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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

April 18 & 19, 3rd Sunday of Easter

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9:30 am-Noon & 1:00-4:00 pm
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Parish email
parish@cppnebraska.org

Emergency only: 402-578-0626
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(Medical emergencies or death)

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Neligh: 702 West 11th Street, PO Box 259, Neligh, NE 68756
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
402-887-4521

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No office hours. PO Box checked regularly.

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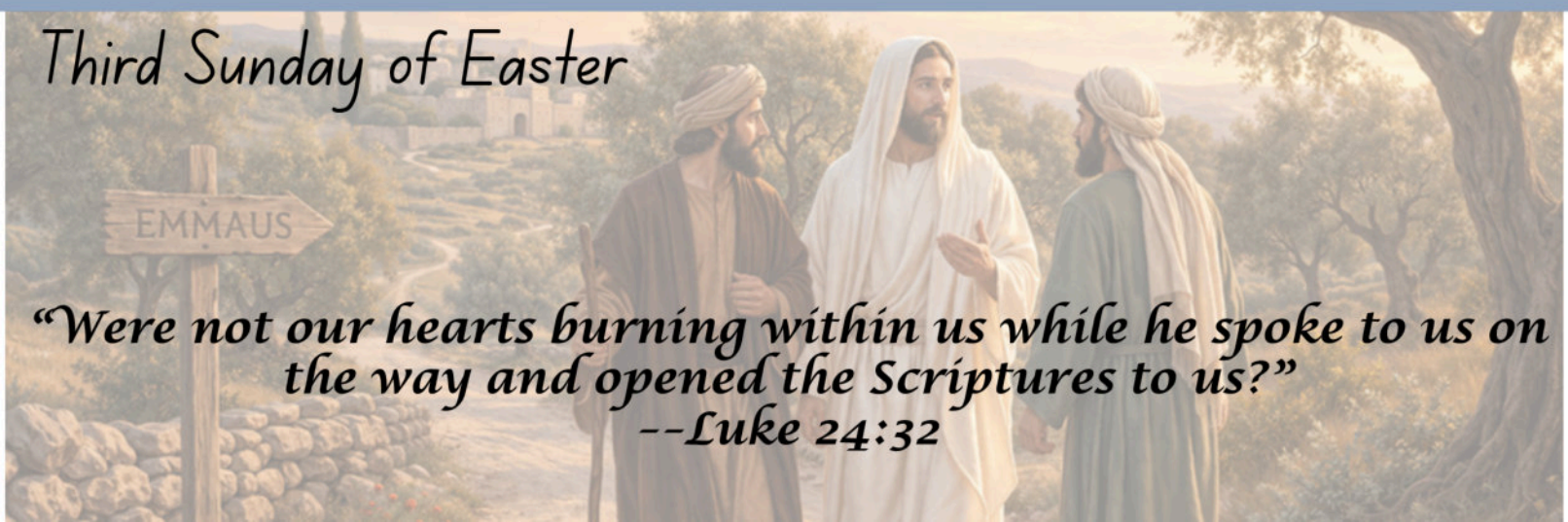
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Three core values:
Communion
Communication
Sustainability

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Date	Time & Event
Time Change: Monday, April 20 - SJD Rosary/Meditation 6:30PM	
Every Tuesday SFN Rosary 10:00AM	
Every Wednesday SBE Confessions 5:00-5:30PM	
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.	
Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, SFN Divine Mercy 3:00-4:00PM	
April 20	SJD Chiristian Mothers meeting at 7PM
April 25	OLT meal for 1st Communicants & Seniors after Mass
April 26	Sunnybrook Chicken Dinner @ SJD
April 27	Father Frank's Blood Drive, Petersburg American Legion, 12PM-6PM
May 1	Pope John May Crowning @ 3PM, St. Boniface Church
May 3	STC Coffee & Rolls after Senior Mass
May 3	SBR Honors Sunday, at 8:00AM Mass
May 3	SFN Senior & 1st Communion breakfast after Mass
May 12	OACCW, St. Edward Catholic Church, 10:00AM
May 27-31	JC Camp, Tintern Retreat Center, current 8th graders
June 13	17th Annual Strawberry Brunch, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, @ St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Elkhorn 10AM
July 7 & 8	Gratia Retreat all girls incoming 4th thru 6th grades
July 14 & 15	Legion of Joeseph Retreat all boys incoming 5th thru 6th grades

