

Catholic Parishes in Partnership

St. Bonaventure, Raeville | St. Boniface, Elgin | St. John the Baptist, Petersburg
Annunciation Parish *servicing*
St. John the Baptist, Deloit | St. Peter de Alcántara, Ewing | St. Theresa, Clearwater
St. Francis of Assisi, Neligh | Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tilden

May 2 & 3, 5th Sunday of Easter

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No office hours. PO Box checked regularly.

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Communion

Communication

Sustainability

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**MAY IS
THE
MONTH
OF MARY**



5th Sunday of Easter

"THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HAS THE POWER OF DELIVERING SOULS FROM PURGATORY BY HER PRAYERS, AND BY APPLYING HER MERITS FOR THEM. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR SOULS THAT WERE DEVOTED TO HER ON EARTH."

--ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

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
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: amesljrepair@hotmail.com text: 402.253.5120
May 16	SJD 1 st Communion & Seniors will be honored after Mass
May 17	Beginnings Spring Fundraising Event "Piercing the Darkness"- at the O'Neill Community Center, 7-830PM, Admission Free. Protecting life is more than saving babies.
May 18	SBE parish ladies social, 7-9PM @ KC Hall, Elgin
May 21	Date Change: SPE Christian Mothers Meeting @ 2PM, St. Dominic Hall

OACCW IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE 2026 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Lauren Winkelbauer of O'Neill received the Rural Northwest Deanery scholarship and was selected as the OACCW scholarship recipient of \$1,000.

(\$750 annual award plus an additional \$250 gift this year).
Alternate: Sophia Sparwasser of Omaha, Omaha Urban Deanery.
Other contenders included Jovie Borer of (Elgin, Rural Central), Abby Ellsworth (Columbus, Rural Southwest), Jovee Valentin (Winnebago, Rural Northeast), and Sophia Wortmann (Crofton, Rural North Central).

This impressive group made selecting one winner difficult. They give hope for the future of our Catholic women's groups, communities, and country. May God bless them in their education and faith journeys.

To support this scholarship effort, contact Kim Estes, 87671 467th Ave., Stuart, Ne 68780, or kimberley_estes@hotmail.com

Ascension of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation is May 14th.

Please check your packets for the appropriate envelope and re-check the monthly Mass schedule that was in last weeks bulletin.



—NEBRASKA—
CATHOLIC
DAY OF GIVING
May 6



Scan me!

About Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving

The Archdiocese of Omaha, the Diocese of Lincoln and the Diocese of Grand Island are joining together to offer Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving on Wednesday, May 6th. Through this initiative, we hope to inspire faithful stewards throughout the state to share their blessings willingly and lovingly. It is our desire to create a wave of generosity and provide donors with the opportunity to give back in support of the organizations that have helped shape their lives of faith...our parishes, schools, and ministries.

Through this initiative, we can create awareness and empower organizations to raise the critically important funds necessary to accomplish the outstanding work that is offered to so many throughout Nebraska.

Be part of the 2nd annual Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving--a 24 hour event uniting nearly 200 parishes, elementary & high schools, and ministries across the Diocese of Grand Island, Diocese of Lincoln & Archdiocese of Omaha.

Join Catholics across the state to give, grow and make a difference in our communities!
Mark your calendar for May 6 & support your favorite Catholic organization!

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 25 & 26

God bless you for your generosity!

Sunday Offertory	\$6,022.00
Easter	\$25.00
Home & Foreign Mission	\$867.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$50.00
Rice Bowl	\$15.81
Parish Collection Grants	\$1,369.96
SPE Building Fund	\$250.00
SJD Building Fund	\$50.00
SJD St. Patrick's Cemetery	\$50.00

Confirmation Classes will begin this fall. Letters were mailed last week to all eligible candidates. If you have not received a letter, or if we accidentally missed sending one, the following students are eligible to enroll.

