

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020



Our Riding of the Corona Coaster

THE CHANGES OF THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN A RIDE The short answer to the meme above is God hasn't. But who would have thought that the last few months would be like this?

WHAT IT TAKES TO REOPEN... AND WHAT IS 'BACKORDER' When we build a church, we are asked to think about the most complex parts of our liturgical year first... The idea is this: if we can make it through Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter itself, then we should be able to accommodate everything from daily Mass to adoration to our weekend Sunday celebrations. Figure out the most complex and complicated scenarios, and we can adapt the space to our regular routines.

We are focusing on how to get our weekend experiences back in a way that allows us to gather safely within guidelines. Some of our neighbors have started offering daily Mass in a public way again. That is their choice of how to move forward. My first focus is on offering the Sunday experience. Daily Mass should not be hard to offer 'in addition' once we figure out how to safely gather for weekend services under public health guidelines.

Since new sanitation guidelines are going to be with us for a while, we found a supplier that was able to provide us with some immediate items and backorder some things we need in the long-term. We have been able to order disinfectant that we will be able to spray over our church pews... fabric and solid surfaces... it is similar to what airlines are now using to spray with a fogger/mist machine. We are also acquiring hand sanitizer dispensers for our churches. Those supplies should be available within the next two weeks. Long term, we have backordered portable battery powered fogging machines for our cleaning persons to be able to use.

SMALL AND FAMILY GATHERINGS IN OUR CHURCH LIFE Governor Pete Ricketts said that a religious exemption to the 10-person rule would become effective on May 4th, meaning it is "not illegal" for a group of more than 10 people to gather in a church space for worship/service/Mass. We can have weddings and funerals... however we cannot have funeral luncheons and wedding receptions. Attendance is limited by the size of the church building. In these gatherings, social distancing is required.

We will have had our first wedding this weekend in the coronacontext. Congratulations to Hannah Rittscher and Travis Martin! What we are currently offering to couples is the opportunity to get married now with family members in a small ceremony. Later, when wedding receptions/dances/parties can be had again, couples can choose to do a 'renewal of vows' and receive a renewed blessing on their marriage in a way that will feel more like most 'normal' weddings.

SUMMER NEWS... AND WELCOMING SEMINARIANS

The Archdiocese of Omaha has been looking for parish pastoral placements for our seminarians this year. With most normal summer programming canceled, the Vocations Office is partnering with parishes. We will be having two seminarians this summer: Zach Eischeid and Nicholas Paltz. I believe that we can provide both a welcoming and formational time for our seminarians. Having had summer placements myself as a seminarian, I can best describe the arrangement as welcoming my summer minions... they will be around with me and they will have opportunities to seek and learn parish life.



Zach Eischeid Finishing Theology I



Nicholas Paltz Finishing College II



Sample Minion Perpetual Student

If you meet or encounter them this summer, you don't have to treat them as exotic animals at the zoo! I invite you to meet them, get to know them, invite them to your socially distanced dinner table... and feel free to blame your "not cooking" on fulfilling your civic duty of Take-Out Tuesday. They will probably be bored of dinner with me by the end of the summer. You can save them from my monotony! I'll place biography information in next week's bulletin and invite them to introduce themselves as they start the summer part of their assignment.

Peace,

Fr. John

St. Boniface Elgin

Financial Stewardship-St. Boniface-Elgin

Sunday (20 Env)	\$1,495.00		
Easter	\$100.00		
Holy Day	\$50.00		
Catholic Communication	\$50.00		
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 44			
Budgeted Total	\$194,117.88		
Actual Total	\$177,558.99		
Amount Behind	(\$16,558.89)		

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, Rose Wiehn, Louis Heithoff. [Please let us know if name can be removed.]

St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

05-11-20	Jerry & Doris Faust	\$60.00		
05-12-20	Matt Parks	\$60.00		
05-13-20	Aubrey &Ethan Starman	\$60.00		
05-14-20	Dan Kuhlman	\$60.00		
05-15-20	Denis & Jan Henn Mrs. Getzfred's E	B-Day		
		\$75.00		
05-16-20	Merle Sehi	\$60.00		
05-17-20	Mikaiah Hoefer	\$60.00		

St. Boniface Cemetery:

Let's keep our consecrated grounds beautiful and keep everyone safe.



Flowers and memorials that you will be leaving at our cemetery for Memorial Day, will need to be removed by Monday, June 1. Only flowers in the built-in vases or attached to the stone can remain on the graves after this date. The popular solar lights and other memorials with wires stuck into the ground are a hazard for mowing. Your cooperation is appreciated.



