

# 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

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March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

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**(Medical emergencies or death)**

**Call will go to the on-call priest.**

**Three core values:**

**Communion**

**Communication**

**Sustainability**

Deacon Dennis Wiehn 402-843-0182

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Today's Gospel reading is the scriptural equivalent of the old image of the man on the sidewalk wearing a sandwich board that reads: The End is Near.

While the sidewalk evangelist may have gotten more looks than converts, Jesus' words emphasize the urgency of repentance in a way that is tough to ignore. In the first part of the reading, Jesus responds to a "news report" about Galileans killed by Pilate, presumably as they offered ritual sacrifices, and another story about people crushed by a falling tower. He reframes both tragedies—not as divine punishment but as stark reminders of life's fragility. None of us know how much time we have, so Jesus challenges his listeners to examine their spiritual state now, rather than assuming there's always time to make things right with God.

Date	Time & Event
	Every Monday SJD Rosary/Meditation 7:00 p.m.
	Every Tuesday SFN Rosary 10:00 a.m.
Every Wednesday	5:00-5:30 p.m. Confessions at SBE
	Youth Group for 9-12 grades, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at OLT Hall, Tilden
Sun Mar 23	First Communion at St. Theresa, Clearwater <i>Farewell celebration for Sister Pat Hoffman. SBE 1-3 p.m.</i>
Tues Mar 25	Blessings of a Child in the Womb at SFN 6:30 p.m.
Wed Mar 26	<i>Speak to My Grief</i> 6:00 p.m. Neligh Public Library
Thur Mar 27	Baptism Class in Elgin Convent ~ 7:00 p.m.
Fri Mar 28	<b>Stations of the Cross at SJD 7:00 p.m.</b>
Sat Mar 29	SBE Spring Benefit Auction 5:30 p.m. Elgin KC Hall
	<b>Parish Penance Services: SBE 3:00 p.m.   STC 5:00 p.m.</b>
Sun Mar 30	Neligh KC Annual Ham & Beef Dinner 5-8 p.m. Neligh Legion <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Praise Hour</i> at SBE 6:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Group to follow for grades 7-12. Supper provided!
Wed April 2	<i>Speak to My Grief</i> session 6:00 p.m. Neligh Public Library
Fri April 4	Elgin KC Fish Fry 5:00-7:30 p.m. <b>Stations of the Cross at SJP 7:00 p.m.</b>
Sat April 5	First Communion at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tilden
Sun April 6	First Communion at St. Boniface, Elgin First Communion at St. Francis, Neligh <i>SJP Potato Bake at Werner Hall 5:00-7:00 p.m.</i> ~ Fr. John Norman's Birthday!
Fri April 11	<b>Stations of the Cross at STC 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Every Friday during Lent:</b>	
Stations of the Cross at SFN after Friday 8:30 a.m. Mass	
Stations of the Cross at SBE 3:00 p.m. (Led by PJ grade school)	
Stations of the Cross at SPE 6:00 p.m.	
Petersburg Legion Fish Fry 5:30-7:30 p.m. every Friday	
Albion KC Fish Fry 5:00-7:30 p.m. every Friday	

## This Sunday!

**Sister Pat Hoffman's Farewell Reception**  
Sunday, March 23, 2025  
St. Boniface Church Basement  
1:00-3:00 pm

Sister Pat will move to St. Joseph Convent in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on April 1st. She has been part of the Elgin community, St. Boniface Parish, and Pope John XXIII Central Catholic School for almost 53 years. Along with Sister Pat, the School Sisters of St. Francis leave the Elgin Community. We have been blessed to have the Sisters of St. Francis as part of our community since January 1909 with the opening of St. Boniface School.

*Please join us at a reception*

*in Sister Pat's honor on March 23rd.*

*If you are unable to attend, cards may be sent to:*

**Sister Pat Hoffman**

PO Box 219

Elgin, NE 68636



## Tending the Garden

In today's Gospel message, Jesus also reinforces the call to repentance with a vivid parable about an orchard owner, a gardener, and a barren fig tree. The orchard owner wants to cut the tree down, but the gardener pleads for one more year to tend and nurture it. As with all of Jesus' parables, there are layers of meaning to consider. The fig tree can represent us individually—our spiritual lives may have become stagnant, bearing little or no fruit. But it can also symbolize those who are distant from God: people who are struggling, lost, or alone.

