



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 25 & 26, 4th Sunday of Easter-World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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Communion

Communication

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4th Sunday of Easter

Listen, Discern, Follow

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”
1 Samuel 3:10

Date	Time & Event
	Every Monday SJD Rosary/Meditation 7:00PM
	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 rd Sunday of the Month, SFN Divine Mercy 3:00-4:00PM
April 25	OLT meal for 1 st Communicants & Seniors after Mass
April 26	Sunnybrook Chicken Dinner @ SJD 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
April 26	Youth Group at Tintern, 5:30PM
April 27	Father Frank's Blood Drive, Petersburg American Legion, 12PM-6PM
April 30	Thurmond Scholarship application deadline
May 1	Pope John May Crowning @ 3PM, St. Boniface Church
May 1	Pope John Musical - Junie B. Jones St. Boniface Auditorium @ 7PM
May 3	STC Coffee & Rolls after Senior Mass
May 3	SBR Honors Sunday, at 8:00AM Mass
May 3	SFN Seniors & 1 st Communion breakfast after Mass
May 3	Pope John Musical - Junie B. Jones St. Boniface Auditorium @ 4PM
May 5	Pope John Spring Concert @ 7PM, St. Boniface Auditorium
May 10	Pope John Graduation, 1:30PM, St. Boniface Auditorium
May 12	OACCW, St. Edward Catholic Church, 10:00AM RSVP encouraged by May 1 to Leonarda Arnes email: arnesljrepair@hotmail.com text: 402.253.5120
May 14	Pre-K Graduation, 11AM, St. Boniface Auditorium
May 16	SJD 1 st Communion & Seniors will be honored after Mass

Catholic Parishes in Partnership

2024 - 2025 Annual Report

Every parishioner will be receiving a copy of our 2024 - 2025 Annual Report via mail, if you have not already. We apologize for the delay in getting the information to you and appreciate your understanding and continued support.

cppnebraska.org/annual-report

Heavenly Father, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance. Help us to use our gifts wisely, share generously, and serve our church, community, and world. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. Send Your Holy Spirit to guide us in all we do. Amen.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we join the Church throughout the world in praying that the Lord will continue to call men and women to serve Him in the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

In the spirit of Pope Leo's message, we are reminded that a vocation is not simply a personal choice, but a loving response to God's call. Each vocation is born from prayer, nurtured in faith, and strengthened within the community of the Church. God still speaks to hearts today, inviting individuals to follow Him more closely and to serve His people with joy and generosity.

We are encouraged to foster a culture of vocations by supporting and praying for those discerning God's call. Families, parishes, and communities all play a vital role in helping young people listen for the voice of the Lord and respond with courage.

Let us pray that many will hear and answer God's call, trusting in His plan and guided by His love.
"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."



--Matthew 9:37-38



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 18 & 19

God bless you for your generosity!

Sunday Offertory	\$5,979.75
Easter	\$450.00
Holy Thursday	\$5.00
Good Friday	\$20.00
Home & Foreign Missions	\$35.00
Faith Formation-SFN	\$74.10

thank you

The Brooke Bartak-Jensen benefit was a HUGE success.

We are so grateful.

Thank you to everyone who attended, bought a raffle ticket or supported the event in anyway.

A special thank you to the St. John's, Deloit community!

Thank you all for your support and prayers.

OLT First Holy Communion April 18



Cecilia Beckman - daughter of Brian & Meghan Beckman

Charles Kush - son of Nathaniel & Abbie Kush

Emma Osborn - daughter of Joseph & Kelli Osborn

Braxton Schumacher - son of Kyle & Emily Schumacher

Announcements!!

SJD

Please join us after Mass on May 16 as we celebrate and honor our First Communicants and graduating Seniors. All are invited to stay for fellowship and refreshments as we recognize these special milestones in their faith journeys.

SFN

ROSARY SODALITY MEETING

**will be Tuesday,
May 12 following
the 10AM Rosary**



Just do it!

Ask these two questions. God, what's one thing you want me to do this week? And, God, what's one thing you want me to do tomorrow? If we want to obey God's commandments, we will take the time to recognize what God is asking of us and do it.

And that is the thing that matters most.

