

Catholic Parishes in Partnership

St. Bonaventure, Raeville | St. Boniface, Elgin | St. John the Baptist, Deloit St. John the Baptist, Petersburg | St. Peter de Alcántara, Ewing | St. Theresa, Clearwater

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020



TWO QUESTIONS: Can We? Should We?

OUR SITUATION... WHAT BEING A UNIVERSAL CHURCH MEANS

I do not want to use a scandalous analogy, but I want to make a point! The Catholic Church is more like McDonald's with franchises than the Knotty Pine in Petersburg. If the Knotty Pine in Petersburg is open or closed, it mostly impacts the Petersburg community. (By the way... they are open for take out, so you can call ahead and order... like L-Bar-B in Clearwater and DW's Pub in Ewing)!!! Many of our protestant brothers and sisters have more localized communities of believers. The Catholic Church is more like a franchise... If my McDonald's is closed (and I find myself craving McDonald's...), my GPS will find me another McDonald's down the road. It is just like you can find Catholic Mass in a church on vacation by looking up "Catholic Church" on your phone or in a phonebook.

One of the goals of having mass from a public health standpoint is to seek to prevent people from traveling outside of their towns... When we feel reasonably sure that we can have public mass in our new "corona conscious normal" and Petersburg will stay in Petersburg, Raeville in Raeville, Elgin in Elgin, Clearwater in Clearwater, Ewing in Ewing, and Rural St. John's in the middle of nowhere... we can have mass. If our having mass means that we are the only ones or "some" of the only ones having mass, people will likely drive from O'Neill, Neligh, Creighton, Albion, Spaulding, Madison, Chambers, Amelia, etc.... and beyond....

This may be disappointing, but it is addressing our reality.

THE SHORT FORM: WE WILL NOT HAVE PUBLIC MASS FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY.

OUR SITUATION... WHAT HAS THE GOVERNOR SAID

We are just about one week from when Governor Pete Ricketts said that a religious exemption to the 10-person rule will be added on May 4^{th} . This means that starting May 4^{th} it will not be illegal or a ticket-able offense (currently a Class V misdemeanor) for a group of more than 10 people to gather in a church space for worship/service/Mass. We are also not limited to the 10-person rule for weddings and funerals... however we cannot have funeral luncheons and wedding receptions. The limitations for attendance are based on the space of the church building. In these gatherings, social distancing must be respected between households.

OUR SITUATION... WHAT HAS THE ARCHBISHOP SAID

As a result of Governor Ricketts offering a religious exemption, the Archbishop has said that he will lift the suspension of public liturgies and masses. However, the pastor is authorized to determine when it is safe to have public Mass, and we as pastors have been encouraged to talk within our deanery (As a priest, I participate in administrative unit of the Rural Northwest Deanery) about the public health implications of our choices. Additionally, as with the suspension issued before, there are multiple pages of rules and restrictions and specifications and standards that we have to meet. I am being held responsible by the Archbishop to make the best decisions, and I am charged with the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of all who walk through the church doors. There are things that I can do, but there are many things that I cannot do simply because the Archbishop and his office have told me that I cannot.

OUR SITUATION... WHEN SHOULD WE HAVE PUBLIC MASS?

This is a question that can generate a lot of discussion and opinions and thoughts. And that's just me talking with me... I'm sure that you may have your own thoughts and opinions. I have already received several communications as emails and phone calls and text messages and the like about whether some people think that having public mass in our area is too soon or whether we have been without the ability to receive the Eucharist for too long already...

What is very clear is fivefold:

- There is a desire and hunger for Jesus in the Eucharist
- There is a desire to gather in person as a community
- There is a desire for us to stay healthy
- There are real public health concerns with gathering
- Potential risks and potential benefits have to be evaluated AND PROPER PREPARATIONS MADE before this can be "green lighted"

These are all good desires and concerns. Getting together is not a "no"... It's just a "not yet". Please be patient with us!