Eligible Grades for the 2026-2027 Confirmation Preparation Year:

SBR: 9th- 10th grade
SBE: 9th - 10th grade
SFN: 9th grade
SJD: 9th - 10th grade
SJP: 9th - 10th grade
SPE: 9th - 10th grade
STC: 9th - 10th grade



**There will be no Confirmation preparation in Tilden this fall, as all current 9th & 10th graders are already confirmed. If your student still needs Confirmation, please contact the parish office.

Announcements!!



SFN

ROSARY SODALITY MAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bonnie Krebs, Jill Kallhoff, Megan Funk, Debbie Desautels, Julie Klabenes, Bev Seier, Dana Klabenes, Charlene Huges, Melissa Henery, Tanya Shabram, Stacey Shabram, Kelsey Blakeman, Marian Shabram, Diane Flenniken

We pray for Dana Sheridan

who recently passed away. We extend sincere sympathy to the families, loved ones, and friends of Dana. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



**SPE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS
WILL BE MEETING ON
MAY 21ST @ 2PM
ST. DOMINIC HALL
NOTE THE DATE CHANGE**

SFN Church Cleaners

May 9-Les Ridder, Susan Arehart, Virginia Duran
May 16-Sid Charf, Steve Simonsen, Amy Baker
May 23-Pat Sehi, John Anderson, Carol Anderson
May 30-Danny Payne, Curtis Borer, Alan Keetle



Annunciation Parish Prayer Line

Adam Kester, Roger Allen, Angela Hardisty, Lainey Henn, Jan Jurgens, Alice Johnston, Bob Stoffel, Boyd Batenhorst, Nate Thiele, Brett Kieley, Leo Starman, Nicki Dougherty, Yvonne Duggan, Anna Murdy, Steve Herrington, Ladd Chandler, Kathy Long, Olivia Trease Anderson, Angela Wortman, Elaine Dittrich, Alice Starman, 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, Beverly Evans.

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 25 & 26

God bless you for your generosity!

St. Boniface, Elgin	
Sunday Offertory	\$3,032.84
Insurance	\$25.00
Parish Collection Grant	\$1,069.44
Auction Donation	\$50.00
Home & Foreign Mission	\$150.00
St. John's, Petersburg	
Sunday Offertory	\$2,431.00
Home & Foreign Mission	\$25.00
Parish Collection Grant	\$905.93
Building	\$3,100.00
St. Bonaventure, Raeville	
Sunday Offertory	\$255.00
Building	\$225.00

Announcements!!

This Sunday, May 3, St. Bonaventure, Raeville is honoring Servers, Graduates, First Communicants & Couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries!

Servers: Kaiden Bode, Briggs Heying, Aiden Klein, Diedrick Klein, Raaf Klein, Bryson Kuhlman, Ace Pelster, Liam Pelster, Anna Stuhr, Melissa Stuhr, Reese Stuhr, Thomas Stuhr, Samantha Stuhr, Wyatt Stuhr.



Graduates: Kaiden Bode, Aiden Klein, Riley Lordemann, Reese Stuhr



First Communicants: Emersyn Heying



Special Wedding Anniversaries: 5yrs. Tyler & Jessica Reestman, 20 yrs. Scott & Stephanie Stuhr, Brian & Clarissa Stuhr, 35 yrs. Rick & Kim Fangman, 45 yrs. Norbert & Jan Starman, 50+ yrs. Jerry & Carol Bode, Dale & Kathy Buelt, Bob & Rose Bode, Fred & Mary Ann Fangman, Dave & Cookie Benda



Welcome to the Catholic Faith!

Congratulations to Kyle & Kenna (Couch) Schumacher, on the baptism of their son,



Tayson Mikel, at St. John the Baptist,

Petersburg on April 26, 2026!

We pray for Pam Meis

who recently passed away. We extend sincere sympathy to the families, loved ones, and friends of Pam. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

SBE Parish Ladies - You're Invited

TO A SOCIAL GATHERING, MAY 18TH, 7-9PM AT THE KC HALL, ELGIN.

