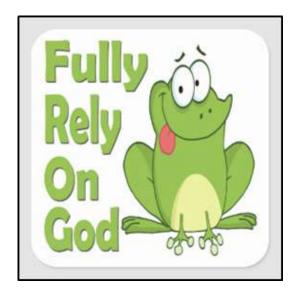


Catholic Parishes in Partnership

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020



INDEPENDENCE - DEPENDENCE - INTER-DEPENDENT

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, we remember that the freedom that we have and experience in the United States of America has been both declared and defended. Freedom isn't free. The rebellion at the start of our nation was against tyranny and injustice. It was a rejection of the authority and rule of the King of England. We said that we wanted to make a go of it on our own. It is a blessing to be an American... and rugged independence is in our DNA.

Living in a country and land that places such a strong emphasis on freedom and independence, it's not a surprise that we can sometimes struggle in our relationship with God. God is the one who says that "You will be my people, and I will be your God." It can be a real challenge to let God be God. God's love and care is sometimes called "God's Providence" ... this is a reference to God providing for us. Sometimes we accept this 'providing' and sometimes we reject it. Sometimes we prefer to be self-reliant, where we can count on ourselves taking care of us.

Relying on God...Depending on God...These things are hard for us to accept in our rugged independence, self-reliance, pride, and stubbornness. We can often feel more comfortable having God as an emergency phone call than a friend with whom we stay in contact. Making a daily offering of our hearts, our cares, our concerns, our hopes, and our dreams helps us to not withhold any part of our life from God. It's healthy to depend upon God. It's not a devaluing of our own efforts, but it lets God be God. We then get to be his people. Self-reliance tries to make us into a god... Freedom is living as children of God rather than trying to replace him.

INTER-DEPENDENT AS COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

One of the things that I've noticed more in our COVID-conscious world is how inter-dependent we are. When things shut down, you realize more about how life happens. You think a little bit more about how food gets from the farm to the table... You think a bit more about how things are manufactured and produced and shipped around the world... You realize that UPS, Fedex, and the Postal Service are such an important part of a supply line... You realize that getting things at a restaurant, grocery store, or convenience store requires the logistics of a truck driver... Our lives and our world is inter-dependent. We have to rely on each other, and it's ok to rely and depend upon each other.

ALPHA AS NEW BEGINNING...FAITH SHARED IS STRENGTHENED I'm incredibly excited about being able to offer Alpha in our parishes! Starting July 8, we will have a summer session of Alpha. It will run on Wednesday nights from 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM on the video platform Zoom. You can find a room or space in your house to do 'the Alpha Course'. It's not a course with homework, and it's not about memorizing a textbook. You will watch and hear the video and share in a small group... which may be new friends to you from a different area, parish, or town. You will have the chance to share your experience of God and faith and life and make friends. The online gatherings run through September 16th... But start by showing up at one... or two... or three nights... TRY Alpha OUT!!! If you can't make every week, we can work with that! I found Alpha to be renewing for me in my faith, and I didn't need a master's degree to understand it. The Alpha program is meant for everyone... Catholic, Christian, or not... whether you feel like you're active in the church or not. The sign-up is at https://alpha.stpatselkhorn.org

SOMETHING NEW FOR OUR 'ONLINE' MINISTRY... AND A TRIP

Starting next week, I am inviting our summer seminarians to host some of the online daily reflections. Nick will cover Wednesdays and Zach will cover Fridays. It gives them a chance to start learning and digesting the Word of God before they will be ordained to preach.

I will be gone for a few days on vacation July 7-15. I will be visiting a priest friend in Tama, IA. As a result, the Northern parishes will not have daily Mass while I am gone. Fr. Vogel will be at the Northern parishes on July 11-12, and Fr. Gary Ostrander will be at the Southern parishes that weekend.

Peace,

Fr. Jh

St. Boniface Elgin

Financial Stewardship-St. Boniface-Elgin

Sunday (19 Env)	\$3,675.75
Peter's Pence	\$390.00
Sunday Collection as o	
Budgeted Total	\$225,000.27
Actual Total	\$211,281.16
Amount Behind	(\$13,719.11)

St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure: Please Remember In Your Prayers: 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, Denise
Jamieson, Chris Stargel, Gary Preister, Cammy (Dwyer) Abbey,
Marlene Hoefer Hughes, Lawrence Borer, Larry Shavlik, Lyle
Mackel, Clayton Dozler, Dave Pelster, Judy Zegers, Rose Wiehn,
Mike Thiele, Gene Heithoff, Loretta Zegers, Adam Kester, Lori
Krause, Karlene Moser. [Please let us know if name can be
removed.]