JC Camp Time

Mark your calendars for JC Camp on May 27-31 at Tintern Retreat Center
JC Camp offers our current 8th graders the opportunity to grow closer to Christ through talks, discussion, prayer, Adoration and Confession.
The Campers also have fun with games, crafts, and more.
For more info or to sign up, contact the parish office at 402.843.0235. Spaces are limited. Register soon.
Cost is $100.
If interested in being a counselor this year, please reach out to us as soon as possible!



Who: All Women
What: OACCW Meeting
When: Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Where: St. Edward Catholic Church, 805 Washington St., St. Edward, NE

Itinerary:
9:30 AM – Registration ($10; includes coffee, rolls, and lunch)
9:30 AM – Executive Meeting
10:00 AM – OACCW Meeting (at St. Edward Parish Hall, hosted by RSW Deanery Ladies)
11:30 AM – Mass
Lunch & Afternoon: Guest Speakers Don & Wilma Vakoc. Don will share his collection of biblical coins and artifacts, including an oil lamp dating back to the time of Christ. Service, legislative, and spirituality commission reports will also be presented.
Please have a representative from your parish or deanery attend to share activities and bring information back to your parish.
Join us for a day of spirituality and fellowship as we continue to "Be the Light" of Christ. We look forward to seeing you!
RSVP encouraged by May 1 for lunch count to Leonarda Arnes, OACCW President:
Email: arnesljrepair@hotmail.com
Text: 402-253-5120



Prayer for Peace and Joy
Jesus, I want to rejoice in You always. You are near. Let me have no anxiety, but in every concern by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving I wish to let my petitions be made known in my communing with God. May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard my heart and my thoughts in You. Amen.

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."--John 20:21

MISSION Sunday

Special Collection on April 26 for Home & Foreign Mission. Check your packet for the special envelope

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 April 11 & 12

God bless you for your generosity!

Sunday Offertory	$5,384.00
Easter	$3,746.00
Holy Thursday	$85.00
Good Friday	$30.00
Rice Bowl	$141.94
School Support	$15.00
Utilities	$50.00
OLT Building Fund	$65.00

Announcements!!

ON HOLY THURSDAY EVERYTHING WAS RECEIVED
ON GOOD FRIDAY EVERYTHING WAS TAKEN
ON EASTER SUNDAY EVERYTHING WAS RESTORED
--FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

SFN
ROSARY SODALITY MEETING

will be Tuesday, May 12 following the 10AM Rosary

OLT

We will be serving Walking Tacos in honor of the First Communicants & Seniors after Mass on Saturday, April 25.

SFN Church Cleaners



Apr 23: Steve Kuester, Roger Legate, Stacey Mitchell
Apr 30: Nick Strom, Steve Kuester, Doug Michael

SUNNYBROOK CAFE



Chicken dinner at St. John Deloit Hall April 26 from 11:30am-1:30pm

SJD CHRISTIAN MOTHERS



Will be having a meeting Monday, April 20 @ 7PM. Agenda includes planning the election of 26/27 officers. Please let us know if you would be willing to share an office for a year.

Annunciation Parish Prayer Line

Adam Kester, Roger Allen, Angela Hardisty, Lainey Henn, Jan Jurgens, Alice Johnston, Bob Stoffel, Boyd Batenhorst, Nate Thiele, Brett Kielty, Leo Starman, Nicki Dougherty, Yvonne Duggan, Anna Murdy, Steve Herrington, Ladd Chandler, Kathy Long, Olivia Trease Anderson, Angela Wortman, Elaine Dittrich, Alice Starman, Dana Sheridan, Jane Marke, Lester Perske, Gary Warner, Charlie Harlan, Taylynn Charf, Harriet Lorenz, Cory Coover, Bob Kester, Linda (Starman) Gutchewsky, Natalya Hernandez, Steve Allemang, Jeanette Henn, Michelle Raclowski

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 April 11 & 12

God bless you for your generosity!

