

# 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

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 8, 2022**



**St. Peter, Ewing**  
SATURDAY 5:30 PM



**St. John the Baptist, Petersburg**  
SATURDAY 7:00 PM



**St. Bonaventure, Raeville**  
SUNDAY 8:00 AM



**St. Boniface, Elgin**  
SUNDAY 10:00 AM



**St. Theresa, Clearwater**  
SUNDAY 10:00 AM



**St. John the Baptist, Deloit**  
SUNDAY 11:30 AM

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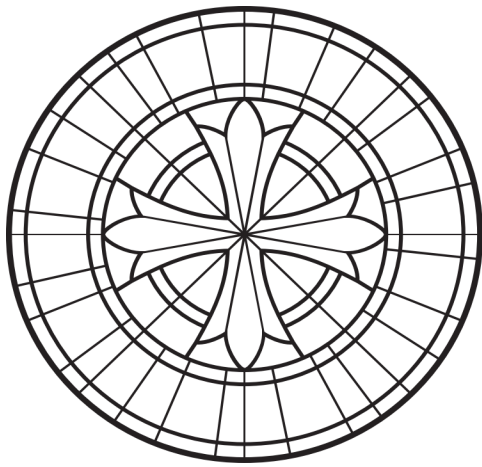
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May 5, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

I promised an update on the Archdiocese pastoral planning initiative called **Journey of Faith** in the bulletin this weekend. Our parish website <https://cppnebraska.org/planning> and the Archdiocese <https://journeyoffaith.org> website have information and resources to keep you informed along the way. Shortly, we will begin meeting with parish leaders from all eight parishes of our future family of parishes. In about two years' time, St. Francis of Assisi in Neligh and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tilden will also be served by our clergy team of two.

This goal of this letter is to make sure you are aware of the realities/facts that are facing us in the Church and why this planning is so necessary and critical now. I understand that none of us like making changes or going through transitions, but what we are doing is necessary.

In this letter I would like to address three of these critical realities:

1. The decrease in mass attendance
2. The decrease in priests
3. The population shift and decrease in our rural population

As the Archbishop's earlier letter indicated, Mass attendance in our Archdiocese has decreased by 42% since 2003. We are not immune from this decreased Mass attendance. On a typical Sunday we are missing about 880 of our registered parishioners across the eight churches from Sunday Mass.

As of today, we have 105 active priests serving in our Archdiocese. By 2032, we will be down to 84 active priests. This is due to the number of priests that will become eligible to retire at age 70, which is not offset by the number of seminarians we have had over the last 30 years. Additionally, we have the reality that priests unexpectedly get sick or even die. The future projection of 84 active priests in 10 years does assume that we will on average ordain 2 new priests a year.

Lastly, we have seen a dramatic population shift from rural areas in Nebraska to the urban centers in Nebraska. Rural Nebraska today has a lower population than it did in 1890. The peak of the rural population was around 1927. Whereas urban areas have seen dramatic growth in population. From 2000-2020, our counties experienced double digit decreases in population:

- Antelope County went from 7,452 in 2000 to 6,295 in 2020 (A 16.5% decrease)
- Boone County went from 6,259 in 2000 to 5,379 in 2020 (A 14% decrease)
- Holt County went from 11,551 in 2000 to 10,127 in 2020 (A 12.3% decrease)

I understand that this may seem challenging and even scary, but I would also encourage you to see that we are choosing how we can support the next generation and the generation after that in living their faith. We are not throwing away our heritage and our history. Instead, we are looking at how we can support the growth of faith---the most precious thing that we have---in our families and in our friends. We are not custodians of a museum, but we live and breathe from the faith and tradition that we have been given.

Remember the words of Jesus, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life." (John 14:16) and embrace the challenge of our Holy Father Pope Francis, "I dream of a... missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." (*The Joy of the Gospel* - 2013)

We are all called to be disciples. We are specifically called to be missionary disciples. Our baptism calls us to go forth and live our life of faith by encountering Jesus and by helping others to experience Jesus, by growing in our Catholic faith and by helping others to grow in their Catholic faith, by loving God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. If we focus on living our faith in our lives, our families, and our communities, God transforms and renews what we offer to him.

