuel collection will be held February 23. There is a special envelope in your packet for this.

The money donated will directly offset the gas bills for our parish, which totaled: **\$16,941 the past 12 mos.**



Thank you to those who attended our St. Boniface School Valentine Breakfast. Your continued support of our school is very much appreciated.

NOW TAKING CONSIGNMENTS

Deadline for Advertising Feb. 18

St. Boniface Spring Benefit Auction SATURDAY Evening, March 14 Elgin KC Hall

(viewing of items all afternoon)

First Bid: 5:00 pm

Bar will be open-Food available

Wanted:

**Consignment Items -- Fair Commission Rates
(Minimum \$50 Value)**

- Homemade/Homegrown/Handcrafted Goods (No Minimum Value Required)
- Quality Items (Minimum \$50 Value)

Each household in the parish are encouraged to donate something. Men's circle leaders will be calling you! Families may group together for larger items. Each committee of the parish is being asked to contribute something, from its members. Please let the Auction Committee know what you are giving. All items will be tagged with donor's name. All items subject to committee's acceptance. Items can be picked up and stored. **Let's be creative!**

Please contact a committee member by February 18 if possible, to let them know what you can give or consign:

Matt Beckman	402/843-6045
Luke Beckman	402/843-0598
Craig & Jessica Niewohner	402/843-2247
Lee & Kara Shavlik	402/843-8816
Michael Moser	402/843-0391
Ted & JoAnn Baum	402/843-8370
Jay & Kristen Evans	402/640-8622
Jason Hoefer	402/843-8054
Macaib Hoefer	402/843-0133
Travis Eischeid	402/843-6680
Andy & Nicole Starman	402/380-2153

All Proceeds go to St. Boniface Parish

St. Boniface Altar Society Meeting will be held Monday, February 17 at 7pm in the Convent Meeting Room.



Please pray for our parish Seminarian Zach Eischeid as he takes one step closer to the priesthood.

February 19 at Kenrick Seminary will be his **Admission of Candidacy.** In this rite Zach will publicly manifest his will to offer himself to God and the Church to exercise a sacred order. In this way, he is admitted into the ranks of candidates for the diaconate and priesthood.

**Zach Eischeid, 5200 Glennon Dr.,
Saint Louis, MO 63119-4330**



"Burgers for Food". The Elgin Knights will be hosting a Burger and Fries Feed at the KC Hall next Sunday, February 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is a donation of non-perishable food items to be donated to our local food pantries. Everyone is welcome to

this event, and if you wish to make a free will cash donation, that is fine also. One hundred percent of the profits will benefit the food pantries. **Also, for any of the elderly who don't want to fire up the car that day, please call Alan & Michelle Reicks at 402-843-2413 for a ride.**



Knights of Columbus FAT TUESDAY Fish Fry

Tuesday, February 25
in the Elgin KC Hall.

Serving from 5-8 pm: Breaded or Non-breaded Fish, French Fries, Mac 'n Cheese, Green Beans and Desserts.

Adults \$10.00; Child age 6-12: \$5.00;

Child age 5 & under: Free.

Cash bar is available. Everyone invited!

Additional Elgin KC Fish Fries: March 6 and April 3



Schedule- February 26, 2020

6:30 am: St. Bonaventure- Raeville

6:30 am: St. John's- Deloit

8:15 am: St. Boniface- Elgin

5:00 pm: St. Theresa's- Clearwater

7:00 pm: St. Peter's- Ewing

7:00 pm: St. John's- Petersburg

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)

TEC is offered on two weekends in 2020: Friday-Sunday, March 20-22 near Crofton, and Friday-Sunday, July 31-Aug. 2 at Tintern Retreat Center, near Oakdale (note date change). Weekends are specifically designed for second semester high school juniors to age 23. TEC costs \$75 and scholarships are available. To register, please talk to someone who has made a TEC to register or go to www.archomaha.org and search "TEC". If you have questions, please contact Terry Reicks, 402-741-0165.

Upcoming CEC Weekends

Christian's Encounter Christ weekends in Norfolk are for adults age 23 and older. Please call the Elgin Parish Office if you wish to learn more about this personal encounter with Christ!