Here's the challenge: As Christians, we're not only called to ensure our own trees bear fruit but also to take on the role of the gardener. We are invited to intercede, nurture, and tend the barren trees, offering time, patience, prayer, and love to help others grow. In doing so, we become participants in the mercy and grace of God.

This Lent, how can we embrace the gardener's mission? Who in our lives might need our care, encouragement, or prayer to bear the fruit they are capable of? Let us ask God for the courage and wisdom to meet this challenge, sharing His mercy with a world that is so often fragile and in need of hope.



## Upcoming Deanery Meetings

### Rural Central Deanery (RCD) of the OACCW will meet

Tuesday, April 8, at the Elgin KC Hall.  
Registration: 1:00 | Meeting: 1:30.

### Rural Northwest (RNW) Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Meeting

Tuesday, April 8

St Wenceslaus in Verdigre.

Registration: 9:30 AM | Meeting: 10:00 AM.

Mass at 11:30 AM. Join us to hear Karen Marshall speak of her experience in Medjugorje.



## 39th Annual Pope John Development Dinner

Palm Sunday, April 13th

Silent Auction & Social: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Werner Hall - Petersburg

\$75 per person

Contact Pope John school for tickets: 402-843-5325

Deadline is Friday, April 4th.

Date & Time	Location	Cel.	Intention	Notes
<b>MON MAR 24, 8:15 AM</b>	Elgin	DW		Communion Service
<b>TUES MAR 25, 8:30 AM</b>	Petersburg	JN FB	• † For Deceased Members of the Ted Kerkman Family • † Deceased members of Sal & Kristine Henn Family	
<b>WED MAR 26 8:15 AM</b>	Elgin	FB	• † Delores Welding	
<b>WED MAR 26 8:30 AM</b>	Neligh	JN	• † Joan Sehi	
<b>WED MAR 26 9:30 AM</b>	Arbor Care	JN	• † Emil & Mary Ann Hladvocak	
<b>WED MAR 26 5:00 PM</b>	Elgin	FB		Confessions 5:00-5:30 PM
<b>THURS MAR 27 8:15 AM</b>	Elgin	JN	• † Floyd & Marlene Henn & Cindy Bohaboj	School Mass (4th grade plans)
<b>THURS MAR 27 8:30 AM</b>	Neligh	FB	• † Dr Dwaine Peetz	
<b>FRI MAR 28, 8:15 AM</b>	Elgin	FB	• † Larry Shavlik	
<b>FRI MAR 28, 8:30 AM</b>	Neligh	JN	• † Larry Reuss	Stations of the Cross, following Mass
<b>SAT MAR 29, 5:30 PM</b>	Tilden	JN	• For the People of Our Parishes	
<b>SAT MAR 29, 5:30 PM</b>	Deloit	JL	• † Darlene Schueth	JL= Rev. Jerry Leise
<b>SUN MAR 30, 8:00 AM</b>	Raeville	JN	• † Louis Monitor	
<b>SUN MAR 30, 8:00 AM</b>	Clearwater	FB	• † Elaine Panowicz	
<b>SUN MAR 30, 10:00 AM</b>	Elgin	JN	• † Dan Henn & Kalin Henn	
<b>SUN MAR 30, 10:00 AM</b>	Neligh	FB	• † Lori Schrader	

Confessions 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass.

### **Ministry Schedule for March 29 & 30: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

\*\*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled ministry, please find a substitute.