Whether we call this a journey or a process, we are in this together. Be sure to check out Fr. Vogel's videos on <https://cppnebraska.org/planning> and the resources on the Archdiocese website <https://journeyoffaith.org>.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. John M. Norman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. John M. Norman, **Pastor**

# St. Boniface Elgin

## Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday (41 Env)	\$3,345.00
Children's Collection	\$15.25
Holy Thursday	\$20.00
Good Friday	\$20.00
Easter	\$600.00
Insurance	\$100.00
Ukraine	\$50.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 43	
Budgeted Total	\$189,706.11
Actual Total	\$197,228.93
Amount Ahead	\$7,522.82



Please pray for the soul of St. Boniface parishioner **Kyle Warren** whose funeral was Wednesday. Kyle is the husband of Deb Warren, brother-in-law of Mark (Brenda) Schrage, and nephew by marriage of Juan Hoefer, all of our parishes. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure: Please Remember In Your Prayers:

Jolene Lichty, Terry Dinslage, Dave Shrader, Garrett Scholz, Chris Stargel, Adam Kester, Matt Golden, John King, Janet Sorenson, Barb Ziegler, Judy Stiemle, Vicky Kolterman, Cheri Schwager, Dominic Cullenward, Charlotte Cullenward, Infant Graham Sayers, Al Haines, Lucy Knievel, Gary Hamik, Kellie Gossman, Scott Preister, Juli Patrowsky, Jan Dozler, Marcia Redler, Jim Camp, Krys Klein, Al Schmid. **Parishioners:** Neil Childers, Marie Cheatum, Loretta Zegers, Pat Evans, Donna Mackel, Gene Heithoff, Anonymous, Juan Hoefer, Gloria Lordemann, Marin Schindler, LaVern Hoefer, Chris Baum, George Childers, Jerome Starman, Gladys Bauer. **Please let us know if name can be removed, 843-2345.**



We welcome  
**Emmie Rae Haddix**  
daughter of Cole & Andrea  
Haddix  
who was baptized this  
weekend at St. Boniface Church

## ELGIN PRAYER LINE REQUESTS St. Boniface: Call

Mary Jane Boes 402-843-2379 or JoAnn Beckman 402-843-6287

## St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

05-02-22	Nancy Shavlik	\$60.00
05-03-22	Keith & Diane Beierman	\$60.00
05-04-22	Chris & Jeanine Baum	\$60.00
05-05-22	Jim & Mary Baum	\$60.00
05-06-22	Connie Knuth	\$60.00
05-07-22	Jacob Beavers	\$60.00
05-08-22	Monty & Teri Reicks	\$75.00



St. Boniface Spring Concert will be held this Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Boniface Gym. Everyone is invited.

## UPDATED

**St. Boniface Altar Society Circle May Worklist**  
(households are asked to assist one another in these duties)  
**Clean Church:** Circle 3 (Thurs. May 19)  
**Next Funeral:** Circle 5  
**Next Charity:** Circle 6  
**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 23 at 7 pm

## Stewardship of Time Opportunity!

St. Boniface Parish is looking for someone to lead the Rosary prior to Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month. There would be others available to trade with as time goes on. Please call then Parish Office, 402-843-2345.



Elgin Parish Office will be closed early-2:00 pm on the Thursdays of May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup> for software training. Thank you.



We appreciate the following estate and memorial gifts given to St. Boniface, in memory of **Terry Henn:**

St. Boniface Parish Endowments: \$60.00

## Please help us!

Those who have loved ones buried in St. Boniface Cemetery are asked to please check your family plots **by May 12** to remove old flowers, broken items, loose items, wires, solar lights or anything that will deter from mowing/weed eating this season. Only flowers that fit in the attached vases can remain (other than the 10 days surrounding Memorial Day). Your cooperation is needed and appreciated. Thank you.



Pope John is seeking a full-time 7-12 Math Teacher.