St. Boniface Parish appreciates the following memorials given

in loving memory of Vera Dell Stuhr:

St. Boniface Choir: \$20.00

St. Boniface Parish Endowment: \$20.00

St. Boniface Altar Society Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 18 is canceled.

Please Note: St. Boniface Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.

FIRST COMMUNION, GRADUATION and BAPTISM Items are on for sale at the Religious Articles Store 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, saint's 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 in, 402-843-2345.

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

Financial Stewardship St. Peter's Ewing

Easter: \$220.00
Ascension: \$20.00
Heat: \$50.00
Catholic Communication: \$20.00
Building Fund: \$40.00
Donation: \$100.00

St. John's Deloit
May 3: \$160.00
Easter: \$100.00

<u>St. Theresa's</u> May 3: \$1,050.00 Rice Bowl: \$30.00

FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS:

St. Peter's: Anslee Ostergard, 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



Congratulations to
Travis & Hannah
(Rittscher) Martin
who were married at
St. Theresa's Clearwater
this weekend.

St. Bonaventure Raeville

Financial Stewardship St. Bonaventure- Raeville

Sunday Collection (4 Env.)	\$390.00		
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 44			
Budgeted Total	\$44,000.00		
Actual Total	\$41,756.04		
Amount Behind	(\$2,243.96)		



The St. Bonaventure Christian Mothers have found ways in which they will honor these special couples, as best they can, with the restrictions in place.

St. Bonaventure World Marriage Day Couples

5 Years: Spencer & Megan Heying 10 Years: Matt & Kara Pelster

15 Years: Martin & Amy Klein, Todd & Shanna Lammers

20 Years: James & Nancy Zwingman

25 Years: None

30 Years: Ron & Liane Bode, Bill & Ginni Fangman,

Mark & Chris Grundmaver

35 Years: None

40 Years: Ken & Joan Stuhr, Ralph & Deb Pelster

45 Years: None 50 Years: None

51 Years: LaVern & Dianne Scholl **53 Years:** Gary & Diane Kerkman **56 Years:** Fred & Mary Ann Fangman **58 Years:** Dave & Delores Benda 65 Years: Rudy & Mary Ann Starman

72 Years: LaVerne & Bernadine Hoefer (longest married)

CONGRATULATIONS!



We pray for the soul of Sister Josephine Seier, who passed away in Greenfield WI recently. Sister Josephine was born in Raeville, and was a member of the School

Sisters of St. Francis for 79 years. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.



St. Bonaventure will be Mowing their parish arounds this Wednesday, May 20th

St. Bonaventure Cemetery:

Let's keep our cemetery beautiful and safe Flowers and memorials that you will be leaving at our cemetery for Memorial Day, will need to be removed **by Monday, June 1.** Only flowers in the built-in vases or attached to the stone can remain on the graves after this date. The popular solar lights and other memorials with wires stuck into the ground are a hazard for mowing. Your questions, please contact Connie Stuhr. ** cooperation is appreciated.

GENERAL NEWS



Make note that there will **NOT** be Masses/Services at any cemeteries etc. on Memorial Day this year.

Nebraska's Memorial Day Observance 2020 When: May 25th, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Where: veterans.nebraska.gov

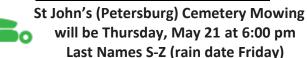
As our state continues adhering to social distancing guidelines and limiting in-person gatherings to flatten the curve of COVID-19, we invite you to join us on Memorial Day by tuning in online. Join us virtually on Monday, May 25th, for Nebraska's largest Memorial Day celebration with the fewest people present in the room.

St. John's Petersburg

Financial Stewardship St. John's – Petersburg:

Adult: \$825.80 Catholic Communication: \$15.00 Ascension: \$35.00

Note Change of Mowing Date:



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



We pray for the soul of Richard Henn of Omaha, who passed away this week. Richard is the brother of parishioners Marilyn (Dave) Schrad, Shirley (Vet) Stuhr, Deanna (Walter) Stokes and Jody (Les) Daniels. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful

departed, rest in peace. Amen.

St. John's Petersburg Parish Council will be held Thursday, May 28th at 7:30 pm at Werner Hall.



Reminder to St. John's Petersburg Parishioners to pay their Altar Society dues. You can use your **REMEMBER collection envelope that was mailed to

you or a plain envelope and you can drop it off at the Great Plains State Bank in Petersburg with "Altar Society - Attn. Connie Stuhr" marked on it. The amount has remained the same - \$40.00. Any

This Week in Our Parishes.....