St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

Simon Borer \$60.00
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\$75.00
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Baptism Class is scheduled

Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm St Boniface Ministry Room-Convent

In order to have your child baptized, it is necessary for you to attend this class if you are a first-time parent, a parishioner recently registered in any parish, or if it has been over three years since you last attended the class. The next class will not be held for several months, so please keep this in mind. Instructors are Dave & Gwen Beckman. Call Gwen Beckman at 402-843-8137 if planning to attend.



Pope John Recycling Program

There is a change in Pope John's recycling program. Two recycle bins are placed on the north side of the garage next to the St. Boniface Gym. Papers/acceptable recyclables

can be put in the bins whenever it is convenient for you. Acceptable items are: Newspapers, office paper, phone books, paperback books, paper bags, cereal boxes, Kleenex boxes, pop & beer boxes, magazines, and mailings. The bins are emptied on Wednesdays. If they are full when you come, please place your recyclables in the garage. The list of unacceptable items includes plastic bags, string, metal, wire, aluminum cans, glass, styrofoam, trash, feed sacks, used pizza boxes and other boxes that contained prepared food, and cardboard. A full list of acceptable and unacceptable items is attached to the bins. Thanks to all who recycle, especially those who saved papers during the months when we couldn't hold our usual paper drives. Questions??? Call Sister Pat (402.843.5461).



Updated Address Lori Krause The Willows 806 S. St. Apt 121 Neligh, NE 68756



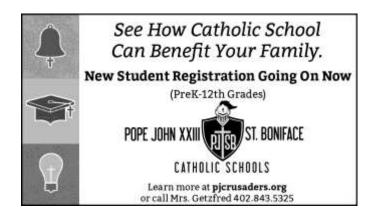
For the time being, if there are increasing numbers attending the 10:00 am Mass, the overflow will be directed to

the basement where Mass can be heard over the PA system. We are working or providing a video stream but the outdated system will not allow that at this time.



A special thanks to Jodine Meis for the wonderful meals provided to Fr. Vogel, Sr. Pat, and sometimes also to Fr. John,

during the time of closures of school, parish, and other gatherings these past months. We are incredibly grateful for the gift of your culinary talents to us during this challenging time. Thanks also to Marvin and others for delivering. Thank you to Bill & Phyllis Camp for their many meals as well.



GENERAL NEWS



Please pray for the soul of **Rev.** Val **Peter**, retired 1 houghts and Prayers National Executive Director of Boy's Town, who passed away

this week. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Reminder: If you need something put in the bulletin, from other parish/groups can let us personally know what they want in the bulletin either by phone at 402-843-2345 or by our email at mreicks@cppnebraska.org Imoser@cppnebraska.org. (Please try to refrain from telling the priests)



"See, I have Inscribed you on the palms of my hands . . . "(Isaiah 49:16). Faith Regional Health Services cordially invites those who have experienced the loss of a baby or child to

attend this year's Butterfly Release Memorial Service. The gathering will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 25 in the Bradford Spirituality Garden on our West Campus. If you are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please call Jim Wonnacott at 402-992-2468 or Patrick Roche at 402-644-7522. Please RSVP by July 8.

St. Bonaventure Raeville

Financial Stewardship St. Bonaventure- Raeville

Sunday Collection (7 Env.)	\$690.00
Peter's Pence	\$25.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal V	Veek 51
Budgeted Total	\$51,000.00
<u>Actual Total</u>	\$49,197.04
Amount Behind	(\$1,722.96)



St. Bonaventure will be Mowing their parish grounds this Wednesday, July 8th. Thank you.

NOTE: St. Bonaventure ushers are asked to please arrive by 7:30am to open windows, put out bulletins and hold doors. Check out instruction sheet in back. You must wear a mask. If you are unable to perform this service at the time assigned, please find someone to fill in or call Joan Stuhr 402-843-0485. Thank you.

St. John's Petersburg

Financial Stewardship St. John's – Petersburg:

Adult: \$1,293.50 Loose: \$7.00

Reminder: Petersburg Altar Society members who have not paid there dues of \$40 yet are asked to please send the dues to Connie Stuhr, 305 N Lincoln St., Petersburg Ne 68652.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, September 6th for St. John's of Petersburg Parish Bazaar. Please spread the word and invite everyone you know. More details to follow.