Contact Lisa Schumacher to apply for these positions: 402-843-5325 or [Lschumacher@pjcrusaders.org](mailto:Lschumacher@pjcrusaders.org)



Thank you to St. Boniface Circle 4 for tending to the landscaping around church and the parish recently. Also, to those who helped haul junk to the dumpster on Elgin's Clean Up Day.

# This Week in Our Parishes.....

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Events</u>
Sunday	May 8	1:30 pm	Pope John Graduation Ceremony at St. Boniface Gym
Monday	May 9	-----	No School at St. Boniface School
Monday	May 9	7:00 pm	St. John's Deloit Rosary & Meditation
Tuesday	May 10	Noon	<b>Bulletin Deadline</b> for May 15 Bulletin
Wednesday	May 11	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Wednesday	May 11	7:00 pm	St. Boniface School Spring Concert in St. Boniface Gym
Wednesday	May 11	7:30 pm	JC Camp Team Meeting in St. Boniface Church Basement
Thursday	May 12	2:00pm	Elgin Parish Office Closed early for software training
Thursday	May 12	7:30 pm	St. John's Petersburg Parish Council Meeting
Friday	May 13	11:00 am	St. Boniface Preschool Promotion in School Library

## St. Peter's

### Financial Stewardship

#### St. Peter's Ewing

May 1: \$840.00  
 Easter: \$425.00  
 Ukraine: \$200.00  
 Archbishop's Campaign: \$400.00

#### St. John's Deloit

May 1: \$1,212.00

#### St. Theresa's

May 1: \$2,366.00

### FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

**St. Peter's:** Bob Walnofer, Nicki Dougherty, Kathi Retwisch, Sister Joseph, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick and Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel. (To start prayerline, call Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755).

**St. John's:** Jason Ratzloff, Darlene Schueth (To start prayerline, call Jeanne Knivel 402-929-0847).

**St. Theresa's:** Geri-Jo Dyrdal, Bob Kester, Leo Starman, Nate Thiele and Adam Kester. (To start prayerline, call Teresa Kester 402-750-0262).

## St. Theresa's

## St. John's Deloit



**Congratulations to Emily Nordby and Mason Hoke on receiving the 2022 St. Peter's Christian Mothers Scholarship.** Your hard work will be rewarded. Good Luck to both of you.



On Sunday, May 22, following the 11:30 am Mass, St. John's Christian Mothers invite you to a graduation/first communion party

at hall! A luncheon will be held to honor:

**Senior Graduates:** Charley Mlnarik, Emily Mlnarik and Logan Mueller.

**First Communicants:** Carter Lemburg and Molly Mlnarik. Everyone is invited.

## St. Bonaventure Raeville

### Financial Stewardship St. Bonaventure Raeville

Sunday Collection (14 Env.)	\$1,764.00
Children's Collection	\$20.25
Easter	\$1,000.00
Cemetery Care	\$100.00
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Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 43	
Budgeted Total	\$43,000.00
Actual Total	\$49,861.23
Amount Ahead	\$6,861.23

**Prayer Line Requests at St. Bonaventure:** Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-843-6129 or Dianne Scholl 402-386-5256.

**CONTACT for rental of St. Bonaventure Rectory and Hall, Raeville.** Clarissa Stuhr is the person taking registrations for rental of the St. Bonaventure facilities. You may contact Clarissa by calling or texting her at 402-843-8791.

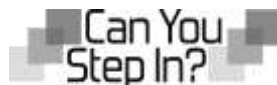
### Opportunity to Help!

St. Bonaventure Parish is short on individuals/couples to lead the Rosary prior to 8:00 am Mass on Sundays. You would be scheduled about once every 5 weeks and there are others available to trade with. Please call the Parish Office in Elgin, 402-843-2345 to volunteer. Thanks!



### (UPDATED) St John's Deloit Easter Flowers given "In Loving Memory of"

Nathan Dicke	Carl Ernesti
Kacey Bartak	Clarence & Alice Funk
Jack & Marge Schindler	Lester & Mildred Bergstrom
Ted, Lucy & Scott Allemang	Matther Family Members
Trey Stelling	The Wiebel and Funk Families
Johnny, Doris & Nick Knivel	
Members of the Gregg and Kathy Bartak Family	
Keith, Jackie, Mike and Steve Bartak	
In memory of babies born though miscarriage or stillborn	



St. Theresa's is looking for volunteers to be on a committee to look into new carpet for the main church. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church for anyone interested.