ATTIRE IS CASUAL. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED. ALL ARE WELCOME

Pope John XXIII Central Catholic presents our

SPRING CONCERT

Tuesday, May 5
7:00 p.m.
St. Boniface Auditorium



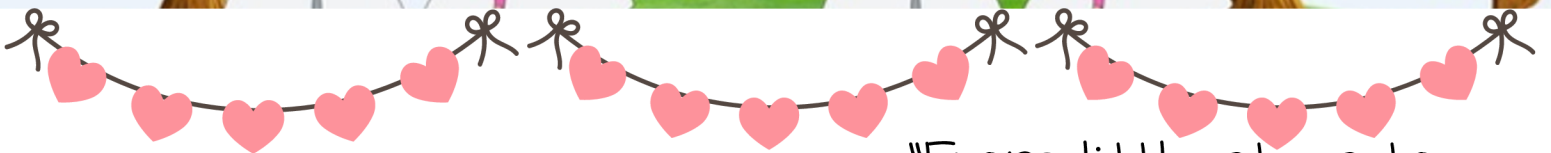
SJP Cemetery Mowing
Tuesday, May 5
Last Names A-P
Tuesday, May 18
Last names Q-Z
*May rain days will be on the following Thursday

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 Riley, 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, Cody Hoefer, Carla Pellatz, Rhonda Kallhoff-Baumann, Ashleigh Henn.** 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.

Mark Your Calendar!
You Won't
Want To Miss These Once In A
Lifetime Events!

PRE-K GRADUATION

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



POPE JOHN XXIII
CENTRAL CATHOLIC


CLASS OF
2026



GRADUATION CEREMONY

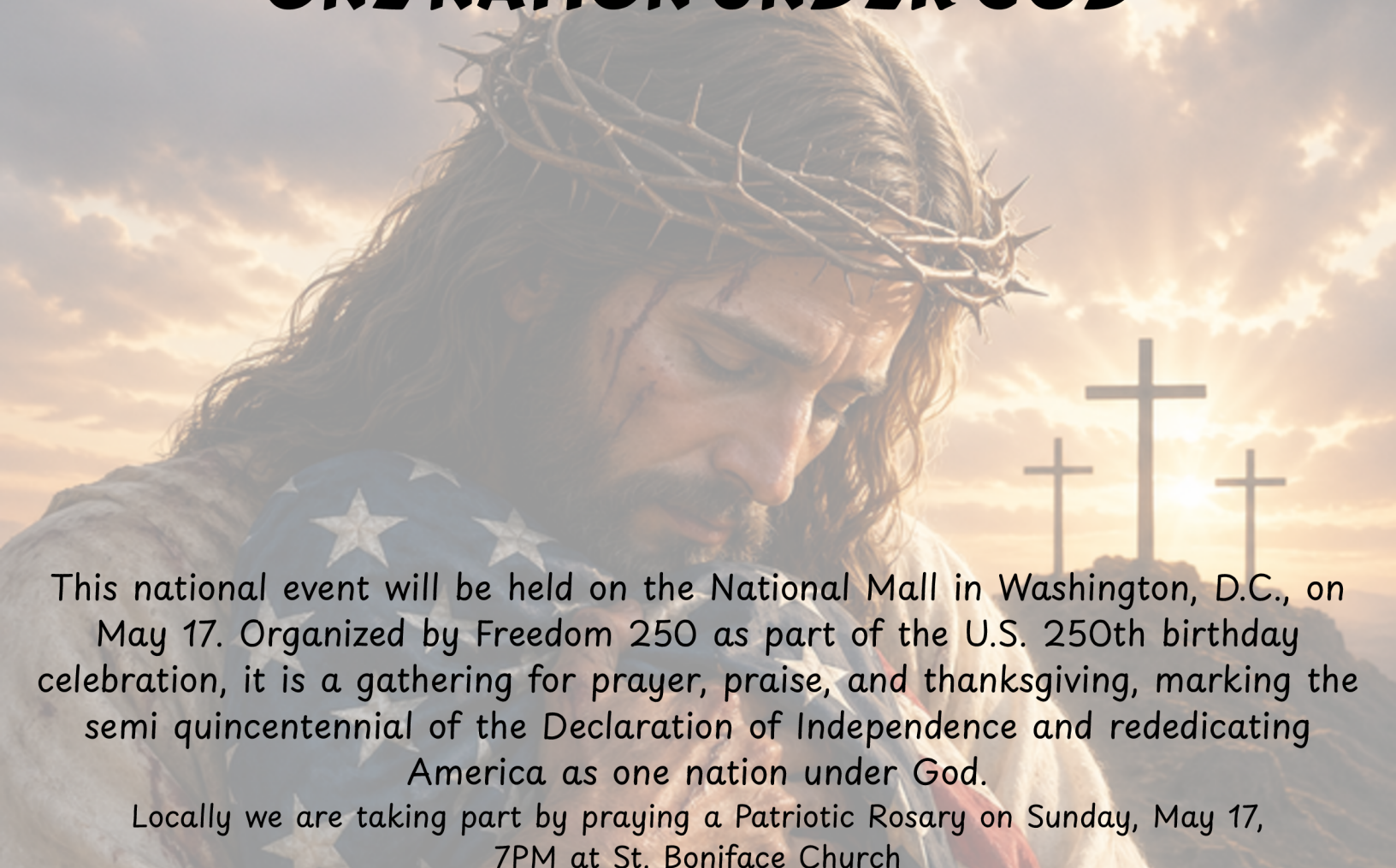
SUNDAY, MAY 10
1:30 P.M.
ST. BONIFACE AUDITORIUM