➤ Saturday 3/29/2025

#### **5:30 pm Mass - St. John the Baptist, Deloit**

Altar Servers: Carter L., Tyler P.  
EMHC: Sara Lemburg  
Gift bearers: Kylee & Tonya Funk  
Lector: Marilyn Sehi  
Ushers: Dale Funk, Curtis Lemburg

➤ Sunday 3/30/2025

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

Altar Servers: Luke K., Bryce R.  
EMHC: Dianna Kester  
Gift bearers: Ed & Sandy Moser  
Lector: Deb Schlecht  
Ushers: Duane Kester, Tom Kester

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

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

Altar Servers: Logan S., Carter H.  
EMHC: Brianne O'Brien  
Lector: Rosemary Patras  
Ushers: Billy O'Brien, Walt Patras

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

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

Altar Servers: Kinley S., Carter S.  
Gift bearers: Brian & Kelsey Selting  
Greeters: Linda Eischeid, Deb Beckman,  
Peggy Payne, Jodine Meis  
Homebound: Dave & Gwen Beckman, Chelsi Childers  
Lector: Juliana McNally  
Music: Mark & Julie Dwyer  
Ushers: Ron Eischeid, Marvin Meis,  
Scott Beckman, Ray Payne

➤ Sunday 3/30/2025

#### **8:00 am Mass - St. Bonaventure, Raeville**

(Contact Joan Stuhr to schedule  
Communion to sick or homebound 402-843-0485)

Altar Servers: Anna S., Thomas S.  
EMHC: Reese Stuhr  
Gift bearers: Anthony & Sarah Hemenway Family  
Lector: Brian Stuhr  
Music: Chris Grundmayer, Joyce Reestman  
Rosary Leaders: Ken & Joan Stuhr  
Ushers: Bryan Bode, Christopher Bode  
Petersburg Homebound: Teresa Heying

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

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

Altar Servers: Corbin H., Josslyn H., Cason H.  
EMHC: Dale Kallhoff, Hannah Hoefer  
Lector: Trent Hoefer  
Ushers: Gary Gunderson, Daryl Booth  
Tim Woslager, Jaysen Sehi

## 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 Mar 15-16, 2025**

**Sunday Offertory goes in one general account.  
A breakdown of each campus is available  
at Finance Council meetings**

*God Bless you for your generosity*

Sunday Offertory	\$6,725.00
Easter Lilies	\$715.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$101.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$80.00
PJ School Support	\$665.00
SJD Fish Fry	\$200.00
Correction from last week:	
SFN Building Fund	\$500.00



**Help Wanted:** Looking for someone to clean the St. Francis rectory in Neligh twice a month. If you can be that person, please call Susie Ames (402-929-0038) or the Neligh office (402-887-4521).

### Annunciation Parish Prayer Line

**Adam Kester, Roger Allen, Regina Krebs, Matt Belitz, Angela Hardisty, Peg Kuester, George Ternus, Glen Grahleer, Lainey Henn, Jan Jurgens, Kyle & Jackie Nelson, Alice Johnston, Bob Stoffel, Gary Inlow, Boyd Batenhorst, Julie Krueger, Todd DeGroot, Nate Thiele, Brett Kielty, Kyle Netzel, Jackie Netzel, Jase Hemminger, Phyllis Dusel, Leo Starman, Nicki Dougherty, Sister Joseph, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick, Anna Murdy, Joe Knust, Steve Herrington, Rick Johnson, Craig Allemand, June Anderson, Leonard Kerkman, Ladd Chandler, Kathy Long, Gerald Schapmann, Christine Olson, Olivia Trease Anderson, Annie Laurie Schapmann, Lucille Knievel, Donna Vice, Angela Wortman, Willa Kruger, Todd & Shanna Lammers, Katie Zurcher Eggers**

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

### **First Holy Communion**

**Congratulations to the second graders who are receiving their First Holy Communion at St. Theresa's in Clearwater this Sunday:**

Junie A. ~ daughter of Ryan & Jeana Ahlers  
Tessa A. ~ daughter of Wayne & Angie Ahlers  
Barrett T. ~ son of Steven & Holly Thiele  
Charles T. ~ son of Mark & Jamie Thiele  
Greyson T. ~ son of Scott & Cecily Thiele

We pray for the Lord's blessings to be upon you, and may you always know of God's unending love for you.

A special *Thank You* to  
**Sarah Keegan & Tammy Bearinger**  
the First Communion Teachers,  
for preparing the students for this  
very special Sacrament.