## Mass Intentions for the week.....

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cele</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Monday	May 9	7:20 am	Elgin	DW	Communion Service
Tuesday	May 10	8:15 am	Elgin	PN	Liv. & Dec. PJ Alumni <b>by PJ 8<sup>th</sup> Gr., Cele: Fr. Niels</b>
Tuesday	May 10	8:30 am	Petersb.	JN	+LaVern Nissen (Rosary Follows for Vocations and for Our Priests)
Wednesday	May 11	8:15 am	Elgin	KV	+Ray Sullivan <b>by SB PreK/6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> (Rosary follows)
Wednesday	May 11	8:30 am	Clearw.	JN	+LaVern & Vera Dell Stuhr & Phillip Thiele
Thursday	May 12	8:30 am	Ewing	JN	+Duke Hobbs
Thursday	May 12	8:30 am	Raeville	KV	+Emily Reestman
Friday	May 13	8:30 am	Deloit	JN	+Judy D. Kerkman
Friday	May 13	7:20 am	Elgin	KV	+Betty Salber
Saturday	May 14	5:30 pm	Ewing	KV	+Leo Hawk
Saturday	May 14	7:00 pm	Petersb.	JN	+Maurice & Dolly Henn
Sunday	May 15	8:00 am	Raeville	JN	+Vi & Jerome Grundmayer
Sunday	May 15	10:00 am	Elgin	JN	+Gene Boes
Sunday	May 15	10:00 am	Clearw.	KV	+Cyril Schrage
Sunday	May 15	11:30 am	Deloit	KV	For the People of Our Parishes

\*Rosary on Tuesdays following Petersburg Mass is for Vocations and for Our Priests

\*Rosary on Wednesdays following Elgin Mass is for Vocations and for Our Priests

### Liturgical Schedule for Saturday-Sunday, May 14-15, 2022

Weekend	Servers	Ushers	Greeters-Elg. Rosary Ldrs-Rae. Money Counters-Pet.	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	E.M.H.C. No Precious Blood *To the Homebound
<b>Saturday MAY 14 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING</b>	Danielle Schrunk	Dan Koenig Ed Nordby	-----	Kevin & Lisa Schrunk Family	Tammy Summers	Follow Schedule	Mike Summers
<b>Saturday MAY 14 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG</b>	Kaci Wies Karli Wies	Derek Stuhr Vet Stuhr	<u>Money Counters:</u> Bob Heying Hank Thieman	-----	Anita Krohn	Alan & Jeanne Temme	Deacon John Starman  <b>To the Homebound:</b> Larry Pelster
<b>Sunday MAY 15 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE</b>	Olivia Klein Raaf Klein	Tyler Reestman Martin Klein	<u>Rosary Leaders</u> Mark & Carole Tharnish	Bob & Rose Bode	Mark Grundmayer	Joyce Reestman	Jeanette Bode
<b>Sunday MAY 15 10:00 am St. Boniface ELGIN</b>	Juliana McNally James Lodge	Steve Beckman Jack Borer Merle Borer Michael Brockhaus	Jay & Kristen Evans Family- W Dave & Tracy Hoefer- N & S	Mike & Connie Dvorak	Audra Borer	Mark & Julie Dwyer	Pastor, Deacon Dennis, <b>To the Homebound:</b> *Julie Schiltmeyer *Skyler Meis
<b>Sunday MAY 15 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER</b>	Bryce Rudloff Justice Blecher	Dean Thiele Fred Thiele	-----	Robert & Marlene Thiessen	Deb Schlecht	Follow Schedule	Teena Moser
<b>Sunday MAY 15 11:30 am St. John's DELOIT</b>	Alec Schindler	Jake Schindler Tom Mlnarik	-----	Gregg & Kathy Bartak	Marilyn Sehi	Follow Schedule	Sharon Bartak