Men's: February 28- March 1

Women's: March 27-29

St. Michael's Knights of Columbus invites you for their "pre-Lenten" Fish Fry on Friday, February 21.

Serving 5-7:30 pm at the Albion KC Hall.



Tintern Retreat Center Soup Luncheon and Open House

**Sunday, March 15
10:30 am-1:30 pm**

Serving chili, chicken noodle soups along with bread and assorted desserts. **Free will offering.**

See tinternretreatcenter.com for directions.

St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

02-10-20	Gary Beckman	\$60.00
02-11-20	Sandra Tracy	\$60.00
02-12-20	Dennis & Priscilla Blair	\$60.00
02-13-20	Michelle Pelster	\$60.00
02-14-20	Liz, Ally & Michael Selting	\$60.00
02-15-20	Lauren Kinney	\$60.00
02-16-20	Mike & Mary Alice Dwyer	\$75.00



For a shamrock'n good time, make plans to attend St. Michael's annual St. Patrick's Carnival on Sunday, March 15th at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Albion, NE. St. Michael's Altar Society

will be serving a full roast beef and sausage dinner with all the trimmings from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Event Center. Carry outs will be available until 1:30. A social garden will run from noon until 4 pm. There will be a live and silent auction, 2 big raffles, quilt raffle, games, prizes, and lots of surprises! The \$1 ticket raffle features 66 prizes with a \$1,000 top prize. The \$50 ticket raffle will give the winner a choice of a new 2020 Honda Rancher 4x4 ATV or \$5,000 cash. Everyone is welcome to join the fun!

Take a Virtual Marriage Retreat!

This year's theme is Stories from the Domestic Church.

This retreat will help you further reflect on how you and your spouse share in the particular calling to build up the Body of Christ and form a domestic



church. *Paper Copies are also available.... at the Elgin Parish Office or in back of St. Boniface Church.*

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/NMW-2020-Virtual-Marriage-Retreat.pdf>

March Calendar Dates

are due to the Elgin Parish Office by Tuesday,
Feb. 18 (for meetings, fund raisers, etc.)

Thank you!

Spring Quest

March 21-22, 2020

at Tintern Retreat Center (open to all freshmen and
sophomores)

Sign up as soon as you know it will work out with your schedule! In order to reserve a spot, interested youth must complete and return all 4 forms: 1) Application; 2) Parental Consent, 3) Medical Release and 4) Code of Behavior. The forms are available to be emailed to you when asked. They must be returned along with the registration fee of \$45 to the address shown on the application.

*****If there are any adults interested in being a part of Quest, please contact any member of the Core Team. For Quest to remain viable, it takes the involvement of adults. It is always a great help if we have adults who are willing to chaperone the boys or girls dorm rooms overnight. We are in need of volunteers for either Friday or Saturday night. Finally, and most importantly, please keep Quest in your prayers.**

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Looking for something extra this Lenten season? Join our Women's Soulcore Group! SoulCore pairs excercises such as push ups, planks, sit ups and stretching while praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will meet from 5:00-5:30 pm in the St. Boniface Gym Lobby. Bring a large towel or exercise mat. For more information go to soulcore.com. Questions? Anna Meis 402-843-8893

**You do not have to commit to all 4 classes,
come as it works for your schedule:**

Sunday, Mar. 1 • 5:00-5:30 pm
Sunday, Mar. 8 • 5:00-5:30 pm
Sunday, Mar. 15 • 5:00-5:30 pm
Sunday, Mar. 22 • 5:00-5:30 pm

Healing Mass at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church: There will be a healing Mass held on Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 pm at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, 120 Cherry St., Clarkson, NE. Confessions will be heard at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this healing Mass. The Holy Spirit provides this loving time of healing for us. Any questions, call Fr. Rod at 402-892-3464.