--Fr. Mike Schmitz, Unshakable

*Welcome to the
Catholic Faith!*



Congratulations to Harold & Ashley (Bode) Dewey, on the baptism of their daughter, Lottie Jo, at St. John the Baptist, Deloit, on April 18, 2026!

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 18 & 19

God bless you for your generosity!

St. Boniface, Elgin

Sunday Offertory	\$3,022.27
Easter	\$100.00

St. John's, Petersburg

Sunday Offertory	\$ 238.00
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St. Bonaventure, Raeville

Sunday Offertory	\$846.25
Maintenance	\$100.00
Building	\$400.00

are you a winner

ST. BONAVENTURE SPRING BREAKFAST RAFFLE WINNERS ARE POSTED ON OUR CPPNEBRASKA.ORG WEBSITE UNDER CHURCHES

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.

Announcements!!

SBE First Holy Communion April 19



- Eleanor Lynn Beckman - daughter of Luke & Ashley Beckman
- Leyton George Beckman - son of Matthew & Traci Beckman
- Easton Robert Bode - son of Bradley Bode & Cassandra Schrad
- George Robert Borer - son of Jeremy & Lauren Borer
- Parker Steven Borer - son of Daniel & Crystal Borer
- Quinn Lauraine Dewey - daughter of Mike & Ashley Dewey
- Hadley Jo Haddix - daughter of Cole & Andrea Haddix
- Christopher Alan Hemenway - son of Ryan & Tiffany Hemenway
- Emersyn Rose Heying - daughter of Spencer & Megan Heying
- Joseph Raleigh Pelster - son of Benjamin Pelster & Caitlin Ranslem
- Callan Brandt Schindler - son of Jesse & Shanda Schindler
- Kason Shane Schindler - son of Corey & Kara Schindler
- Seth Jordan Schindler - son of Jordan & Cassandra Schindler
- Charlotte Josephine Sehi - daughter of Judsen & Kristina Sehi
- Clarence Wayne Shavlik - son of Lee & Kara Shavlik
- Ethan Philip Starman - son of Andrew & Nicole Starman
- Marie Charlotte Thomas - daughter of Matthew Thomas & Amanda Thomas

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!

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.

Ministry Schedule for May

Saturday, May 2nd

5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)

Altar Servers: Hank J., Abe J., Archie J.

EMHC: Walt Patras, JoAnn Penne, Rose Schaecher

Homebound: Bill Hatterman

Lector: Rosemary Patras

Ushers: Sam Johnsen, Mark O'Brien

5:30 pm Mass – St. John (Deloit)

Altar Servers: Parker M., Mason M.

EMHC: Diane Dicke, Janette Kerkman, Angela Tagel

Giftbearers: Chris Dierks, Suzanne Dierks

Lector: Marilyn Sehi

Ushers: Kylee Funk, Dale Funk

Sunday, May 3rd

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

Altar Servers: Diedrick K., Aiden K.

EMHC: Jake Grundmayer, Megan Heying, Tami Schrage, Christopher Kuhlman

Giftbearers: Bob Hoefler, Jaci Hoefler

Lector: Mark Grundmayer

Music: Chris Grundmayer, Joyce Reestman

Rosary Leaders: Paul Kuhlman, Brenda Kuhlman

Ushers: Bryan Bode, Christopher Bode

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

Altar Servers: Ayden B., Jayde B.

EMHC: Crystal Kester, Paul Kester, Marlene Thiessen, Tom Thiele, Dianna Kester

Giftbearers: Curt Thiele, Amy Thiele

Lector: Sonia Rittscher

Ushers: Kevin Rittscher, Bill Kester

10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)

Altar Servers: Hannah E., Josslyn H.

EMHC: Joe Hartz, Bev Hartz, Bill Kuester, Marian Shabram, Kathy Sauser, Carla Teel

Lector: Amy Baker

Ushers: Gary Gunderson, Jaysen Sehi, Duane Knievel, Dale Kallhoff

10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)

Altar Servers: Mason F., Jaxon H.

