



# Catholic Parishes in Partnership

St. Bonaventure, Raeville | St. Boniface, Elgin | St. John the Baptist, Petersburg  
Annunciation Parish serving  
St. John the Baptist, Deloit | St. Peter de Alcántara, Ewing | St. Theresa, Clearwater  
St. Francis of Assisi, Neligh | Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tilden

February 28 & March 1, 2026 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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**Wednesday - Thursday:**

9:30 am-Noon & 1:00-4:00 pm

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**(Medical emergencies or death)**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of Lent



This is my  
chosen Son;  
listen to  
him."  
--Luke 9:35

Date	Time & Event
Every Monday SJD Rosary/Meditation 7:00PM	
Every Tuesday SFN Rosary 10:00AM	
Every Wednesday SBE Confessions 5:00-5:30PM	
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month SFN Divine Mercy 3:00PM	
SBE Adoration begins on Thursday before the first Friday of the month, following the 8:15AM Mass and continues through the 8:15AM Mass on Friday.	
March 1	St. Bonaventure Parish Breakfast 8:30AM - Noon
March 1	St. Boniface Welcoming Gathering KC Hall, 6:30-8:00PM
March 4	OLT Catholic Women will meet @ 9:30AM
March 8	SJD Sunnybrook Cafe chicken dinner at St. John, Deloit, 11:30AM-1:30PM
March 10	Baptism Class, 7:00PM, Convent Ministry RM, Contact Gwen Beckman @ 402.843.8137 to Register
March 13	Neligh American Legion Fish Fry Serving from 5-7:30PM
March 16	SPE Christian Mother's @ 2PM, St. Dominic's Hall, starting Rosary for Ruby Williamson. Please come
March 20	SJD Fish Fry, Parish Hall 4:30- 8PM
March 21	SBE Spring Auction, KC Hall Elgin, 5:30PM
March 22	OLT St. Patrick's Day Bash, Serving from 11AM-2PM
March 22	SJP Potato Bake at Werner Hall, Serving from 5PM-7PM
<b>Correction:</b> March 23	SFN Blessing of the Child in the Womb <b>Correction:</b> Led by Fr. John, 6:30-8PM
March 28	"A Desert Journey of the Heart", St. Patrick's Parish Hall, O'Neil, NE 10AM-4PM
March 28-29	Quest Retreat: All Freshmen & Sophomore high school students, Tintern Retreat Center

# MISSION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 142<sup>nd</sup> annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support!

## Baptism Class

Tuesday, March 10,  
7PM at the  
Convent Meeting Room  
in Elgin.  
Please contact  
Gwen Beckman @ 402.843.8137  
to register

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Display  
is coming to Tintern Retreat Center  
Tintern will host the Vatican approved International  
Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit from  
March 4-26  
Located at 52619 843<sup>rd</sup> Rd, Oakdale, Ne 68761



### It is free to view

March 7-8, 2026 Tintern will be open 8AM-4PM, both days with coffee and rolls.  
March 14-15, 2026 Tintern will be open both days from 10AM-4PM  
March 21, 2026 Tintern will be open 10AM-4PM  
March 22, 2026 CPP Parishes Youth Groups 4:30PM  
During the week call Cheryl @ 402.843.8023 to view.



# FOR LENT FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE UP FOR LENT CHANGES LIVES

Pick up your rice bowl in the back of church. Use the QR code or website to make your donation, both are provided on the insert inside the rice bowl. Use the Lenten calendar daily to pray, fast and give. Thank you for changing lives this Lent!

**"On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself." –Pope Leo XIV**



Pope John  
Development Dinner  
March 29, 2026  
Werner Hall,  
Petersburg

5 PM - Social/Dinner  
6:30 PM - Dinner  
Live Auction to follow

Tickets will be on sale soon!



## Sunnybrook Cafe

will be  
hosting a chicken dinner  
at St. John Deloit Hall  
March 8th from  
11:30am-1:30pm

# Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

serving St. John the Baptist, Deloit | St. Peter de Alcantara, Ewing

St. Theresa of Avila, Clearwater | St. Francis of Assisi, Neligh | Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tilden

Stewardship for February 21 & 22

*God bless you for your generosity!*

Sunday Offertory	\$9,952.00
Vocations	\$50.00
Utilities	\$3,325.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$590.00
Respect Life	\$40.00

## SFN REMINDER



### Dial-A-Ride Transit Available for Sunday Mass at no cost to parishioners

Service hours are 9:00AM-Noon on Sundays.