"From little steps to
giant leaps,
God's love is yours to
hold and keep.
From ABCs to
dreams so wide,
He's been with you
every stride.

Pre-K hearts and seniors too,
A bright tomorrow waits
for you 

"REDEDICATE 250" PATRIOTIC ROSARY MAY 17TH

ONE NATION UNDER GOD



This national event will be held on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on May 17. Organized by Freedom 250 as part of the U.S. 250th birthday celebration, it is a gathering for prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, marking the semi quincentennial of the Declaration of Independence and rededicating America as one nation under God.

Locally we are taking part by praying a Patriotic Rosary on Sunday, May 17, 7PM at St. Boniface Church

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.

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

Gratia: A Marian retreat for young ladies

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

Boys upcoming 5th thru 6th grade

Legion of Joseph: Boys will learn how to be true male leaders with the help of

Joseph and Jesus

Tintern Retreat Center, Oakdale, NE.

More info is coming soon!

**From the Desk of
Father Frank**



Dear parishioners,

This is a continuation from last week. We are preparing ourselves for the next life, focusing on staying away from the things that will help us gain the whole world, but lose our souls. I'll do an easy topic first, money. In Prov. 30:8-9 we read, "Give me neither poverty nor riches; provide me only with the food I need; lest, being full, I deny you, saying, 'Who is the Lord?' or, being in want, I steal, and profane the name of my God."

Of course, this is one of many wisdom sayings about money found in Sacred Scripture. Balancing them is not easy, because we need to see things from our own human situation, but also from God's perspective. This is why I tie it in with gaining the world and losing our souls. God is trying to save our soul, and we are usually thinking about saving ourselves for a long and happy life in this world.

First, I suggest we look at obstacles. Envy of others does not get us into heaven. I have been known to mention to people in the confessional that another person's lack of envy is the only thing that will get them to heaven faster than those who are envious. Money or financial security will not get us to heaven, but as the proverb says, not having enough food for your family and being tempted to steal can be a horrendous situation. But having wealth is not a sin in itself. Comparing our own stuff with the stuff of others gets us nowhere. Oddly enough, even though Jesus suggested to the rich young man, that he give what he has to the poor and follow him, scripture only pushes tithing, or ten percent. This would still leave people at different economic levels. But wealth can actually be a blessing. Joseph of Arimathea was wealthy enough to donate a very nice tomb for Jesus, and others donated to help feed the disciples who followed him. The U.S.A. has been one of the wealthiest countries in the world for a long time, but it has also been one of the most generous, as a government and as individuals. If we were poor, many other countries would be far worse off than they are now. If everyone in our country were poor, a lot of aid to the poor in other countries would stop. This is one of the problems with communism. Taking from the rich and dividing everything out equally, never seems to create nations or individuals of generosity. Historically, it just creates poverty for everyone.