St. Boniface, Elgin	
Sunday Offertory	$1,911.25
Easter	$900.00
Holy Thursday	$30.00
Good Friday	$20.00
Utilities	$300.00
Insurance	$25.00
Home & Foreign Missions	$20.00

St. John's, Petersburg	
Sunday Offertory	$1,669.00
Easter	$1,700.00
Insurance	$1,025.00

St. Bonaventure, Raeville	
Sunday Offertory	$715.00
Easter	$350.00

Catholic Futures Foundation
of Northeast Nebraska

Thurmond Scholarship

Annual scholarship for a student from the Archdiocese of Omaha who will attend a Catholic college recognized by the Cardinal Newman Society.

Apply here!

Receive a scholarship of estimated $2,993.00 towards your Catholic college education!

Cardinal Newman Society Approved Schools!

The deadline to apply is April 30th, 2026!

Announcements!!

SJP ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 P. M. in Werner Hall office meeting room. All Church Ladies age 18 (HS graduate) and up are members and are invited to join us.

Pope John May Crowning

ceremony will be held on Friday, May 1st @ 3PM in the St. Boniface Church

SBR Honors Sunday

May 3 at 8AM mass. Servers, Graduates, 1st Communicants & Couples celebrating special anniversaries will be recognized. Please join us to celebrate with them

SBE FINANCE COMMITTEE

St. Boniface Parish is seeking a parishioner to serve on the Finance Committee following the relocation of a current member. This committee meets quarterly, and the position carries a five-year term. If you are interested in serving, or would like to recommend someone who would be a valuable addition, please contact the parish office or speak with one of the current committee members: Ben Meis, Dean Schrage, Jerry Heithoff, or Betty Kallhoff.

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 Buelt, 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, Taylynn Charf, Bernard Kluthe, Linda (Starman) Gutchewsky, Rita Luettel, Steve Allemang, Baby Kirk Smith**

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.

From your Pastor

Perhaps you might find it helpful to hear your pastor's perspective on recent remarks traded back and forth in the media between Pope Leo XIV and President Trump. Our media loves a fight and has staged a conflict where the reality is less dramatic than the headlines suggest. Do they see the conflict in Iran the same way? Definitely not! However, each has an office with both authority and responsibility.

We find ourselves in the middle of two authority figures in our lives speaking differently to us and to the world. It is not a political standoff, even though the words said appear in the context of political turmoil.

The Pope has a Prophetic Role

The pope as spiritual leader has a prophetic role to speak truth rooted and grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The truths of the Gospel do sometimes challenge and convict us for the purpose of the conversion of our hearts and toward doing what is right. Proclaiming truth carries a seriousness — truth itself has lasting weight, like human dignity, justice, and concern for one's neighbor. That seriousness deepens when the one proclaiming it shows his conviction by the life he lives. It is both the testimony and the witness. In addition to proclaiming the truth, the pope offers his pastoral perspective and advice about what the prophetic words mean for us today.

The President is a Leader

The president serves as the top political leader in our country. His responsibilities are real and complex — national security, economic stability, infrastructure, and the rest of the needs of the American people. These are weighty obligations, and no one should dismiss them. He chose military action in Iran for reasons that haven't been completely explained to me. That doesn't mean the action isn't justified. What is clear to me is that both the prophetic words of Pope Leo and the pastoral perspectives offered have angered the president. When what is prophetic incites conviction and anger, sometimes that’s an indicator that what was spoken brings additional deliberation and consideration to one’s decision making.

The Outcome of a Better World

If our hope is for the outcome of a better world, then we should consider what that will look like. Our trust in our authority figures presumes that they want this outcome too. The prophetic voice asks a leader to pause, to examine whether his decisions and actions serve not only national interest but also the common good of the human family. The pope, though American, has a role to shepherd the Church throughout the world, and it seems that he wants to do it with an understanding heart. At the end of the day, Pope Leo is asking us to pray for peace and an end to this conflict and all the conflicts around the world. He is asking that families in conflict-ravaged areas can return to living their lives. He is asking that the families of military personnel can welcome those deployed home. We have two authority figures in our lives doing what they believe is right. Sometimes our contribution to the outcome of a better world might seem out of reach, but because prayer truly changes things, I’m going to do my part and pray for peace.