EMHC: Deacon Dennis Wiehn, Chelsi Childers, Connie Dvorak, Jake Eischeid, Briley Eischeid

Giftbearers: Steve Kerkman, Becky Kerkman

Greeters: Ben Meis, Anna Meis, Eric Meis, Jodine Meis

Homebound: Joe Seier, Connie Seier, Heather Veik

Lector: Dave Beckman

Music: Mark Dwyer, Julie Dwyer

Ushers: Leigh Kluthe, Phil Kluthe, Ryan Lodge, Bill Mescher

Saturday, May 9th

5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)

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

EMHC: Doris O'Brien, John O'Brien, Stan Schapmann

Homebound: Jolene Schapmann

Lector: Jolene Schapmann

Ushers: Walt Patras, Billy O'Brien

5:30 pm Mass – St. Peter (Ewing)

Altar Servers: Paityn W., Patrick W.

EMHC: Mike Summers, Gina Koenig, Helen Larson

Giftbearers: Terry Kaczor, Connie Kaczor

Lector: Pat Ruther

Ushers: Kevin Schrunk, Mike Thramer

Sunday, May 10th

8:00 am Mass – St. John (Petersburg)

Altar Servers: Kaci W., Kenzie W.

EMHC: Deacon John Starman, Jan Temme, Jordan Temme

Homebound: Jeanne Temme

Lector: Lynn Pelster

Money: Clyde Stuhr, Hank Theiman

Music: Guitar Group

Ushers: Wally Scholl, Kevin Schumacher

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

Altar Servers: Alvie B., Emorie B.

EMHC: Kevin Filsinger, Francis Hanzlik, Jennifer Kester, Duane Kester, Luke Kester

Giftbearers: Dick Kester, Teresa Kester

Lector: Deb Schlecht

Ushers: Tim Kester Jr., Tim Kester Sr.

10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)

Altar Servers: Carter C., Charlie C., Elijah B.

EMHC: Del Ames, Susie Ames, Milly Clemens, Jim Koenig, Kathy Koenig, Nick Strom

Lector: Ron Gilg

Ushers: Gary Gunderson, Jaysen Sehi, John Anderson, Andy Elder

10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)

Altar Servers: Elise H., Mikaiyah H.

EMHC: Deacon Dennis Wiehn, Bonnie Hoefler, Tom Hoefler, Linda Kerkman, Jessica Niewohner

Giftbearers: Bernie Kluthe, Diane Kluthe

Greeters: Ray Payne, Peggy Payne, Chuck Pelster, Connie Pelster

Homebound: Chelsi Childers, Tyler Childers, Abby Lodge

Lector: Luke Beckman

Music: Deb Baum, Becky Kerkman

Ushers: David Kerkman, Steve Kerkman, Craig Niewohner, Ed Parks

Thursday, May 14th The Ascension of the Lord

6:30 am Mass – St. John (Deloit)

Altar Servers: Corbin S., Caden S.

EMHC: Elaine Kimes

Lector: Kelsi Schueth

Ushers: Paul Dicke, Allen Schueth

6:00 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)

Altar Servers: Carter H., Blake H.

EMHC: Jolene Schapmann

Lector: Rosemary Patras

Ushers: Walt Patras, Stan Schapmann

6:00 pm Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)

Altar Servers: Bode K., Wyatt K., Caleb A.

EMHC: Michelle Ternus, Doris Ternus

Lector: Sheila Parks

Ushers: Gary Gunderson, Jaysen Sehi, Randy Kallhoff, Bill Kuester

Saturday, May 16th

5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)

Altar Servers: Hayden B., Reece B., Hunter G.

EMHC: Sarah Black

Homebound: Doris O'Brien, John O'Brien

Lector: Jeanne Oelsligle

Ushers: Mark O'Brien, Stan Schapmann

5:30 pm Mass – St. John (Deloit)

Altar Servers: Aurelia M., Molly M.

EMHC: Ann Kurpgeweit

Giftbearers: Marty Kerkman, Janette Kerkman

Lector: Cathy Palmer

Ushers: Jason Schindler, Jim Funk

Sunday, May 17th

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

Altar Servers: Raaf K., Bryson K.

EMHC: Brenda Kuhlman

Giftbearers: Spencer Heying, Megan Heying

Lector: Aiden Klein

Music: Paul Kuhlman

Rosary Leaders: Ken Stuhr, Joan Stuhr

Ushers: Mark Grundmayer, Jake Grundmayer

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

Altar Servers: Justice B., Lewis A.

EMHC: Koryn Koinzan

Giftbearers: Steve Thiele, Holly Thiele

Lector: Tina Thiele-Blecher

Ushers: Aaron Kruger, Chris Moser

10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)

Altar Servers: Owen S., McKenna S., Lena S.