Dial-A-Ride can assist & transport parishioners using mobility devices such as wheelchairs or walking aids.

Parishioners wishing to take advantage of this service for a ride to & from Mass should call 402-887-4225 no later than 4:00PM on Friday to schedule a ride.

## SFN Cleaning Crew for March

Mar 7: Joe Hartz, Jack Funk, Doug Haselhorst

Mar 14: Don Zegers, Connor Bentley, Ryan Dietz

Mar 21: Gary Gunderson, Joshua Mitchell, Gail Knust

Mar 28: Kathy Sauser, Donna Vice, Jill Kallhoff

## Rosary Sodality for March

Janice Ridder, Marlene Schindler, Rosemary Sauser, Marla Snodgrass, Rhonda Heithoff, Elleah Wiebelhaus, Shantell Boggs, Shelly Grosserode, Dodi Jessen, Tracy Booth, Angie Horstman, Lois Bright, Barb Haselhorst

**OLT CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 4 @ 9:30AM**



## Announcements!!

# SJD FISH FRY

JOIN US MARCH 20 FROM 4:30PM - 8PM FOR GOOD FOOD, GREAT FELLOWSHIP, AND A FUN LENTEN EVENING AT ST. JOHN'S, DELOIT. COME HUNGRY, LEAVE HAPPY.

## ATTENTION SJD

*Please sign up for our Annual Fish Fry. Your awesome desserts, supplies and help are appreciated. Can't sign up? Text Beth @ 402.336.7158.*

*Cash donations may be sent to the Parish Office or placed in an envelope marked "SJD Fish Fry" in the collection at any local Mass Thank you and God Bless You!*



## Welcome to the Catholic Faith!

Congratulations to Matthew & Alyx (Siems) Kurpgeweit, on the baptism of their daughter, Keaton Ann, at St. John the Baptist, Deloit on February 21, 2026!

Congratulations to Christopher & Natasha (Koenig) Dewald, on the baptism of their daughter, Maylee Joann, at St. Peter, Ewing on February 22, 2026!

Congratulations to Tyson & Jaden (Schafer) Belitz, on the baptism of their daughter, Baylor Jean, at St. Francis on February 21, 2026!



## We pray for Carmen Peetz

who recently passed away. We extend sincere sympathy to the families, loved ones, and friends of Carmen. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## OLT St. Patrick's Day Bash



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church will be hosting their annual St. Pat's Bash Fundraiser on Sunday, March 22nd from 11am - 2pm at the parish hall. On the menu are soups, sandwiches, desserts and beverages for a free will donation. Join in the fun with a variety of games and raffles. Prizes include a Handmade Quilt, Meat Gift Certificate, Black Stone Grill package, Cash Prizes, and much more. Raffles begin at 2pm, and you need not be present to win. Bring your friends and family and test your luck at the St. Pat's Bash.



## Annunciation Parish Prayer Line

Adam Kester, Roger Allen, Angela Hardisty, Glen Grahleer, Lainey Henn, Jan Jurgens, Alice Johnston, Bob Stoffel, Boyd Batenhorst, Nate Thiele, Brett Kietly, Phyllis Dusel, Leo Starman, Nicki Dougherty, Yvonne Duggan, Anna Murdy, Steve Herrington, Ladd Chandler, Kathy Long, Olivia Trease Anderson, Angela Wortman, Katie Zurcher Eggers, Elaine Dittrich, Alice Starman, Dana Sheridan, Emily Bromley, Jane Marke, Michelle Raclawski, Lester Perske, Ed O'Brien, Mike Neiberger, Donna Taylor, Beth Schmit, Gary Warner, Stephanie Alderson Mortinsen, George & Vicki Ternus, Natalie Luettel, Hannah Wright, Mike Sauser

To add to the prayer line call for St. Francis, call Susie Ames at 402-929-0038, Milly Clemens 402-649-3194, or the Neligh Office at 402-887-4521. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, call Jeanne Dahl at 402-640-6466, St. Theresa's call Teresa Kester 402-750-0262, St. John's call Jeanne Knievel 402-929-0847, St. Peter's call Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755.