Prayer was never meant to be a
one-way discourse

The Way: A Healing Retreat for Male Survivors of Abuse

The Diocese of Grand Island Victim Assistance Ministry, in collaboration with the Victim Assistance Ministries in the Archdiocese of Omaha and Diocese of Lincoln, is hosting the retreat March 20-22, 2020 at Camp Comeca in Cozad. The Way is a 3-day guided meditation and prayer experience for men whose abuse by another has deeply affected their heart, mind, body and soul. The Way Retreat was developed in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, by Victim Assistance Coordinator Sue Stubbs, who will facilitate this retreat along with Gerry Crete Ph.D., M.Ed., NCC. For more information, go to <https://www.gidiocese.org/safe-environment/victim-assistance>. To request an application email bheidt@gidiocese.org, or call Elizabeth A. Heidt Kozisek, Ph.D. at 308-382-6565.

The Archdiocese of Omaha is committed to reporting all incidents of sexual abuse in the Church and those we aware of in the community. In Nebraska, every adult (19 and older) is a "mandatory reporter"--i.e. any person who has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subject to abuse or neglect is required by law to make a report to the Nebraska CPS hotline and/or Law Enforcement. (Nebraska Revised Statute 28-711). **If you observe or suspect sexual abuse:** ****Call the Nebraska Child Abuse CPS Hotline at 1-800-652-1999/local law enforcement agency for all concerns of minors (18 years and younger) or vulnerable adults. **After reporting concerns to civil and law enforcement authorities, all suspected sexual abuse concerns of a minor/vulnerable adult regarding clergy, employees or volunteers acting on behalf of the Church are to be reported to Archdiocesan Victim Outreach and Prevention Office Director, Mary Beth Hanus, 402-827-3798 or mbhanus@archomaha.org or the Chancellor at 402-558-3100.** The Archdiocese has a sincere commitment to protect our children and to provide care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families who have been injured by someone acting on behalf of the Church.

Join Catholics from across the state for a day of advocacy at the Nebraska State Capitol on March 4, 2020! We begin at St. Mary's in Lincoln with Mass at 8 a.m., and the program will be at 9 a.m. with speakers, lunch, and lobbying activities until 1:30 p.m. Hear from keynote speaker - former Nebraska Governor Kay Orr, State Senators, and the Nebraska Catholic Conference staff on important legislative issues of the 2020 Legislative session. For more information and to register at necatholic.org or call [402.477.7517](tel:402.477.7517).

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<https://archomaha.org/vocations/seminary-life>

Seminarian: **Jacob Connealy**

Parish/Town: **St. Mary, Bellevue**

Seminary: **Kenrick-Glennon**

Favorite homemade food or meal: **Pork Loin**

The least favorite thing your parents make or made you do: **Making me go to bed.**

Favorite cartoon when growing up: **Bugs Bunny**

Your favorite Marvel hero: **Captain America**

The worst thing you have ever tasted: **Dried Squid or Olives**

Three events that made the biggest impact on who you are today: **Going to Benedictine College, quitting my job as an auditor and entering the seminary.**

What childish thing do you still enjoy doing: **Watching kids movies from my childhood, and quoting them constantly (even when people don't get them).**

Fun/Funny event or memory at the seminary: **Making a video with my classmates for the seminary Halloween Party. Part of it was a scene where I hunted one of my classmates with a javelin. No seminarians were hurt in the making of the film.**



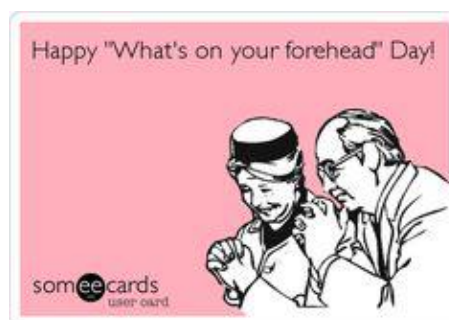
www.catholiccartoonblog.blogspot.com

Vocation Contact; Fr. Andrew Roza

1-402-558-3100

Or contact Fr. Vogel or Fr. John

Hey Guys, You Have It All Wrong!!! The seminary isn't all prayer and no fun, (but prayer can be fun sometimes;)!! There's a lot of guy stuff happening there! Outside of adoration, retreats, mass and class schedules, there are a lot of exciting guy stuff evolving!!! Just ask Father Vogel or Fr. John, they can tell you some stories!! Just to start with, they have flag football, basketball, soccer, and whiffleball! There are group talent shows, three- legged races, mechanical bull rides, ice fishing and poker night! I haven't even started yet...there's ultimate Frisbee, racquet ball, wrestlin' in the dorm halls and occasional pranks, with no mom's around to get on your case!! Whooo!! Seminarians are just regular guys who desire **holiness!!**