EMHC: Tim Baker, Amy Baker

Lector: Kathy Sauser

Ushers: Gary Gunderson, Jaysen Sehi, Chad Shabram, Tim Kallhoff

10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)

Altar Servers: Landon K., Brooke K.

EMHC: Abby Lodge

Giftbearers: Randy Mitchell, Linda Mitchell

Greeters: Becky Kerkman, Steve Kerkman, Dave Beckman, Gwen Beckman

Homebound: Jake Eischeid, Briley Eischeid, Connie Dvorak

Lector: Audra Borer

Music: Mark Moser

Ushers: Ben Meis, Eric Meis, Marvin Meis, Ray Payne

Saturday, May 23rd

5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)

Altar Servers: Carter H., Blake H., Larissa V.

EMHC: LuAnn Koch

Homebound: Ruth O'Brien

Lector: Jolene Schapmann

Ushers: Ron Koch, Stan Schapmann

5:30 pm Mass – St. Peters (Ewing)

Altar Servers: Belle A., Cooper N.

EMHC: Mark Tyrrell

Giftbearers: Kevin Koenig, Gina Koenig

Lector: Tammy Summers

Ushers: Greg Napier, Ed Nordby

Sunday, May 24th

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

Altar Servers: Levi K., Katelyn K.

EMHC: Deacon John Starman

Homebound: Teresa Heying

Lector: Lisa Schumacher

Money: Adam Wies, Shirley Henn

Music: Rod Stuhr, Jeff Temme, Jan Temme

Ushers: Derek Stuhr, Vet Stuhr

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

Altar Servers: Ellie B., Mason B.

EMHC: Kevin Filsinger

Giftbearers: Tom Thiele, Ann Thiele

Lector: Connie Cronin

Ushers: John Mlnarik, Ted Mlnarik

10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)

Altar Servers: Cason H., Breckin H., Haden F.

EMHC: Ron Beacom, Hannah Hoefler

Lector: Trent Hoefler

Ushers: Gary Gunderson, Jaysen Sehi, Troy Shabram, Tim Woslager

Sunday, May 24th

10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)

Altar Servers: Reid K., Chloe K.

EMHC: Terry Reicks

Giftbearers: Steve Niewhoner, Jane Niewohner

Greeters: Jeff Schindler, Tracey Schindler, Eric Haselhorst, Callie Haselhorst

Homebound: Julie Schiltmeyer, Jessica Niewohner

Lector: Briley Eischeid

Music: Mark Dwyer, Julie Dwyer

Ushers: Chuck Pelster, Alan Reicks, Bob Schiltmeyer, Gary Schiltmeyer

Saturday, May 30th

5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)

Altar Servers: Bobby T., Charlie T., Paisley T.

EMHC: Mary Rautenberg

Homebound: Rosemary Patras

Lector: Ruth Miller

Ushers: Walt Patras, Stan Schapmann

5:30 pm Mass – St. John (Deloit)

Altar Servers: JB M., Cooper M.

EMHC: Sara Lemburg

Giftbearers: Jason Schindler, Jody Schindler

Lector: Lisa Mlnarik

Ushers: Josh Mlnarik, Doug Schueth

Sunday, May 31st

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

Altar Servers: Ace P., Liam P.

EMHC: Brian Stuhr

Giftbearers: Joyce Pelster, Cyril Pelster

Lector: Tami Schrage

Music: Chris Grundmayer, Joyce Reestman

Rosary Leaders: Paul Kuhlman, Brenda Kuhlman

Ushers: Spencer Heying, Tyler Reestman

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

Altar Servers: Weston F., Lilly K.

EMHC: Francis Hanzlik

Giftbearers: Steve Hankla, Linda Hankla

Lector: Carol Kester

Ushers: Jeff Schlecht, Dean Thiele

10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)

Altar Servers: Gracelyn W., Charlie W.

EMHC: Carla Teel, Kathy Sauser

Lector: Michelle Ternus

Ushers: Gary Gunderson, Jaysen Sehi, Nick Strom, Trent Hoefler

10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)

Altar Servers: Harrison L., James L.