St. John's Bazaar Meeting

There will be a St. John's Bazaar planning meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 8:00pm. <u>A representative from all committees should plan on attending.</u> Contact Larry Pelster with any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD

St John's (Petersburg) Cemetery Mowing will be Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 pm.
Last Names S-Z (Rain Date: Thursday)

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



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

Financial Stewardship St. Peter's Ewing June 21: \$1,300.00

June 21: \$1,300.00 Peter's Pence: \$40.00 Building: \$140.00

St. John's Deloit June 21: \$2,082.00

St. Theresa's

June 21: \$1097.00 June 28: \$675.00 Catholic Communication: \$20.00 Peter's Pence: \$180.00 Building: \$10.00

FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS:

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

St Theresa's: Leo Starman, Nate Thiele, Regina Krebs, Adam Kester

St. John's: Keith Palmer, Darlene Schueth, Carl Ernesti and Georgine Funk

GENERAL NEWS

Notice: If you attend Masses you are asked to please sit, socially distanced, in front section of pews, so we do not unnecessarily need to clean every pew in church.

Fr. Gerry Gonderinger Retirement Card Shower

Fr. Gerry is retiring on July 1. His third assignment as a young priest was St. Boniface Parish, and his fourth assignment was St. John's Parish, Deloit, with teaching duties at Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School. He taught German, theology, and started the computer programing at Pope John. Cards can be sent to:

Fr. Gerry Gonderinger 64 Lakeshore Dr. Columbus, NE, 68601

If you are someone who relies on the printed version of our "weekly bulletin", please take note that now that our bulletin will once again be "filling up", we will not be printing each of the general information pages each week. You may want to keep those pages even if you recycle the rest of the bulletin. They will be printed periodically, or when there are changes that warrant everyone knowing. Note: The electronic bulletin will continue to have all of the information sheets at the end.

This Week in Our Parishes.....

Day	Date	Time	Events
Monday	July 6	6:00 pm	First Communion at St. Theresa's Clearwater
Tuesday	July 7	Noon	July 12 Bulletin Items Needed
Tuesday	Julý 7	7:30 pm	Elgin KC Meeting
Tuesday	July 7	8:00 pm	Neligh KC Meeting
Wednesday	July 8	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Wednesday	Julý 8		St. Bonaventure- Raeville Mows Parish Grounds
Friday	July 10		Elgin Parish Office Closed in Afternoon

Mass Intentions for the week....... All Masses are Public

<u>Location</u>	Day	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
(SJD) Deloit	Monday	July 6	10:30 am	Memorial Mass for Jackie Bartak
(SBR) Raeville	Tuesday	July 7	8:30 am	+Paysen Ann Guthard
(SPE)Ewing	Tuesday	July 7		No Mass
(SBE) Elgin	Wednesday	July 8	8:30 am	+Duane Dinslage
(STC) Clearw.	Wednesday	July 8		No Mass
(SJP) Peters.	Wednesday	July 8		No Mass
(SBE) Elgin	Thursday	July 9	8:30 am	+Jerry & Lita Tunink Family
(SPE) Ewing	Thursday	July 9		No Mass
(SBE) Elgin	Friday	July 10	8:30 am	+Dec. Benefactors of St. Boniface Parish
(SBE) Elgin	Friday	July 10	5:30 pm	+Kalin Henn Not Public Mass
(SJD) Deloit	Friday	July 10		No Mass
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	July 11	5:30 pm	+Leo Hawk Fr. Ostrander
(SJP) Peters.	Saturday	July 11	7:00 pm	+Bill Leifeld
(SBR) Raeville	Sunday	July 12	8:00 am	+Joseph & Lorraine Stuhr (Livestreamed)
(SBE) Elgin	Sunday	July 12	10:00 am	+Shari Schiltmeyer
(STC) Clearw.	Sunday	July 12	10:00 am	For the People of Our Parishes
(SJD) Deloit	Sunday	July 12	11:30 am	+John, Doris & Nick Knievel

Public Weekend Masses and Public Daily Masses have Resumed (Social Distancing does apply and pews marked)

Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still in effect, for those who have concerns.

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

All livestreamed Masses are on https://www.facebook.com/cppnebraska/ and all our Facebook pages



NOTE: We will no longer be livestreaming at daily Masses during the week but will continue to livestream one Sunday Mass at 8:00 am.