Peace,

St. Boniface Elgin

Financial Stewardship-St. Boniface-Elgin

Sunday (19 Env)	\$2,020.00		
Catholic Relief	\$90.00		
Easter	\$650.00		
Insurance	\$175.00		
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 41			
Budgeted Total	\$185,294.34		
Actual Total	\$170,423.00		
Amount Behind	(\$14,871.14)		

St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure: Please Remember In Your Prayers: Jolene Lichty, Larry Braband, Roger & Jan Sorenson, Terry Dinslage, Cheri (Schindler) Cavanagh, Laurie Horn, Dave Shrader, Bob Redler, Garrett Scholz, Alfreda Pelster, Neil Childers, Sally Beckman, Marie Cheatum, Charlotte Hoefer, Joe Buelt, Karlene Moser, Cliff Burger, Brittany Waldrop, Brenda Papstein, Jacquelyn Brugman, Denise Jamieson, Chris Stargel, Gary Preister, Cammy (Dwyer) Abbey, Marlene Hoefer Hughes, Lawrence Borer, Larry Shavlik, Lyle Mackel, Gayle Zegers, Clayton Dozler, Dave Pelster, Judy Zegers, Emily Borer, Rose Wiehn. [Please let us know if name can be removed.]

St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

04-27-20	Matthew Kurpgeweit	\$60.00
04-28-20	Maximus Temme	\$60.00
04-29-20	Dave & Janice Eischeid	\$60.00
04-30-20	Jo Thiem	\$60.00
05-01-20	Maddie Schrage	\$60.00
05-02-20	Red & Linda Eischeid	\$60.00
05-03-20	Lauren Kinney	\$75.00



Mowing Season has begun! Please help us keep our mowers safe!

St. Boniface Cemetery:

Only flowers in the built-in vases or attached to the stone can remain on the graves. The popular solar lights and other memorials with wires stuck into the ground are a hazard for mowing. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you wish to take a lily or mum left over from Easter at St. Boniface, you may take one from the east entrance of the church basement.

Did you know that St. Boniface School collects aluminum cans? The cart is located to the west end of the school parking lot, to be easier accessed and noticed. Pop and Beer Cans only! **NO tin cans, pie tins** or aluminum foil. Thank you, as these add up and provide added income!





We welcome Riley Davis Borer

Son of Keith & Audra Borer who was baptized this weekend at St. Boniface Church



We welcome Theo Jackson Borer Son of

Jack & Taylor Borer who was baptized this weekend at St. Boniface Church



Thank you to Mike Dvorak for replacing the rope on our flagpole and getting our flag flying again! Thanks also to Joe Seier for getting the rope.



During the pandemic no doubtedly there are some cabinets and drawers being cleaned!! Remember St. Boniface School....we are saving UPC's from any and all "Best Choice"

products and Box Tops for Education labels. They can be dropped in the box in the west entrance of St. Boniface Church.

Also, the new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Go to

https://www.boxtops4education.com.

FIRST COMMUNION, GRADUATION and BAPTISM Items are on for sale at the Elgin Parish Office. Some are: Many crosses, rosary boxes, rosaries, various size picture frames, angels, banks, rosary book sets, photo albums, lockets, rings, cross necklaces and various bracelets, saints book, prayer books and Children's Bibles. Check out our supply before going elsewhere - our selection and prices are great. Call to make sure we are here before coming.

NOTE: The Omaha Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) that was scheduled for May 12 in Fremont has been cancelled.

St. Peter's St. Theresa's St. John's Deloit

Financial Stewardship St. Peter's Ewing

April 19: \$270.00 Easter: \$290.00 Votive Candles: 210.51

St. John's Deloit

April 19: \$200.00 Easter: \$450.00

St. Theresa's

April 19: \$745.00 Holy Thursday: \$20.00 Good Friday: \$20.00 Easter: \$1,250.00

FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS:

St. Peter's: Kathi Ritwisch, Steve Koenig, Butch Sojka, Sister Joseph, Mary Edwards, Jessica Hobbs, Jeanette Tomjack, Sharon Ward, Leo Hawk, Duaine Bollwitt, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick and Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel.