Day	Date	Time	Events
Mon-Sat	May 18-28		St. Boniface Gym Floor Refinishing
Tuesday	May 19	Noon	Bulletin Deadline for May 24 Bulletin Items and June Calendar Items
Wednesday	May 20	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Wednesday	May 20		St. Bonaventure- Raeville Mows Parish Grounds
Thursday	May 21	6:00 pm	St. John's Petersburg (Families S-Z) Mow Cemetery (rain date: Fri)
Friday	May 22		St. Boniface Parish Office Closed All Day

There is Sunday evening 7:00-8:00pm. Project YM Live evening for Jr High/High School Youth https://projectym.com/live/.

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

<u>Priest</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	
	Monday	May 18	No Services	
Fr. Vogel	Tuesday	May 19	+Vera Dell & LaVern Stuhr, Philip Thie	ele (Livestreamed at 8:30 am)
Fr. John	Tuesday	May 19	+Joe Tagel	
Fr. Vogel	Wednesday	May 13	+Kalin Henn	(Livestreamed at 8:30 am)
			+Peggy Temme	
Fr. John	Wednesday	May 20	+Omer Hoffman	
Fr. Vogel	Thursday	May 21	+James & Mary Kerkman (Livestreamed at 8:30 am) Ascension
Fr. John	Thursday	May 21	+Joyce & Bev Thramer, Carol Jackson	& Marie Ruroede Ascension
Fr. Vogel	Friday	May 22	+Jean Goscha Family	(Livestreamed at 8:30 am)
Fr. John	Friday	May 22	+Richard Kalvelage	
Fr. John	Saturday	May 23	+Ken & Pat Schumacher	
Fr. Vogel	Sunday	May 24	+Norbert & Peggy Schmitt	(Livestreamed at 8:00 am)
			+Ruth Kerkman	
Fr. John	Sunday	May 24	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.

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.



Newly blessed Easter holy water is available at all churches. Feel free to bring a small container from home and <u>please use the spigot</u> to fill your bottle, remembering that we do not want to contaminate the large container.

Pray the Rosary

Pope Francis is reminding the faithful that during the pandemic a powerful spiritual weapon is the Rosary. In a letter sent to the faithful, the Holy Father urges the praying of the Rosary during May, a month where families traditionally turn to the prayer and offer particular devotion to the Mother of God. If you need help getting started, there are small rosary guides in the west entrance of St. Boniface Church.

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 Email: jmnorman@archomaha.org Fr. Kevin Vogel, Assoc. Pastor PO Box B- Elgin 402-843-2345 Email: kwvogel@archomaha.org Deacon Dennis Wiehn 402-843-0182 402-386-5570 Deacon John Starman 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 mreicks@cppnebraska.org Imoser@cppnebraska.org Linda Moser

(office entrance is east side of Elgin rectory)



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

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

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 Canceled

ADORATION SCHEDULE Canceled 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 Canceled 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 Canceled for now

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

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 Imoser@cppnebraska.org (AND) mreicks@cppnebraska.org

COMBINED Monthly Calendar: 3rd TUES / Mo. Our parishes now are migrating to one website soon: cppnebraska.org (but for now you can still find things also

on: https://stbonparishes.com/)

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) Canceled for term Betty Getzfred, Principal

Website: www.pjcrusaders.org

402-843-5325

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

Elgin Religious Education Canceled 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) Canceled for term Lisa Wagner, Director (to register) 308-750-0423 (Gr. K-8) Wednesday during School Year 6:00-7:00 pm (Gr. 9-12) Wednesday during School Year 7:15-8:15 pm

St. Peter, St. Theresa, St. John Deloit Canceled for term **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)

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.



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/



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https://www.facebook.com/sttheresa68726/
https://www.facebook.com/RuralStJohns/

Want to receive <u>pertinent</u> Information in a timely 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

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 is calling from a landline, there is a toll-free number one can use, +1-844-855-4444 ... then enter the access code 2033707# ...
- 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.
- 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

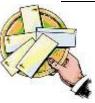
EWTN is available on all Great Plains Channel 14. Televised Mass times on Sundays are 7am and 11am. EWTN brochures at the entrance of your church show all programing schedules. It's also on ewtn.com.

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



Parents, please note that in addition to the cancellation of Totus Tuus this summer, the Gratia girls retreat and the Legion of Joseph boys retreat have been canceled as well.

NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER:



The Catholic Communication Collection is May 24. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, podcasts and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese

and support local needs, so please be generous. You may mail your Communication envelope to the parish office or use another method, as outlined here in the bulletin.