	Servers (Mask is your choice)	Ushers (Please Wear Masks)	\$\$ Counters-SJP Greeters - SBE Rosary Ldrs- SBR	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	E.M.H.C. (All will wear Masks)
Saturday JULY 11 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG	Katelyn Krohn	Scott Preister Family (Please Wear Masks)	Money Counters: Carol Luettel Helen Preusser		Anita Krohn	Alan & Jeanne Temme	Deacon John Starman
Sunday JULY 12 8:00 am st. Bonaventure RAEVILLE	Lexi Bode Kaiden Bode	Jerry Schrage Spencer Heying (Please Wear Masks)	Rosary Leaders: Mark & Carole Tharnish		Ken Stuhr	Paul Kuhlman	Harlie Bode
Sunday JULY 12 10:00 am St. Boniface ELGIN	Karson Kallhoff	Duane Hoefer Gary Hoefer Macaib Hoefer Jerry Kallhoff Please arrive at 9:35 am and see note on usher closet door			Jodine Meis	Mark & Julie Dwyer	Pastor, Deacon

Please Note: Northern parishes are using seminarians for July to cover most ministries

Ushers and EMHC Must Wear Masks. All others are optional.

Public Masses began May 30

Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday
Mass is still in effect, for those who have
concerns about attending.

Masses will still be available on Facebook.

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

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 mreicks@cppnebraska.org
Linda Moser lmoser@cppnebraska.org

(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

Modified Hours Wednesday 10:00 am-Noon (or by Appt)
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

Reconciliation before each weekend Mass

Wednesday: 5-5:30pm- Elgin

Private reconciliation by appointment always available

ADORATION SCHEDULE Watch Bulletin for Schedule

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, 402-843-2345.

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 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: 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)

Betty Getzfred, Principal 402-843-5325

Website: www.pjcrusaders.org

St. Michael School- Albion (Preschool-8)

Lisa Schumacher, Principal Website: www.stmichael esu7.org

Elgin Religious Education

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) 308-750-0423 (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

Flementary: 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?



- **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 the following have been canceled this summer:

Totus Tuus Gratia Girls Retreat Legion of Joseph Boys Retreat

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.



Join us from home!

Alpha online

July 8th – Sept. 16th 2020

Wednesday evenings 7pm - 8:45pm

What is Alpha online?

Explore the big questions of life and faith from the comfort of your own home! During this 11-week series (once weekly on Wednesday evenings), you will:

- ✓ Meet new friends
- ✓ Watch engaging video talks about life and faith
- ✓ Share your thoughts, ideas, and questions in comfortable and nonjudgmental small group discussions
- ✓ Experience a "Day Away" retreat focused on the Holy Spirit (8/22)

If you or someone you know is searching, has big life questions, or wants to grow in faith, please register today and join us!

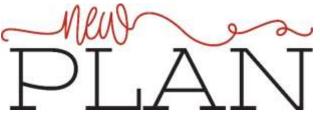
Everyone is welcome here.

Gatherings are hosted on Zoom meetings Wednesday evenings beginning July 8, 2020! We provide tech support!

Register today at <u>alpha.stpatselkhorn.org</u>. You will receive a welcome packet and all the information you need to begin! For more information, email <u>alpha@stpatselkhorn.org</u>.

"Alpha is just what you need, just when you need it."

– A former Alpha guest



Updated June 22, 2020

Public Celebrations of the Eucharist resumed May 30

***This situation is unprecedented for all of us, so please remember to be patient as priests, staff, and volunteers work through these challenging circumstances ***

• The general dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation to participate in the Mass remains in place for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Omaha until further notice. Anyone

who is in an at-risk group or does not feel safe attending a public gathering should respectfully refrain from coming to Mass. Even with the best health practices and increased efforts to clean the Church, there is a risk of infection anytime a person enters a public space. Anyone who is sick or has recently been exposed to the coronavirus should refrain from attending a public Mass as it is an act of Christian charity to safeguard the health of others. **The archdiocese specifically encourages those to remain at home:**

- o The Elderly
- o People with underlying medical conditions
- o Family members who live with elderly people or those who are at risk
- o People who have access to those at risk in nursing institutions
- People who have upper respiratory or flu like symptoms
- o People who live with someone with upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms
- o People with COVID-19 or live with someone with COVID-19
- o People who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- Even after the general dispensation is ended, all those who are encourage remain dispensed from the Sunday obligation.
- We will continue to provide one livestream Mass on <u>Sunday at 8:00 am</u> through Facebook Live on our Facebook page for those who do not feel comfortable coming to Mass at this time at https://facebook.com/cppnebraska.
- Daily Masses will not be livestreamed anymore, starting June 23. See the bulletin for public daily Masses.
- Fr. John will continue to livestream a "Liturgy of the Word" and Homily (Tuesday thru Friday at 10:00 AM)
- For those without internet, EWTN and News Channel Nebraska have televised Masses on their TV schedules.
- Confession and the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- St. Boniface's scheduled Wednesday Confession time from 5:00 5:30 PM will continue.
- Before the Saturday evening liturgies, and before Sunday Mass as possible, we will offer confessions.
- All other confession times will be made by appointment. Call the parish office.