*Thank You!*

**OLMC Catholic Women**  
Will meet Tuesday, April 1  
2:00 p.m. at OLMC Hall

**Benefit for Jerry Maughan**  
Friday, March 28 ~ 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
American Legion in Tilden  
Jerry lost his home and personal belongings in a recent fire. He is a Vietnam Veteran, and greatly appreciates any help received.



## Stewardship for Mar 15-16, 2025

God Bless you for your generosity

### St. Johns, Petersburg

Sunday Offertory	\$1,045.00
Easter Lilies	\$50.00

### St. Bonaventure, Raeville

Sunday Offertory	\$914.75
Easter Lilies	\$180.00

### St. Boniface, Elgin

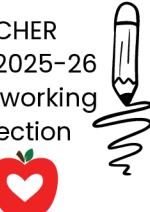
Sunday Offering	\$5,153.85
Easter	\$100.00
Easter Lilies	\$210.00
Good Friday	\$25.00
Insurance	\$507.00
Utilities	\$100.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Sunday On-Line Giving	\$200.00
SBE Auction	\$125.00

### CAFETERIA ASSISTANT - URGENT NEED

Pope John is in URGENT need of a CAFETERIA ASSISTANT for the 2025-26 school year. The cafeteria manager position is filled but we will be unable to serve school lunches without the help of a cafeteria assistant. Duties include planning, preparing, and serving lunches and assisting the cafeteria manager with lunchroom duties. About 25 hours a week when school is in session. Training will be provided.

### TEACHER AIDE

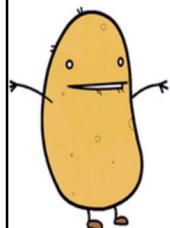
Pope John is seeking a TEACHER AIDE for grades K-2 for the 2025-26 school year. Duties include working with students under the direction of the classroom teacher. Training will be provided.



## **POTATO BAKE**

**St. Johns the Baptist Catholic Church**

**Werner Hall\*\*\*Petersburg, NE**



**Sunday\*\*\*April 6th, 2025**

**5:00 to 7:00 PM**

**Baked Potato with several toppings to choose from & Mac & Cheese for Kids**



**Homemade Desserts!!!**

**Free Will Offering...Please Join Us!!**

**and**

**Split the Pot! \$\$\$**

## **Welcome to the Catholic Faith**

Congratulations to Thomas & Laura (Ahlman) Dwyer who had their son Gabriel baptized on March 15, 2025 at St. Boniface Parish in Elgin.



Help needed for cleaning the Raeville Rectory!

Hourly pay and cleaning can be done at your convenience.

If interested, contact Clarissa at 402-843-8791.

### **Saint Patrick's Carnival**

Hosted by:

St. Michael's Parish in Albion

**Sunday, March 23**

**11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Pork & Sausage Dinner

### **Boone County Fairgrounds**

Live & Silent Auctions

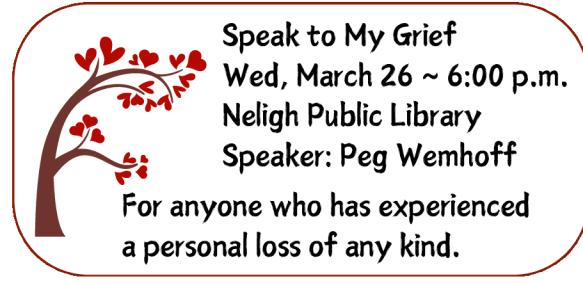
Quilt & Prize Raffle

Carnival games for kids

### **St. Boniface, Elgin**

### **Altar Society Meeting**

**Monday, April 21 ~ 7:00 p.m.**



**Speak to My Grief**  
**Wed, March 26 ~ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Neligh Public Library**  
**Speaker: Peg Wemhoff**

**For anyone who has experienced a personal loss of any kind.**

**You are invited to sing with the St. Boniface choir for Easter Sunday Mass!**

**Choir rehearsals:**

**Wed, March 26th**

**Wed, April 2nd & April 9th**

**All rehearsals begin at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Boniface Church choir loft. Please join us as we prepare for Easter Sunday!**

**See you at the St. Boniface Auction, this Saturday, March 29, 5:30 pm!**

All items need to be picked up by 5:00 PM Sunday, March 30th or other arrangements made with a member of the Auction Committee.

