

# 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

April 18 & 19, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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**(Medical emergencies or death)**

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No office hours. PO Box checked regularly.

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No office hours. PO Box checked regularly.

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Communion

Communication

Sustainability

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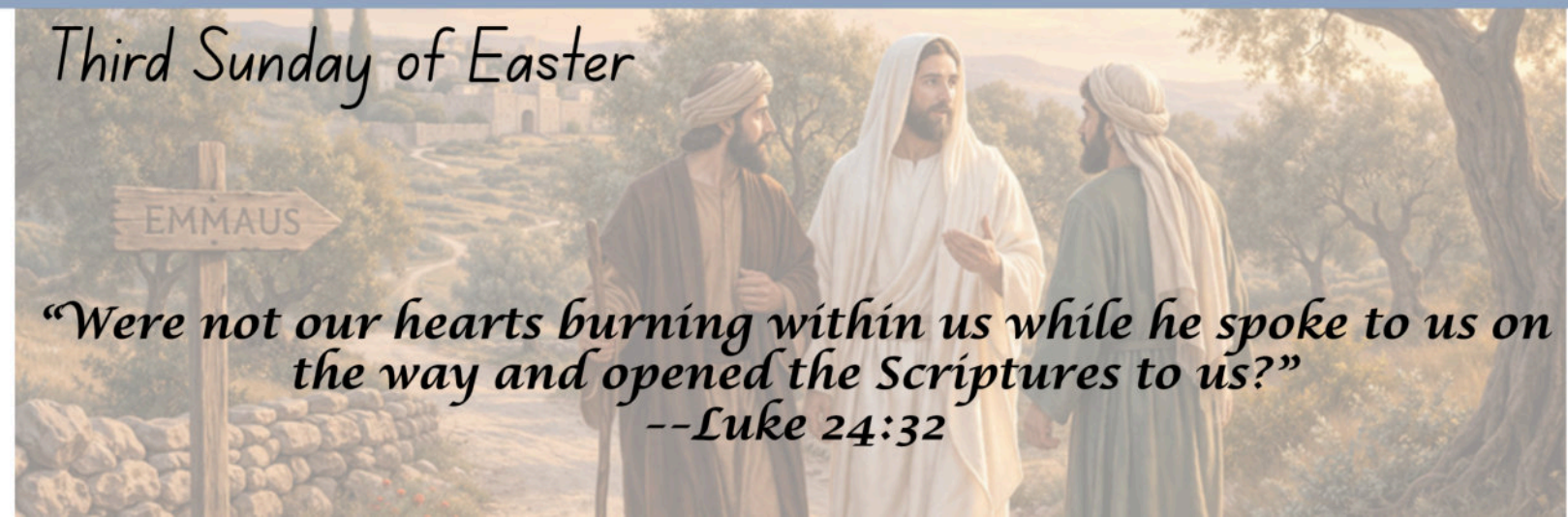


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## Third Sunday of Easter

*“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?”*

*-- Luke 24:32*



Date	Time & Event
<b>Time Change:</b> 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month, SFN Divine Mercy 3:00-4:00PM	
April 20	SJD Christian Mothers meeting at 7PM
April 25	OLT meal for 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 & 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion breakfast after Mass
May 12	OACCW, St. Edward Catholic Church, 10:00AM
May 27-31	JC Camp, Tintern Retreat Center, current 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
June 13	17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Brunch, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, @ St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Elkhorn 10AM
July 7 & 8	Gratia Retreat all girls incoming 4 <sup>th</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> grades
July 14 & 15	Legion of Joseph Retreat all boys incoming 5 <sup>th</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> grades

## JC Camp Time

Mark your calendars for JC Camp on May 27-31 at Tintern Retreat Center

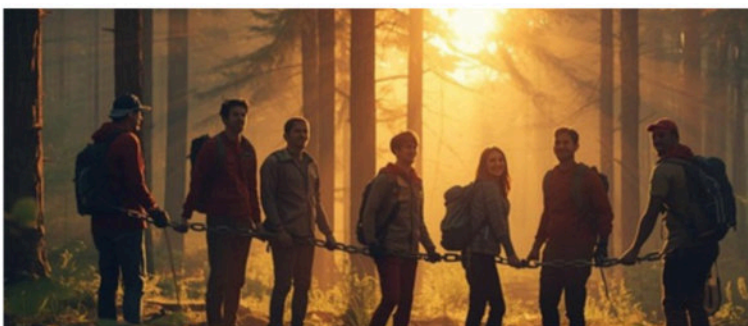
JC Camp offers our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders the opportunity to grow closer to Christ through talks, discussion, prayer, Adoration and Confession.

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**

**SFN Church Cleaners**

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



**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.



**OLT**

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

**SUNNYBROOK CAFE**



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

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



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of Northeast Nebraska

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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 1<sup>st</sup> @ 3PM in the St. Boniface Church

**SBR Honors Sunday**

May 3 at 8AM mass. Servers, Graduates, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



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	8 <sup>th</sup> 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 Thrumer	
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**

##### **8:00 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 Hoefler

**Greeters:** Mike & Connie Dvorak, Red & Linda Eischeid

**Homebound:** Julie Schiltmeyer, Dave & Gwen Beckman

**Lector:** Louise Schindler

**Music:** Mark Moser

**Ushers:** Duane Hoefler, Dave Hoefler, McCaib Hoefler, Bob Koenig

#### **Sunday 4/26/2026**

##### **8:00AM Mass -**

**(Contact Deacon John to schedule Communion to the sick or Homebound 402.843.8393)**

**Altar Servers:** Emmerly 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