Stewardship for February 21 & 22

*God bless you for your generosity!*

St. Boniface, Elgin	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,757.23
Insurance	\$25.00
Utilities	\$290.00
Vocations	\$20.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$170.00
Good Friday	\$10.00
St. John's, Petersburg	
Sunday Offertory	\$4,500.75
Black & Indian Mission	\$3.00
Utilities	\$255.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00
Cemetery	\$100.00
St. Bonaventure, Raeville	
Sunday Offertory	\$121.00
Utilities	\$200.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$75.00

## Announcements!!



Sunday, March 1st  
at the Raeville Parish Hall  
Serving pancakes, French toast,  
sausage, ham, dessert & beverages  
8:30 a.m. until Noon  
Free Will Offering

## POTATO BAKE

**SUNDAY MARCH 22 AT WERNER HALL SERVING FROM 5PM-7PM.**



Watch the bulletin for notices.  
There will be a sign-up sheet for food  
donations & sign up to work.  
Unfilled positions will be assigned.

## POPE JOHN CENTRAL CATHOLIC



Is seeking nominations for  
for two Board of Education  
members.

**ANY parishioner in the CPP parish grouping can be nominated (not just school parents). We are especially looking for representation from Petersburg and Tilden. Board members serve for four years and meetings are held 7-8 times per year in the evening. Call the school office 402.843.5325 for more information or to make a nomination.**  
**Thank you.**



LOCATED AT THE ELGIN KC HALL  
5:30 PM

LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS  
ENJOY FOOD & DRINK  
MUST HAVE RAFFLE ITEMS!



25% OF AUCTION PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE  
ST. BONIFACE CHURCH PAINTING PROJECT  
CAN'T MAKE THE EVENT? CONSIDER SHOWING YOUR  
SUPPORT BY DONATING ONLINE. USE THE QR CODE

## Schedule of Events

Items Available To View & Bid Online  
Ahead Of The Event

5:30PM Silent Auction Opens

7:30PM Silent Auction Closes &

Raffle Item Winners Will Be Announced



St. John's, Petersburg, St. Boniface, Elgin & St. Bonaventure, Raeville Prayer Line: Laura Ferando, Brandon Henn, Adam Kester, Larry DeMuth, Neil Childers, Loretta Zegers, Chris Baum, Ann Beckman, Gene Heithoff, Fallon Sue Heying, Judy Johnson, Denise Jamison, Bruce Baum, Travis Pieper, Phil Stuhr, Mike Dwyer, Brett Kielty, Tom Jamieson, Nora Henn, Barb Ziegler, Jerry Stamp, Fayden Evens, Bob Redler, Vince Spieker, Linda Buel, Rodger Rilley, Pauline Pelster, Kenny Thiele, Joan Richert, Cooper Dirks, Millie Ridder, Arlene Unseld, Darlene Stuhr, Carlie Russell, Beau Schindler, Bob Tharnish, Lyle Mackel, Michelle Raclawski, Lori Krause, Baylee Chessmore, Natalee Luettel, Joan Stoltz, Taylyne Charf  
To add to the prayer line for St. John's, call Kelly Starman, 402-386-5570, or Kathy Koch, 402-386-5481. St. Boniface call JoAnn Beckman at 402-843-6287 or Darlene Heithoff at 402-843-5482. St. Bonaventure call Mary Ann Fangman at 402-843-6129 or Diane Scholl at 402-750-3789.