St Theresa's: Leo Starman, Nate Thiele, Regina Krebs. **St. John's:** Keith Palmer, Darlene Schueth, Carl Ernesti and Georgine Funk



Vocation Cross for May

St. Peter's: Mike & Cheryl Thramer, Tim & Helen Larson St. John's: Jim & Bev Funk

National Council of Catholic Women

I want to thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of uncertainty. The NCCW Executive Committee continues to monitor the situation with Covid-19 and the ramifications it could have on our 100th Celebration that is to be held August 26-29, 2020. At this time, we are not canceling the NCCW Convention and we pray that we will be able to proceed as planned as we have prepared some wonderful celebrations for you to enjoy. The NCCW cannot cancel the contract with Marriott Corporation at this time without causing a significant financial burden to NCCW. If there are regulations in place later that will force us to cancel, we will be able to do so without penalties, we may not know this until June. We are still planning for the Centennial Celebration and hope you will continue to send in your registrations so we can plan accordingly. We want to see everyone there who can possibly attend and if it unfolds that we are not able to hold the event all registrations and add-ons will refunded you directly. ~Jean Kelly- NCCW Pres

St. John's Petersburg

Financial Stewardship St. John's – Petersburg:

Adult: \$714.00 Rice Bowl: \$79.54

Church Bathroom Project: \$5,200.00 (Anonymous)
Easter: \$1,225.00 (Budgeted \$10,000- Received \$7,155.00

with Shortfall of \$2,845.00 to date.)



St John's (Petersburg) Cemetery Mowing

Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00 PM Last Names A-R (rain date May 7th).

Parishioners are encouraged to mow/trim at your convenience if the time is not compatible with your schedule.

St. Bonaventure Raeville

Financial Stewardship St. Bonaventure- Raeville

Sunday Collection (6 Env.)	\$640.00	
Easter	\$400.00	
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 42		
Budgeted Total	\$42,000.00	
Actual Total	\$40,506.04	
Amount Behind	(\$1,493.96)	



We pray for the soul of *George Pelster* of Columbus who passed away last week. George is the brother of Carol Busteed, Anne (Ed) Parks, Ralph (Deb) Pelster, Cyril (Joyce) Pelster, and Billy

(Linette) Pelster of our parishes. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.



St. Bonaventure Parish will be mowing their parish grounds next Wednesday, May 6th.

NOTE: All TOTUS TUUS programs will not be held this year!

This Week in Our Parishes.....

Day	Date	Time	Events
Tuesday	May 5	Noon	Bulletin Deadline for May 10 Bulletin Items
Tuesday	May 5	6:00 pm	St. John's Petersburg Cemetery Mowing (Last Names A-R) Rain date: May 7
Wednesday	May 6	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Wednesday	May 6		St. Bonaventure's Mowing of Parish Grounds

Mass Intentions for the week....... (Celebrated at Private Mass)

<u>Priest</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	
	Monday	May 4	No Services	
Fr. Vogel	Tuesday	May 5	+Paysen Ann Guthard	(Livestreamed at 8:30 am)
Fr. John	Tuesday	May 5	+Danny & Della Hoefer	
Fr. Vogel	Wednesday	May 6	+Margaret Hansen	(Livestreamed at 8:30 am)
			+Rollie Reicks	
Fr. John	Wednesday	May 6	+Louie & Tillie Zweiner	
			+Florence, Lawrence & Richard Luettel	
Fr. Vogel	Thursday	May 7	+Jim, Mary Jo & Hank Schueths	(Livestreamed at 8:30 am)
Fr. John	Thursday	May 7	Priest Intention	
Fr. Vogel	Friday	May 8	+Yvonne Heithoff	(Livestreamed at 8:30 am)
Fr. John	Friday	May 8	+Sally Bohnenkamp	
Fr. John	Saturday	May 9	+Don Petsche	
Fr. Vogel	Sunday	May 10	+Viola Pelster	(Livestreamed at 8:00 am)
			+Kalin Henn	
Fr. John	Sunday	May 10	For the People of Our Parishes	(Livestreamed at 10:00 am)

All livestreamed Masses are on https://www.facebook.com/cppnebraska/ and all our Facebook pages ** all Livestream can be viewed at the time it is live, or any time after that **

Weekend Masses will be live on Sunday at 8:00 am with Fr. Vogel and 10:00 am with Fr. Norman.

Daily Masses will be live at 8:30 am (Tuesday-Friday)

Tuesday-Friday: Fr. Norman is offering a live streamed Liturgy of the Word and Daily Reflections at 10 am.

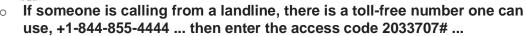




Connect with Us by PHONE!

If you know of someone who does not have internet at home, we've been thinking about how our parish communications can reach them. We are making the audio for our Facebook Live events like Mass and Reflections also available as a telephone conference call

(in addition to the Facebook Live).