EMHC: Julie Schiltmeyer

Giftbearers: Ray Payne, Peggy Payne

Greeters: Ted Baum, JoAnn Baum, Ron Eischeid, Linda Eischeid

Homebound: Terry Reicks, Heather Veik

Lector: Betty Kallhoff

Music: Deb Baum, Becky Kerkman

Ushers: Jeff Schindler, Jacob Schindler, Ross Schindler, Phil Starman

From the Desk of 
Father Frank

Dear parishioners,

The Easter Season is meant to help us think about resurrection, but we don't get to resurrection until we die. We don't get to the next life until we die. So, I have been contemplating our worldly view on death, which does not include what the Bible calls the new heavens and the new earth. I look at every TV show and movie from this perspective. None of them seem to have the next life in mind, even the Christian movies. I'm not talking about classics like Ben Hur. I mean the feel-good movies in which people pray, and all their prayers are answered in this life. They find their true love, or their money problems are solved, etc. Every show looks at life as if death is the end. There is no afterlife, no judgment, no heaven and no hell.

Occasionally, I must go and watch a movie about a saint that I have seen several times on EWTN or Formed to renew my perspective. Except for those movies, everything else is about getting the most out of this life. Solving personal problems or the world's problems is not bad as long as we gain our part of the good life without losing our souls in the process. We can never forget that this life is training for when we have our glorified bodies in the new heavens and the new earth. What we make of ourselves in this life forms us for the next. We need to make sure we are forming ourselves in the right way.

Over the next weeks I am going to be looking at different topics from this perspective. Some of them will be about personal issues. Others will be looking at more general issues like saving the world. A quick issue that popped into my mind this week was healthcare. What is it geared for? Its primary goal is to keep us alive as long as possible. If you think about that for a moment you will realize the opposite of healthcare, assisted suicide. Its purpose is to end the cycle of healthcare pushing to keep us going, even when we get to the point when the treatments aren't keeping us healthy, but keeping us alive, at least for another day. As we face death because of old age or serious disease these are things the church is there to guide us through. We just need to make sure our doctors are on the same page as the church. Before that we need to make sure we have the right perspective. Are we preparing ourselves and those around us for the next life or are we just focusing on a longer life. Obviously, there are many factors that need to be considered. TV shows and movies don't always factor many of those into the script because of time limits. Life doesn't always give us enough time to figure these things out either, which is one of the reasons I will be looking at some of these topics.

God bless you,

Fr. Frank Baumert

Mark Your Calendar!
You Won't
Want To Miss These Exciting Events!

MAY 5th

MAY 1st

Pope John May
Crowning

ceremony @ 3PM

in the St. Boniface Church



MAY 1st & 3rd

Junie B.
Jones
The Musical



Book and Lyrics by Marcy Heisler
Music by Zina Goldrich
Adapted from the Junie B. Jones Services of Books by Barbara Park

Friday, May 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 3 @ 4:00 p.m.

St. Boniface Auditorium

Adults: \$ 15.00

K-12 \$ 7.00

No Reserved Seating

See Any Cast Member for Tickets or Call Pope John
Tickets Also Available at the Door

Junie B. Jones, the Musical is a heartwarming show based on Barbara Park's beloved books. It follows Junie B. as she navigates her first days of first grade--making new friends, dealing with changes, and discovering she might need glasses. With humor, catchy songs, and relatable moments, Junie B.'s adventures capture the ups and downs of growing up and learning to find your place.

Directing the performances are Miss Faith Orcutt, assisted by Mrs. Karin Kinney

MAY 10th

MAY 14th

POPE JOHN XXIII
CENTRAL CATHOLIC

CLASS OF
2026



**GRADUATION
CEREMONY**

SUNDAY, MAY 10
1:30 P.M.
ST. BONIFACE AUDITORIUM

PRE-K GRADUATION

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026 11:00 A.M.
ST. BONIFACE AUDITORIUM



RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES



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!



GRATIA &



LEGION OF JOSEPH

Gratia Retreat-July 7th & 8th, 2026

Girls incoming 4th thru 6th grades

Legion of Joseph-July 14th & 15th, 2026

Boys upcoming 5th thru 6th grade

Sponsored by St. Boniface Parish, Elgin

**** PARENTS ****

**** FUTURE JR. & SR. COUNSELORS ****

**** CAMPERS ****

Tintern Retreat Center, Oakdale, NE.