# Ministry Schedule for March

## Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

### 8:00 am Mass – St. Bonaventure (Raeville)

**Altar Servers:** Raaf K., Diedrick K.

**EMHC:** Mark Grundmayer, Jake Grundmayer, Megan Heying

**Giftbearers:** Bob & Jaci Hoefler

**Lector:** Aiden Klein

**Music:** Chris Grundmayer, Joyce Reestman

**Rosary Leaders:** Paul & Brenda Kuhlman

**Ushers:** Bryan Bode, Christopher Bode

### 8:00 am Mass – St. Theresa (Clearwater)

**Altar Servers:** Weston F., Luke K.

**EMHC:** Marlene Thiessen, Jennifer Kester, Duane Kester, Paul Kester, Crystal Kester

**Giftbearers:** John & LeeAnn Kester

**Lector:** Carol Kester

**Ushers:** Jarod Bearinger, Steve Hankla

### 10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)

**Altar Servers:** Owen S., Haden F.

**EMHC:** Joe & Bev Hartz, Jim & Kathy Koenig, Marian Shabram, Kathy Sauser

**Lector:** Sheila Parks

**Ushers:** Ted Hughes, Daryl Booth, Jon Strom, Trent Hoefler

### 10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)

**Altar Servers:** Kinley S., Carter S.

**EMHC:** Deacon Dennis Wiehn, Jake & Briley Eischeid, Jessica Niewohner, Terry Reicks

**Giftbearers:** Brian & Kelsey Selting

**Greeters:** Ray & Peggy Payne, Alan & Michelle Reicks

**Homebound:** Jake E& Briley Eischeid, Jessica Niewohner

**Lector:** Luke Beckman

**Music:** Mark & Julie Dwyer

**Ushers:** Mark Schrage, Paul Schrage, Dean Schrage, Phil Starman

## Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

### 5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)

**Altar Servers:** Carter H., Blake H., Milo N.

**EMHC:** LuAnn Koch, Doris O'Brien, John O'Brien

**Homebound:** Rosemary Patras

**Lector:** Jeanne Oelsigle

**Ushers:** Eddie O'Brien, Ron Koch

### 5:30 pm Mass – St. Peters (Ewing)

**Altar Servers:** Cooper N., Riley N.

**EMHC:** Gina Koenig, Helen Larson, Carol Rotherham

**Giftbearers:** Ed & Mary Jo Nordby

**Lector:** Karen Funk

**Ushers:** Greg Napier, Kevin Koenig

## Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

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

**Altar Servers:** Christian P.

**EMHC:** Deacon John Starman, Rod Stuhr, Kay Preister

**Homebound:** Kay Preister

**Lector:** Lynn Pelster

**Money:** Adam Wies, Shirley Henn

**Music:** Jeanne Temme, Alan Temme

**Ushers:** Rick Pelster, Larry Zegers

## Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

### 8:00 am Mass – St. Theresa (Clearwater)

**Altar Servers :** Clarie K., Leah K.

**EMHC:** Luke Kester, Tom Kester, Dianna Kester, Koryn Koinzan, Kevin Filsinger

**Giftbearers:** Chris & Sandy Moser

**Lector:** Ed Moser

**Ushers:** Duane Kester, Smoke Kester

### 10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)

**Altar Servers:** Josslyn H., Hannah E.

**EMHC:** Carla Teel, Milly Clemens, Ron Beacom, Dale Kallhoff, Doris Ternus, Bill Kuester

**Lector:** Amy Baker

**Ushers:** Ted Hughes, Daryl Booth, Andy Elder, Gary Gunderson

### 10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)

**Altar Servers:** Gabe S., Leo S.

**EMHC:** Andrew Childers, Connie Dvorak, Abby Lodge, Linda Kerkman, Phil Starman

**Giftbearers:** Mike & Kristin Zegers

**Greeters:** Mark & Brenda Schrage, Rick & Jan Starman

**Homebound:** Deb Beckman, Phil & Kris Starman

**Lector:** Audra Borer

**Music:** Mark Moser

**Ushers:** Mike Kerkman, David Kerkman, Bob Koenig, Ryan Lodge

## Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

### 5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)

**Altar Servers:** Hunter M., Carter H., Blake H.

**EMHC:** Mike Dusel, Jolene Schapmann, LuAnn Koch

**Homebound:** Ruth O'Brien

**Lector:** Rosemary Patras

**Ushers:** Ron Koch, Walt Patras

### 5:30 pm Mass – St. John the Baptist (Deloit)

**Altar Servers:** Parker M., Mason M.

**EMHC:** Diane Dicke, Janette Kerkman, Elaine Kimes

**Giftbearers:** Chris & Suzanne Dierks

**Lector:** Cathy Palmer

**Ushers:** Paul Dicke, Steven Bartak

## Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