• Funerals and Burials

- Funeral Masses, Wake Services and Burials public health parameters are continuing to evolve and change. At a minimum, social distancing must be observed. Acceptable guidelines will be worked out between our parish office and funeral homes.
- Funeral Lunches or Meals are now allowed, but detailed directives need to be followed, such as only eight to a table and tables six foot apart, so numbers may be limited. No self-serve buffets are allowed.
- **Anointing of the Sick** Anointing of the Sick is available by calling the parish office
- Visiting the Homebound
 - We are not sending EMHCs or deacons to the homebound at this time.
 - o If someone is homebound and is requesting a priest visit, they should call the parish office.
- Weddings are permitted, with social distancing and following public health guidelines.
- **<u>Baptisms</u>** are permitted, with social distancing and following public health guidelines. Baptisms in emergency circumstances (ie. in danger of death) are always permitted.
- **First Holy Communion.** These are being re-scheduled at this time.
- Offices
 - We are asking you to limit your visits to the Parish Offices during this time, and are strongly encouraging the use of our phone number 402-843-2345 and email: parish@cppnebraska.org.
- Parish Giving and Contributions
 - Please consider helping us "catch-up" with sacrificial giving.
 - If attending Mass, please drop envelope in any of the baskets at the entrance of church prior to Mass, as we are not allowed to pass the basket. If remaining at home, there are other options for giving available in our bulletin.
 - There will not be Children's Collection at Masses.

How-to Guide for Returning to Mass

Social distancing must be practiced at all public Masses, if we wish to continue public Masses.

We do encourage those from the Southern Tier to attend Mass in the Southern Tier and those from the Northern Tier to attend Mass in the Northern Tier.

- Please allow the door to be opened for you. This limits the spread of germs.
- Please use the main entrance at your church as much as possible, unless the handicap entrance is needed.
- Hand Sanitizer is available at entrances.
- Parishioners are to be seated in the marked pews, with social distancing of six feet between households. If you live together, you can sit together.
- After Mass, it is important that everyone **not stampede** out the door. Please allow space between households.
- Children must stay with their families.
- Everyone is <u>encouraged</u> to wear a mask as a sign of Christian Charity to those around you. (except children 3 and under)
- For those receiving Holy Communion, the priest or EMHC will bring Holy Communion to you in your pew.
- Nothing will be passed from person-to-person. Contribution envelopes can be deposited in containers at entries.
- For public health reasons, groups should not gather and socialize inside or outside of church buildings.
- Starting June 21 the southern parishes will begin scheduling limited liturgical ministers, so please watch the bulletin. If you cannot fulfill your ministry during this time, it's okay, just please call your parish office as soon as possible so they don't add you to the schedule. If you feel you want to help with something that you are not already doing, please let us know you are willing to do so.
- Gift Bearers will not be used at this time. In accord with public health policies, there will be no offertory, children's collection, or gifts brought forward.
- Priests, Deacons and EMHCs will be wearing masks and come to you, to distribute communion. Per archdiocesan policy, we cannot offer the Precious Blood at this time.
- Music: We will have congregational singing at our Masses.
- Rosary Leaders are asked to please lead the rosary prior to Mass.
- Church Bulletins will be available in the pew in which you are seated. During the week, there will be bulletins available at the doors in case you didn't get one at Mass. There will not be Children's Bulletins available at church, however they are available on the emailed Flocknote each week, for you to print off at home.
- All Missals have been removed from the pews but if you have a Magnificat or missal at home you can bring it.
- Holy Water has been removed from the fonts. You may bring your holy water bottle from home and fill it with the spigot on the holy water receptacle in your church if you wish. There will be a few holy water bottles available in the main entrance each church for those who do not have one, but those are limited.
- When the church is at capacity based on social distancing, we cannot admit any more people to our public
 worship. If our reduced church seating capacity is exceeded, then we will either direct you to alternate
 location, if possible, or we will extend our church experience into our parking lots. Details will be forthcoming.
- Those who would be encouraged to avoid large gatherings for health reasons may feel more comfortable coming during the week with a smaller crowd size. This is acceptable both now and in the future, regardless of the general dispensation.
- Churches will be disinfected after each liturgy.