**If you cannot fulfill your ministry, please trade with someone.**

**It is not the responsibility of the priests to find your replacement. If you need anyone's phone number, call us at office and ask. Thank you for your time!**

## St. John's Petersburg

### Financial Stewardship St. John's Petersburg

Easter: \$900.00  
Loose: \$84.00 Child: \$1.00  
Holy Thursday: \$20.00 Good Friday: \$20.00

**St. John's Petersburg**  
**Please Remember In Your Prayers:**  
Don Friese

**Petersburg Prayer Line Requests for St. John the Baptist:**  
Call Kathy Koch 402-386-5481 or Kelly Starman 402-386-5570.



We welcome  
**Emmett Richard Henn**  
Son of Eric & Alyssa Henn  
who was baptized at  
St. John's the Baptist

## General News



Cassidy Bearinger ..... daughter of Jared & Tammy Bearinger  
Jeslynn Beckman ..... daughter of Eric & Anney Beckman  
Lexi Bode ..... daughter of Ted & Tammy Bode  
Jessica Getzfred ..... daughter of Tony & Denise Getzfred  
Mason Hoke ..... son of Aaron & Candice Hoke  
Emma Kerkman ..... daughter of Kelly & Amy Kerkman  
Calissa Kester ..... daughter of Duane & Jenn Kester  
Charley Mlnarik ..... daughter of Josh & Lisa Mlnarik  
Emily Mlnarik ..... daughter of Julie Mlnarik  
Dillon Moser ..... son of Chris & Sandy Moser  
Logan Mueller ..... son of Steve & Mo Mueller  
Emily Nordby ..... daughter of Ed & Mary Jo Nordby  
Kaitlyn Pelster ..... daughter of Dean & Michelle Pelster  
Natalie Reicks ..... daughter of Alan & Michelle Reicks  
Natalie Stallbaum ..... daughter of Kent & Elaine Stallbaum  
Gavin Stuhr ..... son of Clyde & Connie Stuhr  
Colton Thiele ..... son of Curt & Amy Thiele

We are proud of our graduates from the Catholic  
Parishes in Partnership Family!!  
God Bless Your Future!



**TINTERN RETREAT CENTER**  
**Open House**  
**Sunday, May 22**  
**2-4 pm to see improvements**

## General News



**Father Vogel Farewell**  
**Open House/Luncheon**  
**Sunday, June 26**  
Elgin KC Hall  
11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Parishioners from our family of six parishes, are  
invited to attend and extend Father your thanks  
and well wishes!



**March 8 is World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

**Communal Prayer opportunities for an increase  
of Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated  
Life.** And to pray for those living out their  
vocations in our midst.

--Eucharistic Day of Prayer monthly at St. Boniface  
--Monday evening Rosary/Meditation at St. John's Deloit  
--Tues. morning Rosary following Mass St. John-Petersburg  
--Wed. morning Rosary following Mass St. Boniface



As our many Religious  
Education Programs  
for our Family of  
Parishes come to a  
close, we want to  
take time to THANK  
those who have  
diligently labored, exercised patience, and modeled  
Christian love to share the Catholic faith with the  
children and teens participating in the parish  
education programs. God bless our coordinators and  
catechists for volunteering their time!

JC Camp registrations are due soon!



**JC CAMP**  
**MAY 25 - 29, 2022**  
at Tintern Retreat Center

Candidate Forms for the current 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders who have not yet attended JC Camp and wish to, are available online at <https://cppnebraska.org/faith/#retreats>  
Call Paul Weeder 402-741-1353 for more information.

**NEEDED: People interested in helping in the kitchen preparing meals, a few hours or a day.**

Please Call Roberta 308-370-6861, if you can volunteer.

Cash Donations needed for help with groceries. It helps keep registration costs down for students. Anyone wishing to donate can bring the donation to the St. Boniface Parish Office and give to Michele. Thank you.

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**NOTE: Forms for all the following Retreats can be found on this website.**

<https://cppnebraska.org/faith/#retreats>.

### GRATIA

A Marian Retreat For Young Ladies  
Incoming 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Tintern Retreat Center, Oakdale, NE

This year's focus: the Rosary.