My Side of the Confessional: What Is It Like for a Priest?

by **Fr. Mike Schmitz**

I was once riding in a shuttle-bus with a number of older folks on the way from an airport. They noticed that I was a priest and started asking questions about it. "Do you do all of the priest stuff?"

"Yep."

"Even the Confession thing?"

"Yeah. All the time."

One older lady gasped, "Well, I think that that would be the *worst*. It would be so depressing; hearing all about people's sins."

I told them that it was the exact opposite. There is almost no greater place to be than with someone when they are coming back to God. I said, "It would be depressing if I had to watch someone leave God; I get to be with them when they come back to Him." The Confessional is a place where people let God's love win. The Confessional is the most joyful, humbling, and inspiring place in the world.

What do I see during confession?

I think there are three things. First, I see the costly mercy of God in action. **I get to regularly come face to face with the overwhelming, life-transforming power of God's love.** I get to see God's love up-close and it reminds me of how good God is.

Not many folks get to see the way in which God's sacrifice on the Cross is constantly breaking into people's lives and melting the hardest hearts. Jesus consoles those who are grieving their sins... and strengthens those who find themselves wanting to give up on God or on life.

As a priest, I get to see this thing happen *every day*.

I see a saint in the making.

The second thing I see is a person who is still trying – a saint in the making. **I don't care if this is the person's third Confession this week; if they are seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it means that they are trying. That's all that I care about.** This thought is worth considering: going to Confession is a sign that you haven't given up on Jesus.

This is one of the reasons why pride is so deadly. I have talked with people who tell me that they don't want to go to Confession to their priest because their priest really likes them and "thinks that they are a good kid."

I have two things to say to this.

1. He will not be disappointed! What your priest will see is a person who is trying! I dare you to find a saint who didn't need to God's mercy! (Even Mary needed God's mercy; she received the mercy of God in a dramatic and powerful way at her conception. Boom. Lawyered.)
2. So what if the priest is disappointed? We try to be so impressive with so much of our lives. Confession is a place where we don't get to be impressive. Confession is a place where the desire to impress goes to die. **Think about it: all other sins have the potential to cause us to race to the confessional, but pride is the one that causes us to hide from the God who could heal us.**

Do I Remember Your Sins? No!

So often, people will ask if I remember people's sin from Confession. **As a priest, I rarely, if ever, remember sins from the confessional.** That might seem impossible, but the truth is, sins aren't all that impressive. They aren't like memorable sunsets or meteor showers or super-intriguing movies... they are more like the garbage.

And if sins are like garbage, then the priest is like God's garbage-man. If you ask a garbage-man about the gross-est thing he's ever had to haul to the dump, *maaaaaaybe* he could remember it. But the fact is, **once you get used to taking out the trash, it ceases to be noteworthy, it ceases to stand out.**

Honestly, once you realize that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is less about the sin and more about Christ's death and resurrection having victory in a person's life, the sins lose all of their luster, and Jesus' victory takes center stage....*continued in the next Issue*



A good candidate for priesthood...

A man who will eventually become a priest should feel an attraction to do what a priest does and to be who a priest is. This attraction may come and go in different spiritual seasons, and it is stronger at some times than others. But for a man truly called to the priesthood, the feeling just won't go away. He might want it to go away and he might try to make it go away, but the desire will remain and will keep re-surfacing like a submarine.

-Fr. Brett A. Brannen, TO SAVE A THOUSAND SOULS

Please continue to pray for our priests and seminarians!!



**Dear single women wondering how to spot a nice, Catholic guy:
Today God is labeling them for your convenience.**

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