### 8:00 am Mass – St. Bonaventure (Raeville)

**Altar Servers:** Anna S., Melissa S.

**EMHC:** Reese Stuhr

**Giftbearers:** Marty & Amy Klein

**Lector:** Brian Stuhr

**Music:** Paul Kuhlman

**Rosary Leaders:** Fred & Mary Ann Fangman

**Ushers:** Jerry Schrage, Tyler Reestman

### 8:00 am Mass – St. Theresa (Clearwater)

**Altar Servers:** Katelyn K., Lydia S.

**EMHC:** Duane Kester

**Giftbearers:** Gary & Mary Thiele

**Lector:** Sonia Rittscher

**Ushers:** John Kester, Aaron Kruger

## Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

### 10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh) 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

**Altar Servers:** Bode K., Wyatt K.

**EMHC:** Del & Susie Ames

**Lector:** Kathy Sauser

**Ushers:** Ted Hughes, Daryl Booth, Dale Kallhoff, Chad Shabram

### 10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)

**Altar Servers:** Sage S., Landyn V.

**EMHC:** Luke Beckman

**Giftbearers:** Dave & Gwen Beckman

**Greeters:** Paul & Jolene Schrage, Ron & Linda Eischeid

**Homebound:** Tyler & Chelsi Childers, Julie Schiltmeyer

**Lector:** Briley Eischeid

**Music:** Deb Baum, Becky Kerkman

**Ushers:** Leigh Kluthe, Phil Kluthe, Bill Mescher, Randy Mitchell

## Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

### 5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)

**Altar Servers:** Landon M., Matthew L., Sophia P.

**EMHC:** Mary Rautenberg

**Homebound:** Jolene Schapmann

**Lector:** Brent Luebe

**Ushers:** Stan Schapmann, Eddie O'Brien

### 5:30 pm Mass – St. Peter (Ewing)

**Altar Servers:** Brekkan S., Patrick W.

**EMHC:** Mike Summers

**Giftbearers:** Pat & Beth Regan

**Lector:** Tammy Summers

**Ushers:** Ed Nordby, Denis Bergstrom

## Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

**Altar Servers:** Emmery P., Vera T.

**EMHC:** Deacon John Starman

**Homebound:** Jeanne Temme

**Lector:** Lisa Schumacher

**Money:** Jay Pelster, Rick Pelster

**Music:** Guitar Group

**Ushers:** Scott Preister, Kevin Schumacher

### 8:00 am Mass – St. Theresa (Clearwater) 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

**Altar Servers:** Weston F., Lydia T.

**EMHC:** Kevin Filsinger

**Giftbearers:**

**Lector:** Deb Schlecht

**Ushers:** Chris Moser, Kevin Rittscher

### 10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)

**Altar Servers:** Haden F., McKenna S.

**EMHC:** Tim & Baker

**Lector:** Doris Ternus

**Ushers:** Ted Hughes, Troy Shabram, Daryl Booth, John Anderson

### 10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)

**Altar Servers:** Myles V., Sawyer V.

**EMHC:** Dave Eischeid

**Giftbearers:** Jim & Baum

**Greeters:** Dave & Janice Eischeid, Eric & Callie Haselhorst

**Homebound:** Dave & Janice Eischeid, Betty Getzfred

**Lector:** Betty Kallhoff

**Music:** Mark & Julie Dwyer

**Ushers:** Ben Meis, Eric Meis, Marvin Meis, Craig Niewhoner

## Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

### 5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)

**Altar Servers:** Logan B., Hayden B., Reece B.

**EMHC:** Sarah Black

**Homebound:** Bill Hatterman

**Lector:** Rosemary Patras

**Ushers:** Keith Meyer, Mark O'Brien

### 5:30 pm Mass – St. John the Baptist (Deloit)

**Altar Servers:** Corbin S., Caden S.

**EMHC:** Ann Kurpgeweit

**Giftbearers:** Paul Dicke, Diane Dicke

**Lector:** Kelsi Schueth

**Ushers:** Jim Funk, Ron Funk

## Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

### 8:00 am Mass – St. Bonaventure (Raeville)

**Altar Servers:** Samantha S., Wyatt S.

**EMHC:** Mark Grundmayer

**Giftbearers:** Joyce Pelster, Cyril Pelster

**Lector:** Tami Schrage

**Music:** Chris Grundmayer, Joyce Reestman

**Rosary Leaders:** Joan Stuhr, Ken Stuhr

**Ushers:** Spencer Heying, Jake Grundmayer

### 8:00 am Mass – St. Theresa (Clearwater)

**Altar Servers:** Kaylee T., Amelia T.

**EMHC:** Tom Kester

**Giftbearers:** Chantelle Dempster, Shaun Dempster

**Lector:** Tina Thiele-Blecher, Ed Moser

**Ushers:** Jeff Schlecht, Dean Thiele

### 10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)

**Altar Servers:** Owen S., Gracelyn W.

**EMHC:** Nick Strom, Milly Clemens

**Lector:** Ron Gilg, Trent Hoefler

**Ushers:** Nick Strom, Tim Woslager, Ted Hughes, Daryl Booth

### 10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)

**Altar Servers:** Nathan B., Brayden B.