Registration forms and additional info coming toward the end of the school year. Contact Chelsea at [acpreister@gmail.com](mailto:acpreister@gmail.com)//402.270.7250 for any questions!

### Legion of Joseph

A Retreat for Young Men  
Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> grades

Wednesday and Thursday, July 13-14, 2022  
Tintern Retreat Center, Oakdale NE

This year's focus: Joseph the Father Figure (how to be more like Joseph).

Registration forms and additional info coming toward the end of the school year!! Contact Becky at [bkerkman@cppnebraska.org](mailto:bkerkman@cppnebraska.org)//402.843.6043 for any questions!



May 18<sup>th</sup>

## JOY OF GIVING

You are invited to participate in a day of giving on May 18 to benefit Catholic schools, parishes, and organizations across the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Joy of Giving celebrates the blessings we all enjoy as members of the archdiocese and allows us to come together as one church to multiply those blessings. We are thrilled to participate in Joy of Giving, joining organizations across northeast Nebraska.

Support us by visiting these unique URL's or go to [omaha.igivecatholictogether.org](http://omaha.igivecatholictogether.org)

- [St. Bonaventure Church of Raeville](#)
- [St. Boniface Church of Elgin](#)
- [St. Boniface School of Elgin](#)
- [Pope John XXIII Central Catholic School of Elgin](#)
- [St. Theresa Church of Clearwater](#)
- [St. Peter de Alcantara Church of Ewing](#)
- [St. John the Baptist Church of Petersburg](#)
- [St. John's Church of Deloit](#)
- [Tintern Retreat Center \(Oakdale, NE\)](#)

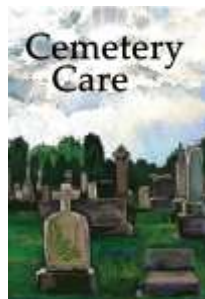


### TEC Weekend

(Teens Encounter Christ)  
July 15-17, 2022

at Tintern Retreat Center

TEC weekends are specifically designed for those currently juniors and seniors in high school to age 23. Retreat fee is \$75. To register, please pick up an application form at the Elgin Parish Office or by calling them, in the entrance of St. Boniface Church or the Pope John Office. If you have questions, please contact Becky Kerkman at 843-6043. **You will be glad you said YES to TEC!**



### Cemetery Care

Envelopes are in your contribution envelope packets you received recently. All donations will be placed in the respective funds and used to offset the cost of ongoing maintenance of our cemeteries. **Make sure that you use separate checks for each donation.**



# BONA-FIDE Cat's



<https://archomaha.org/vocations/seminary-life/brett-jamrog/>

## Getting to Know a Seminarian!!!

Seminarian: **Transitional Deacon Brett Jamrog**

Nickname: "**Jammer**"

Parish/Town: **St. Cecilia's Cathedral. Originally, I am from Lincoln.**

Seminary: **Kenrick-Glennon, St. Louis, MO**

Favorite homemade food or meal: **Ribs and sweet potato fries.**

The least favorite thing your parents make or made you do: **Pulling weeds**

Favorite cartoon when growing up: **Hey Arnold**

Your favorite Marvel hero: **Hulk**

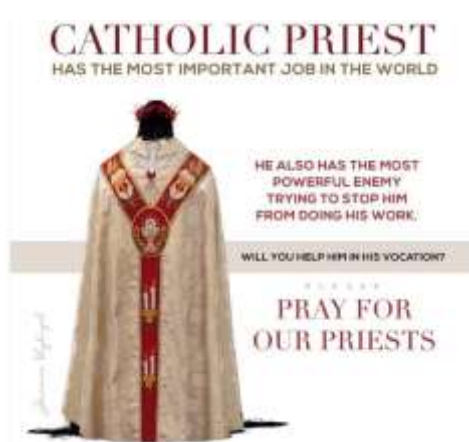
The worst thing you have ever tasted: **Kale**

Three events that made the biggest impact on who you are today: **-Moving from Mankato, MN to Lincoln, NE-Going on a mission trip to Ukraine-Visiting St. Gregory the Great Seminary**