A second obstacle would be a person or a government that is too generous. If the rich young man had followed Jesus after giving everything he had to the poor, he would have needed to depend on the generosity of those around him to have anything to eat. This is why we know this proposal from Jesus is not meant for everyone. If we all gave everything away, there would be no one left to beg from. One of the things that our nation is finally coming to grips with is that we are living high but with astronomical debt. We have given away so much that it could all collapse. This is no different than a person who lives on credit card debt. Eventually it all falls apart.

A third obstacle that must be studied in comparison to generosity is greed. Jesus has several parables about the problems of greed, and he always ties it into the idea of gaining the world and losing our soul, for none of the wealth will help us get to heaven. This gets us back to the starting point, which is a lesson in itself. If we keep the goal of heaven in mind, rather than security in this life, then we will be more generous because it builds wealth or treasure in heaven. Hopefully, it even inspires others to be more generous. That isn't always the case, for sometimes it just creates dependency. In other words, there is not an easy solution, just a constant need for evaluation of where we stand and what we expect of others.

God bless you,

Fr. Frank Baumert

Date & Time	Location	Cel.	Intention	Notes
Mon May 4, 8:15AM	Elgin	DW		
Tue May 5, 8:30AM	Petersburg	JN FB	† Bud & Donna Ketteler, Deb Wiseman, & Bob Belgum † Jerome & Betty Temme	
Wed May 6, 8:15AM	Elgin	JN	† Eugne & Mary Jo Boes	
Wed May 6, 8:30AM	Neligh	FB	† Marin Schindler	
Wed May 6, 9:30AM	Accura	FB	† Living & Deceased members of Stanley Sojka Family	
Wed May 6, 5:00PM	Elgin	JN		Confessions
Thur May 7, 8:15AM	Elgin	JN	† Mary Ann Borer	Seniors & 6 th Grade
Thur May 7, 8:30AM	Neligh	FB	† Jack Sehi	
Fri May 8, 8:15AM	Elgin	JN	† Dick & Mona Veik & Deceased Family	
Fri May 8, 8:30AM	Neligh	FB	† Roman Hupp	
Sat May 9, 5:30PM	Tilden	FB	† Joe & Betty Lennemann	
Sat May 9, 5:30PM	Ewing	JN	† Bob & Bernadine Walnofer, Paulette & Terry	
Sun May 10, 8:00AM	Petersburg	FB	† Delbert & Eleanor Henn	
Sun May 10, 8:00AM	Clearwater	JN	† Alex Thramer	
Sun May 10, 10:00AM	Elgin	FB	† Judy Zegers	
Sun May 10, 10:00AM	Neligh	JN	For the People of Our Parishes	

Ministry Schedule for May 9 & 10 the 6th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

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

Saturday 5/9/2026

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

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

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

Homebound: Jolene Schapmann

Lector: Jolene Schapmann

Ushers: Walt Patras, Billy O'Brien

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

Altar Servers: Paityn & Patrick W.

EMHC: Mike Summers, Gina Koenig, Helen Larson

Giftbearers: Terry & Connie Kaczor

Lector: Pat Ruther

Ushers: Kevin Schrunk, Mike Thramer

Sunday 5/10/2026

8:00AM Mass - St. John the Baptist, Petersburg

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

Altar Servers: Kaci & 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

Sunday 5/10/2026

8:00 am Mass - St. Theresa, Clearwater

Altar Servers: Alvie & Emorie B.

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

Giftbearers: Dick & Teresa Kester

Lector: Deb Schlecht

Ushers: Tim Kester Jr., Tim Kester Sr.

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

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

EMHC: Del & Susie Ames, Milly Clemens, Jim & 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: Elsie H & Mikiaiah H.

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

Giftbearers: Bernie & Diane Kluthe

Greeters: Ray & Peggy Payne, Chuck & Connie Pelster

Homebound: Chelsi & Tyler Childers, Abby Lodge

Lector: Luke Beckman

Music: Deb Baum, Becky Kerkman

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