More info is coming soon!

Date & Time	Location	Cel.	Intention	Notes
Mon Apr 27, 8:15AM	Elgin	DW		Communion Service
Tue Apr 28, 8:30AM	Petersburg	JN FB	† Diane Kerkman † Ray & Leora Sullivan	
Wed Apr 29, 8:15AM	Elgin	FB	† Red and Evelyn Arehart	
Wed Apr 29, 8:30AM	Neligh	JN	† Steve Hastreiter	
Wed Apr 29, 9:30AM	Willows	JN	† Paul Vandersnick	
Wed Apr 29, 5:00PM	Elgin	FB		Confessions
Thur Apr 30, 8:15AM	Elgin	FB	† Roman & Margie Baum	
Thur Apr 30, 8:30AM	Neligh	JN	† Don & Marie Vandersnick	
Fri May 1, 8:15AM	Elgin	FB	† LeRoy Kerkman	1 st & 5 th Grade
Fri May 1, 8:30AM	Neligh	JN	† Carmen T. Peetz	
Sat May 2, 5:30PM	Tilden	FB	† Eileen Hockemeier	
Sat May 2, 5:30PM	Deloit	JN	† Darlene Schueth	
Sun May 3, 8:00AM	Raeville	JN	† LaVern Scholl	
Sun May 3, 8:00AM	Clearwater	FB	† Don, Shirley, Ed & Sharon Henkenius	
Sun May 3, 10:00AM	Elgin	JN	For the People of Our Parishes	
Sun May 3, 10:00AM	Neligh	FB	† Carmen T. Peetz	

Ministry Schedule for May 2 & 3 the 5th Sunday of Easter
(The weekend Mass schedule always goes by the Sunday Liturgy)

Saturday 5/2/2026

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

Altar Servers: Hank, Abe & Archie J.

EMHC: Walt Patras, JoAnn Penne, Rose Schaecher

Homebound: Bill Hatterman

Lector: Rosemary Patras

Ushers: Sam Johnson, Mark O'Brien

5:30PM Mass - St. John the Baptist, Deloit

Altar Servers: Parker & Mason M.

EMHC: Diane Dicke, Janette Kerkman, Angela Tagel

Giftbearers: Chris & Suzanne Dierks

Lector: Marilyn Sehi

Ushers: Kylee Funk, Dale Funk

Sunday 5/3/2026

8:00AM Mass - St. Bonaventure, Raeville

(Contact Joan Stuhr to schedule Communion to the sick or Homebound 402.843.0485)

Altar Servers: Diedrick & Aiden K.

EMHC: Jake Grundmayer, Megan Heying, Tami Schrage, Christopher Kuhlman

Giftbearers: Bob & Jaci Hoefler

Lector: Mark Grundmayer

Music: Chris Grundmayer, Joyce Reestman

Rosary Leaders: Paul & Brenda Kuhlman

Ushers: Bryan Bode, Christopher Bode

Sunday 5/3/2026

8:00 am Mass - St. Theresa, Clearwater

Altar Servers: Ayden & Jayde B.

EMHC: Crystal Kester, Paul Kester, Marlene Thiessen, Tom Thiele, Dianna Kester

Giftbearers: Curt & Amy Thiele

Lector: Sonia Rittscher

Ushers: Kevin Rittscher, Bill Kester

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

Altar Servers: Hannah E., Josslyn H.

EMHC: Joe Hartz, Bev Hartz, Bill Kuester, Marian Shabram, Kathy Sauser, Carla Teel

Lector: Amy Baker

Ushers: Gary Gunderson, Jaysen Sehi, Duane Knievel, Dale Kallhoff

10:00 am Mass - St. Boniface, Elgin

Altar Servers: Mason F., Jaxon H.

EMHC: Deacon Dennis Wiehn, Chelsi Childers, Connie Dvorak, Jake Eischeid, Briley Eischeid, 1 Volunteer

Giftbearers: Steve & Becky Kerkman

Greeters: Ben & Anna Meis, Eric & Jodine Meis

Homebound: Joe Seier, Connie Seier, Heather Veik

Lector: Dave Beckman

Music: Mark & Julie Dwyer

Ushers: Leigh Kluthe, Phil Kluthe, Ryan Lodge, Bill Mescher