What childish thing do you still enjoy doing: **Playing NFL Blitz at Arcades**

Fun/Funny event or memory at the seminary: **-My first year at Kenrick I played on the basketball team. At the end of the year, we went to a basketball tournament near Chicago at Mundelein Seminary.**

**Make it a point to encourage those who are discerning to be a priest of Jesus Christ!!**



**Patience is power. Patience is not an absence of action; rather a timing, it waits for the right time to act, for the right principles and the right way.**

*Bl. Fulton Sheen*



WHEN YOU SPEND TIME WITH GOD



**In the silence, speak to Him about your future!!**

## What Are the 4 Vocations of the Catholic Faith?

In Catholic faith, people follow **four different vocations** in their lives. These vocations include married life, single life, vowed religious life, and ordained life. According to the arguments put forward, these four vocations are believed to get you to heaven.

**Vowed Religious Life:** Gradually, people are drawn to a religious life to help them serve their vocation. Vowed religious life includes making vows of obedience, chastity, and poverty in a bid to live like Jesus did. The primary dedication for people in this vocation is calling others to join their way of life.



**Married Life:** Marriage is a vocation according to the Catholic faith. People in this vocation decide to live with another person whom they love. Married life as a vocation is designed to last a lifetime. In the book of Mark 10:9, the Bible says: "**What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder**".

**Priesthood:** The priest is obedient to the cardinals, bishops, the pope and all his other superiors. He gives himself totally to the church. As a priest, you may be reassigned to one parish or the other and even though you may ask for a different kind of assignment, your superiors have the final say.

They do this as part of their priestly sacrifice which requires complete obedience to God. Priests serve in parishes though they can take other roles within the priestly vocation including serving religious communities, giving speeches to people in different parts of the world, teaching in universities, and so forth.

The responsibility of priests is to lead their flocks to happiness and holiness with God. Just like a married person who leads his children and spouse to God, priests are responsible for families in their hundreds and thousands. As a requirement, priests must be able to comfortably socialize, be holy, and extremely patient.

**Consecrated Life;** In this vocation, a Catholic faithful gives their life to God through supporting a religious community. Apart from priesthood, there are many forms of consecrated life where people chose to live far away from the world under strict religious rules.

As part of what to expect in a consecrated life, you will be required to work in the world helping those who are in need and poor in resources. It is their business to seek heaven while on earth. By focusing on their relationship with God, consecrated life vocationers can expedite their path leading to heaven.

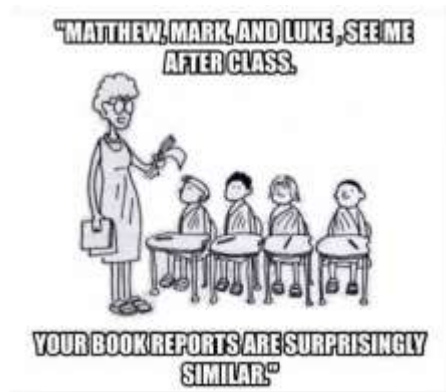
**Single Life;** A vocation in the form of a single life comes with a dedication to serving others. God gives humanity freewill for them to decide what works and what doesn't. At times people get distracted with their day-to-day activities to the point that they don't hear God's call.

The Catholic Church supports single life as a vocation. Many reasons have been put forward on why people feel drawn to single life. For some, they desire to have plenty of time to do church projects, service work or other activities that require much attention and time.

While you can do some of these projects even when you are married, but the occupation of children and your spouse could stand in the way of you giving excellent service.  
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**“Sure We Need Nuns, but Not My Daughter”**



**If other parent's daughters** expressed an interest in the convent or the cloister, would you have questioned it at all? Would you have been respectful of their choice and genuinely happy for them? “What a noble and beautiful vocation!” or, “What a meaningful life with a holy purpose!” ***What about your own daughter...***



Women in the Religious Life are regular people who desire holiness! They can have fun in moderation even in the midst of a spiritual atmosphere! ***Pray for more Religious!!!***

Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press, was Catholic and the first book ever printed was the Catholic Bible.

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