**EMHC:** Terry Reicks

**Giftbearers:** Mary Jane Bauer, Terry Bauer

**Greeters:** Ted Baum, JoAnn Baum, Jeff Schindler, Tracey Schindler

**Homebound:** Abby Lodge, Terry Reicks

**Lector:** Linda Kerkman, Dave Beckman

**Music:** Deb Baum, Becky Kerkman

**Ushers:** Ed Parks, Ray Payne, Chuck Pelster, Phil Starman

## **From the Desk of Father Frank**



**Dear parishioners,**

**The adults that we met in Mexico City, had left their homes to find a safer place to live, on the streets. They hadn't found love in their own homes, so it was not surprising that they couldn't believe in a loving God, who was supposedly going to provide a love filled home for them in heaven. They found out they couldn't trust their families, the people around them, nor could they trust God. Showing each one of them that they were important to God would have been laughable to them.**

**The bad examples that they had grown up with had to be replaced with good examples, by those who could model the love of God to them. Even this was tricky. They might have had a moment of love by someone on the streets, only to be used or fooled once again. They had to see love given generously. This did not mean giving out lots of money. Drug dealers would give people a real bargain, but the long-term price showed their real intent, addicted customers.**

**Once again, our experience in Mexico taught us what was needed. We visited a home for people who had been orphaned. In a city of over 20 million people, I was told that there were only eleven government run homes for these abandoned people. In this poor country, that meant a place with only a couple caretakers for dozens of people who felt abandoned. We did visit one of those eleven places. It was for women who had no family or their families couldn't care for them, physically or financially. We did what we could in a few hours to help as many of them as possible to feel that someone cared about them. But one other place we went to wasn't run by the government but by a woman who was like Mother Theresa for Mexico City. She died at the age of 94 and a few people are trying to keep her work going. There were teenagers to older adults here. The work of the woman who started that place continues. That work involved helping these lonely individuals feel like a family. Some of the women, who had been there for years started to take care of those who were helpless. By helpless, I mean people who were so handicapped that they could hardly move on their own or communicate. One obvious need was to do laundry every day, so everyone had clean bedding. These women gained a sense of purpose in their lives by taking on this chore. I'm sorry to say that the less handicapped men weren't as helpful. They mostly watched sports. Our work there was to continue the message that these people had value, even those adults who had no more abilities than an infant.**

**The lesson at this orphan complex was important to everyone involved in the five days we were there: the handicapped, the homeless, the Hope of the Poor team, and the visiting Nebraskans. Scripture says it the best, whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do for me. In this world we are all on different levels of abilities. We tend to judge ourselves by comparing ourselves to others who are more or less capable. The only lesson that we should get from this is how much God will expect from us: for from those who have more, more will be expected. The real lesson is that those different levels of ability are insignificant to how much God loves each one of us.**

**When Jesus came to earth, it was to emphatically show us that we are not insignificant to God. For a person who is homeless to see someone care for a person less fortunate than they are, is the ultimate sign that they are worth something. This is critical to teaching or reteaching the faith to these poor children of God. So, the next time you see someone who might be feeling like dirt, make sure you acknowledge them with a minimum of a smile. After all, we are just dirt that is a little more talented. That is just the start for extending the message that God has great things in mind for his children, especially those who are innocent in his eyes, like those who live with the most severe handicaps.**