- If someone has a cell phone, and long-distance charges will not apply, they can join by calling the phone number +1-805-706-4216
- Please note that it may feel a little goofy, there is guitar-based hold music if you beat me to the call...
 people joining in will be muted automatically but will be able to hear our broadcast.
- o Events included are Tues Fri at 8:30 AM Daily Mass w/ Fr. Vogel, 10:00 AM Reflection w/ Fr. John
- Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM w/ Fr. Vogel and 10:00 AM w/ Fr. John



If you haven't been received your contribution envelopes this past week, Please let the Elgin Parish Office know right away at 402-843-2345, and they will check into it.



Public Masses are Cancelled

Due to Coronavirus, you are invited to watch our livestream Masses available on Facebook. Intentions are listed in this bulletin.

RELIGIOUS

Fr. John Norman, Pastor PO Box 37 Ewing, NE 402-626-7605 <u>Email: jmnorman@archomaha.org</u>

Fr. Kevin Vogel, Assoc. Pastor PO Box B- Elgin 402-843-2345 Email: kwvogel@archomaha.org

Deacon Dennis Wiehn 402-843-0182
Deacon John Starman 402-386-5570
Deacon William Camp (retired) 402-843-5464

Sister Patricia Hoffman PO Box 219 402-843-5461

Emergencies Needing a Priest: call office numbers and system will re-direct your call.

Elgin Office

Mailing Address: PO Box B, Elgin NE 68636

Parish Office Phone 402-843-2345 Fax 402-843-2253 St. Boniface Gym Phone 402-843-2249 **Website**: cppnebraska.org

Michele Reicks
Linda Moser
(office entrance is east side of Elgin rectory)

Mreicks@cppnebraska.org

lmoser@cppnebraska.org



Modified Hours

Monday Closed Tuesday-Friday 9am-Noon

(Use mail slot in East door to drop off donation envelopes)

Petersburg Office (office entrance is north entr. Werner Hall)
Mailing Address: PO Box 608, Petersburg NE 68652
Parish Office Phone 402-386-5580

Modified Hours: Wednesday 10:00 am-Noon (or by Appt) Jaci Hoefer <u>jhoefer@cppnebraska.org</u>

Ewing Office (office entrance is front door of Ewing Rectory) Mailing Address: PO Box 37, Ewing, NE 68735

Modified Hours: Thursday 9:00am – Noon Helen Larson 402-626-7605

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE (changed due to Coronavirus) {Wednesday: 5-5:30pm- Elgin continues}

Private reconciliation by appointment always available. Reconciliation before and after each Mass Cancelled

ADORATION SCHEDULE Cancelled for now

St. Peter's: Thursday- 9- Noon

Elgin: Day before First Friday, Each Month

St. John's-Deloit- Devotions on Mondays at 7pm (summer)

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND Cancelled for now

St. Boniface Parish: Deacon Dennis Wiehn, 402-843-5808

St. Bonaventure Parish: Joan Stuhr, 402-843-0485

St. John the Baptist, Petersburg: Rotating, so please see Liturgical Schedule in bulletin.

FIRST FRIDAYS in Elgin Cancelled for now

Father Vogel will bring Communion to the homebound following Mass, if you call the office the day before, 402-843-2345.

SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS

St. Boniface/St. Bonaventure Parish: Linda Moser 843-2345 **St. John's Parish- Petersburg:** Kelly Starman 386-5570 or email kelly_starman@yahoo.com.

St. Peter, St. John Deloit, St. Theresa's: Helen Larson 402-626-7605.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: is still TUESDAY NOON

Send to lmoser@cppnebraska.org (AND) mreicks@cppnebraska.org

COMBINED Monthly Calendar: 3rd TUES / Mo. Our parishes now are migrating to one website soon:

If parishes want event flyers, calendars, etc. posted please email mreicks@cppnebraska.org

Group Facebook Page: cppnebraska.org (each parish has their own Facebook page also)

St. Boniface School (K-6) / Pope John (7-12) Cancelled for term

Betty Getzfred, Principal 402-843-5325

Website: www.pjcrusaders.org

St. Michael School- Albion (Preschool-8) Cancelled for term
Lisa Schumacher, Principal Website: www.stmichael esu7.org

Elgin Religious Education Cancelled for term

Family Formation (Gr. K-6)