### **St. Boniface Auction Committee**

Luke Beckman	402-843-0598	Andy & Nicole Starman	402-843-6521
Kara Shavlik	402-843-8816	Austin Meis	402-843-6604
Travis Eischeid	402-843-6680	Shane Beckman	402-843-0447
Miles Eggleston	402-367-0165	Tyler Childers	402-843-0536
Michael Moser	402-649-0391	Austin Mitchell	402-843-6443
Ted & JoAnn Baum	402-843-8370	Ross Schindler	402-843-0232
Jay & Kristen Evans	402-640-8622	Jason Hoefer	402-843-8054

### St. Johns, Petersburg, St. Boniface, Elgin & St. Bonaventure, Raeville Prayer Line

**Carolyn Beckman, Laura Ferando, Brandon Henn, Adam Kester, Larry DeMuth, Neil Childers, Loretta Zegers, Gloria Lordemann, Chris Baum, George Childers, Ann Beckman, Gene Heithoff, Fallon Sue Heying, Harry Cunningham, Judy Johnson, Denise Jamison, Bruce Baum, Travis Pieper, Phil Stuhr, Judy Zegers, Mike Dwyer, Brett Kiely, Henry Biggie, Tom Jamieson, Nora Henn, Barb Ziegler, Marlene Henn McClinton, Jerry Stamp, Fayden Evens, Bob Redler, Vince Spieker, Linda Buel, Rodger Rilley, Pauline Pelster, Samantha Korth, Kenny Thiele, Joan Richert, Otto Hoffschneider, Cooper Dirks**

To add to prayer line for St. Johns call Kelly Starman, 402-386-5570 or Kathy Koch, 402-386-5481.

St. Boniface call JoAnn Beckman 402-843-6287 or Darlene Heithoff 402-843-5482.

St. Bonaventure call Mary Ann Fangman 402-843-6129 or Diane Scholl 402-750-3789.



*Catholic Parishes in Partnership*

INVITES ALL MOTHERS-TO-BE  
AND THEIR FAMILIES  
FOR A SPECIAL EVENT

## **Blessings of a Child in the Womb**

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 6:30 P.M.  
ON THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION  
ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC CHURCH IN NELIGH

OPEN TO ALL EXPECTANT MOTHERS, THEIR FAMILIES,  
AND THOSE WISHING TO PRAY FOR THEM.

**You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!  
My very self you know. ~ Psalm 139:13-14**

**Certainly, children are a gift from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb, a reward. ~ Psalm 127:3**

**The gift of life comes directly from God and includes all stages of natural life,  
including life in the womb. Come, and celebrate new life....a gift from God!**

2025

# St. Boniface Spring Benefit **AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH**

Located at the Elgin KC Hall

5:30 PM



**Live & Silent Auctions**

**Enjoy Food & Drink**

**Must Have Raffle Items!**

- **Live Auction** - Begins at 5:30 p.m. Live Auction items can only be bid on in-person.
- **Silent Auction** - Closes at 7:30 p.m.
- **Fixed Price** - buy items at the listed price and immediately add them to your cart.
- **Raffle** - buy your chance at must have raffle items right from your phone or desktop.
- **Checkout** - at the end of the night, access your cart and explore convenient payment options that will get you on your way. Pay right from your phone or write a check at the back bar.

*Can't make the event? No problem!*

*Bid from your phone or desktop to secure your items.*

[onecau.se/boniface](http://onecau.se/boniface)



Pre-register  
& get tickets!

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **Monday, March 24th**

Silent Auction opens (*bid ahead of the event on your phone!*)

### **Day of the Event - Saturday, March 29th**

**5:30 PM** Live Auction begins (*must be present to bid*)

**7:30 PM** Silent Auction Closes & Raffle Item Winners will be announced



Food will be available to purchase (*free will offering*)

The Bar opens at 5:30 PM