**God bless you,**

**Fr. Frank Baumert**

Date & Time	Location	Cel.	Intention	Notes
Mon Mar 2, 8:15AM	Elgin	DW		Communion Service
Tue Mar 3, 8:30AM	Petersburg	JN FB	† Sterling Morton † Victoria Ketteler	
Wed Mar 4, 8:15AM	Elgin	FB	† Diane Kerkman	
Wed Mar 4, 8:30AM	Neligh	JN	† Living & Deceased Family members of Donna Vice	
Wed Mar 4, 9:30AM	Willows	JN	† Patti Van Ert	
Wed Mar 4, 6pm	Clearwater	FB	† Anton & Helen Venteicher	Faith Formation
Wed Mar 4, 5:00PM	Elgin	FB		Confessions
Thur Mar 5, 8:15AM	Elgin	FB	† Randy Henn	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class
Thur Mar 5, 8:30AM	Neligh	JN	† Fellar & Dolly Baker	
Fri Mar 6, 8:15 A.M.	Elgin	FB	† Joan Childers	
Fri Mar 6, 8:30 A.M.	Neligh	JN	† Dwaine J Peetz Sr MD	
Sat Mar 7, 5:30 P.M.	Tilden	JN	† Joe & Phyllis Dusel	
Sat Mar 7, 5:30 P.M.	Ewing	FB	† Ged Bauer	
Sun Mar 8, 8:00 A.M.	Petersburg	JN	† Russell Stokes	
Sun Mar 8, 8:00 A.M.	Clearwater	FB	† Judy Kerkman	
Sun Mar 8, 10:00 A.M.	Elgin	JN	† For the People of Our Parishes	
Sun Mar 8, 10:00 A.M.	Neligh	FB	† Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 7550	

### Ministry Schedule for March 7 & 8: The 3rd Sunday of Lent

(The weekend Mass schedule always goes by the Sunday Liturgy)

#### Saturday 3/7/2026

##### 5:30 pm Mass - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tilden

(Contact Jolene Schapmann to schedule Communion to the sick or homebound 402-649-0829)

**Altar Servers:** Carter & Blake H., Milo N.

**EMHC:** LuAnn Koch, Doris & John O'Brien

**Homebound:** Rosemary Patras

**Lector:** Jeanne Oelstige

**Ushers:** Eddie O'Brien, Ron Koch

##### 5:30 pm Mass - St. Peter, Ewing

**Altar Servers:** Cooper & Riley N.

**EMHC:** Gina Koenig, Helen Larson, Carol Rotherham

**Gift bearers:** Ed & Mary Jo Nordby

**Lector:** Karen Funk

**Ushers:** Greg Napier, Keven Koenig

#### Sunday 3/8/2026

##### 8:00 am Mass - St. Theresa, Clearwater

**Altar Servers:** Carie & Leah K.

**EMHC:** Luke Kester, Tom & Dianna Kester, Koryn Koinzan, Kevin Filsinger

**Gift bearers:** Chris & Sandy Moser

**Lector:** Ed Moser

**Ushers:** Duane Kester, Smoke Kester

##### 10:00 am Mass - St. Francis of Assisi, Neligh

(Contact Milly Clemens to schedule Communion to sick or homebound 402-649-3194)

**Altar Servers:** Josslyn H., Hannah E.

**EMHC:** Carla Teel, Milly Clemens, Ron Beacom, Dale Kallhoff, Doris Ternus, Bill Kuester

**Lector:** Amy Baker

**Ushers:** Ted Hughes, Daryl Booth, Andy Elder, Gary Gunderson

##### 10:00 am Mass - St. Boniface, Elgin

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

**Altar Servers:** Gabe & Leo S.

**EMHC:** Andrew Childers, Connie Dvorak, Abby Lodge, Linda Kerkman, Phil Starman

**Gift bearers:** Mike & Kristin Zegers

**Greeters:** Brenda & Mark Schrage, Rick & Jan Starman

**Homebound:** Deb Beckman, Phil & Kris Starman

**Lector:** Audra Borer

**Music:** Mark Moser

**Ushers:** Mike Kerkman, David Kerkman, Bob Koenig, Ryan Lodge

#### Sunday 3/8/2026

##### 8:00 am Mass - St. John the Baptist, Petersburg

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

**Altar Servers:** Christian P.

**EMHC:** Deacon John Starman, Rod Stuhr, Kay Preister

**Homebound:** Kay Preister

**Lector:** Lynn Pelster

**Money:** Adam Wies, Shirley Henn

**Music:** Jeanne & Alan Temme

**Ushers:** Rick Pelster, Larry Zegers