God bless,
Fr. John

Date & Time	Location	Cel.	Intention	Notes
Mon Apr 20, 8:15AM	**Elgin**	**DW**		Communion Service
Tue Apr 21, 8:30AM	**Petersburg**	**JN** **FB**	† Floyd & Marlene Henn & Cindy Bohaboj † Carolyn Beckman	
Wed Apr 22 , 8:15AM	**Elgin**	**JN**	† Ed & Eleanor Starman	
Wed Apr 22, 8:30AM	**Neligh**	**FB**	† Patti Van Ert	
Wed Apr 22, 9:30AM	**Accura**	**FB**	† Fellar & Dolly Baker	
Wed Apr 22, 5:00PM	**Elgin**	**JN**		Confessions
Thur Apr 23, 8:15AM	**Elgin**	**JN**	† Dave & Marilyn Schrad & Deceased Family	8th Grade
Thur Apr 23, 8:30AM	**Neligh**	**FB**	† Marin Schindler	
Fri Apr 24, 8:15AM	**Elgin**	**JN**	† Robert & Marie Schrage	
Fri Apr 24,8:30AM	**Neligh**	**FB**	† Laura Mae Spieker	
Sat Apr 25, 5:30PM	**Tilden**	**FB**	† Carl, Rose & Margaret Rose Knievel	
Sat Apr 25, 5:30PM	**Ewing**	**JN**	† Joyce Thramer	
Sun Apr 26, 8:00AM	**Petersburg**	**FB**	† Joe Knust	
Sun Apr 26, 8:00AM	**Clearwater**	**JN**	† James & Jolyene Koenig	
Sun Apr 26, 10:00AM	**Elgin**	**FB**	Living & Deceased members of Bob & Laura Mae Spieker Family	
Sun Apr 26, 10:00AM	**Neligh**	**JN**	For the People of Our Parishes	

Ministry Schedule for April 25 & 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter/Vocation Sunday

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

Saturday 4/25/2026

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

Altar Servers: Sophia P., Landon M., Larrisa V.
EMHC: Mary Rautenberg
Homebound: Bill Hatterman
Lector: Ruth Miller
Ushers: Eddie O'Brien, Mark O'Brien

5:30PM Mass - St. Peter, Ewing

Altar Servers: Lydia T., Charlee W.
EMHC: Leanne Tomjack
Giftbearers: Denis & Jody Bergstrom
Lector: Kathy Arens
Ushers: Dan Koenig, Kevin Koenig

Sunday 4/26/2026

8:00AM Mass -

(Contact Deacon John to schedule Communion to the sick or Homebound 402.843.8393)
Altar Servers: Emmery P., Vera T.
EMHC: Rod Stuhr
Homebound: Deacon John Starman
Lector: Ken Leuttel
Money: Lynnette Seier, Peter Starman
Music: Guitar Group
Ushers: Rick Pelster, Dale Salber

Sunday 4/26/2026

8:00 am Mass - St. Theresa, Clearwater

Altar Servers: Jack & Gaby A.
EMHC: Tom Kester
Giftbearers: Ron & Karol Thiele
Lector: Ed Moser
Ushers: Smoke Kester, John Kester

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

Altar Servers: Bode & Wyatt K.
EMHC: Milly Clemens, Nick Strom
Lector: Doris Ternus
Ushers: Chad Shabram, Troy Shabram, Tim Woslager, Jaysen Sehi

10:00 am Mass - St. Boniface, Elgin

Altar Servers: Harper & Jackson E.
EMHC: Tyler Childers
Giftbearers: Tom & Bonnie Hoefer
Greeters: Mike & Connie Dvorak, Red & Linda Eischeid
Homebound: Julie Schiltmeyer, Dave & Gwen Beckman
Lector: Louise Schindler
Music: Mark Moser
Ushers: Duane Hoefer, Dave Hoefer, McCaib Hoefer, Bob Koenig