Cheryl Veik, Coordinator 402-843-8023

Elgin Sunday Youth Group (Gr. 7-12)

Louise Schindler, Sunday Youth Group 402-843-5375

Petersburg Religious Educ. (in Albion)
Lisa Wagner, Director (to register)
(Gr. K-8) Wednesday during School Year
(Gr. 9-12) Wednesday during School Year
7:15-8:15 pm

St. Peter, St. Theresa, St. John Deloit Religious Ed Classes

Elementary: Wed. 3:45-5:15 pm at St. Theresa's Hall in Clearwater, Wed. 4-5:00 pm at St. Dominic's Hall, and Wed. 3:45-5:15pm at the Orchard Methodist Church. Angela Tagel, Director 308-367-7249.

Jr. Hi/HS Wed. 7-8:15 pm at St. Theresa's Hall, Clearwater. (Contact: Sandy Moser 402-851-0116), or 7-8:30pm at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing. (Contact: Ann Kurpgeweit 402-336-7749.)

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

St. Boniface: Call Mary Jane Boes 402-843-2379 or JoAnn Beckman 402-843-6287.

St. Bonaventure: Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-386-5350 or Diane Scholl 402-386-5256.

St. John-Petersburg: Call Kathy Koch 402-386-5481

or Kelly Starman 402-386-5570

St. Peter-Ewing: Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755 **St. Theresa-Clearwater:** Teresa Kester, 402-750-0262

St. John the Baptist-Deloit: Jeannie Knievel 402-929-0847

RENTAL REQUESTS

St. Bonaventure, Raeville Rectory or Hall: Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-386-5350.

St. John's Rectory, Petersburg: Call Mary Lu Larson 402-843-8420 or Jacque Luettel 402-843-8974.

St. John's Werner Hall, Petersburg events all need to be scheduled through Jaci Hoefer — including all funerals, events, receptions, and showers by calling 402-386-5580 or email jhoefer@archomaha.org.

St. John's Rural Clearwater: Sue Mlnarik 402-485-2428

St. Theresa's Clearwater: Carol Thiele 402-750-1777

St. Peter's Ewing (St. Dominic's) Hall: Helen Larson 402-626-7605

Knights of Columbus Hall, (Elgin): Dave Hoefer 402-843-8921. Website: KofC.org/JoinUs

Tintern Retreat Center (Oakdale) Cheryl Veik 402-776-2188 tinternretreatcenter.com

Important Links https://get.tithe.ly/ (online giving) https://flocknote.com/ (notification system)



Thank you for your continued support!

During this time...

Envelopes can be mailed to your parish office

(note: Elgin has a mail slot at office entrance)

Envelopes can be dropped at your local bank

Bank of Elgin, GPS Bank in Petersburg, The Tilden Bank in Clearwater, and Ewing Bank.

--Use this link to give online—

https://cppnebraska.org/donate/



Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship.

Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

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HOLINESS IS A CHALLENGE for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners — and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.

~Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

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manner from your parish?
And the bulletin once a week?



In order to receive this free service, you can email parish@cppnebraska.org, asking to join Flocknote, or you can send a text of one of the following keywords to 84576, to join your parish mailing list.

- 68652 for St. John the Baptist in Petersburg
- raeville for St. Bonaventure in Raeville
- elgin for St. Boniface in Elgin
- clearwater for St. Theresa's in Clearwater
- deloit for St. John's Church of Deloit
- ewing for St. Peter de Alcantara in Ewing

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

EWTN is available on all Great Plains Channel 14. Televised Mass times on Sundays are 7am and 11am. EWTN brochures at the entrance of your church show all programing schedules. It's also on ewtn.com.

News Channel Nebraska televised Masses are at 8:10am daily (Great Plains Cable Channel 22).

A Family Prayer

Our Father, we thank You for Your love and for Your many blessings, especially for the precious gift of each other. Help us to show our gratitude by loving each other as You love us. Make us understanding and patient with one another, quick to admit our failings and ask forgiveness, generous in sharing the joy and strength we can give each other. Father, give our family lively faith and courage to share it with those around us. Direct us to the state in life You plan for each of us, and help us to use Your gifts to serve You. We entrust our family to Your Fatherly care. Preserve us from the corruption of the modern world and help and help us to draw closer daily to You and to each other, until we come to share with You the joys of Heaven. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, help us to be a holy family. Amen.