

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2019





Fr. John Norman, Pastor, grew up in Papillion, Nebraska as a member of St. Columbkille Parish. He is the second oldest child of Joseph and Joan Norman. He has an older brother, Dan, and two younger sisters, Chris and Kay. He attended St. Columbkille Catholic School through eighth grade and graduated from Papillion La Vista High School in 2005. Joining St. John Vianney College Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN after high school, he received a BA degree in Philosophy and Catholic Studies in 2009. He went to the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy for graduate studies. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha in June 2013. Pastoral Assignments · Associate Pastor, Mary Our Queen, Omaha (Summer 2013) · Further Graduate Studies for the 2013-2014 School Year · Associate Pastor, Christ the King, Omaha (2014-2016) · Associate Pastor, St. Patrick, Elkhorn (2016-2017) · Pastor, St. Peter de Alcantara, Ewing * St. Theresa, Clearwater * St. John the Baptist, Deloit (2017-2019)

Fr. Kevin Vogel, Associate Pastor, grew up on a farm near Howells, Nebraska as a member of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish. He is the second oldest child of Kenneth and Carol Vogel. He has an older sister, Therese, and three younger siblings, Rita, Rachel and Adam. He attended Howells Community Catholic Schools, Howells High School, and the University of Nebraska at Kearney where and received a BS degree in Physics. He attended seminary at Conception Seminary College in Conception, Missouri, and at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha in June 2011. Pastoral Assignments · Associate Pastor, St. Columbkille, Papillion (2011-2016) · Pastor, St. Boniface, Elgin * St. Bonaventure, Raeville * President, Pope John Central Catholic (2016-2019)

Pastor Installation Mass

Sunday, July 14, 2019 5:00 pm Mass at Petersburg
Potluck to follow, at Werner Hall (more info on Pg 6)
All Parishioners from Six Parishes are formally invited!
Let's Celebrate both our remarkable priests,
and our unity!

A scholar of the law asks Jesus "Who is my neighbor?" I think that this is extremely fitting for this weekend. We thank Fr. Starman for making the trip down from O'Neill to preside at my installation as pastor for St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure, and St. John the Baptist. Fr. Starman is currently the dean of Rural Northwest, and he is serving as the Archbishop's delegate at this Sunday 5 PM Mass.

In our pastoral planning process with the Archdiocese, we asked for strong decision making power concerning the future of our churches, and it's been given to us. This means that our future as parish communities is together. This is why we've adopted the title Catholic Parishes in Partnership. Having a future means that all six of our parishes have a future together.

Each of our parishes is a faith community of believers and each has a distinctive personality and history. At times, our histories might have made us competitors rather than collaborators. In the book *Team of Teams*, Gen. Stanley McChrystal said that in order for his operations to be successful in Iraq, the different branches of the military, which have distinctive proud histories and rivalries, had to stop thinking negatively about their neighbors. There was an attitude of "My branch is great, therefore you suck." Each branch of the military in the joint forces had to acknowledge and respect the contributions of the other branches, and that made them stronger and effective.

For our parishes, we have to see ourselves as neighbors, rather than competitors. This is my prayer and conviction. Our future is together!

I want to thank everyone who has helped make this installation event and potluck possible. I want to thank St. John the Baptist in Petersburg for hosting!

We have Totus Tuus coming to Clearwater, Ewing, and Rural Clearwater from July 21-26! We want our kids to sign up and have this opportunity to grow in the faith! The elementary program will be hosted at St. Theresa's in Clearwater and the Jr. high and High school program will be evenings at St. Dominic's Hall at St. Peter's in Ewing. Registration forms can be found at the parish or online.

Let's keep each other in prayer!

Peace.

Fr. John



Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 pm

St. Peter de Alcantra, Ewing

Saturday: 7:00 pm

St. John the Baptist, Petersburg

Sunday: 8:00 am St. Bonaventure, Raeville

Sunday: 10:00 am St. Boniface, Elgin

Sunday: 10:00 am St. Theresa of Avila, Clearwater

Sunday: 11:30 am St. John the Baptist, Deloit

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

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Deacon Dennis Wiehn 402-843-5808
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.

PARISH OFFICES

Elgin Office (office entrance is east side of rectory)

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: www.stbonparishes.com

Hours:

Monday 1pm-4pm
Tuesday-Thursday (Closed 12-1 pm) 9am-4pm
Friday (in Summer) 9am-12pm

COMBINED BULLETIN DEADLINE <u>TUESDAY</u> NOON

Send to Linda and Michele please:

Michele Reicksmreicks@stbonparishes.comLinda Moserlmoser@stbonparishes.com

Petersburg Office (office entrance is north entrance Werner Hall)

Mailing Address: PO Box 608, Petersburg NE 68652
Parish Office Phone 402-386-5580

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 am-3:00pm Jaci Hoefer jhoefer@archomaha.org

Ewing Office (office entrance is front door of Rectory)

Mailing Address: PO Box 67, Ewing, NE 68735

Helen Larson) 402-626-7605

Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:00am – Noon

All parishes will be having one website

with this address for now: https://stbonparishes.com/
All bulletins will be posted here, and we will be building this site to include areas specific for each parish as well. If parishes want event flyers, calendars, minutes etc. posted, please email mreicks@stbonparishes.com.

Each parish maintains their own Facebook Page

NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline is Tuesday at Noon. Everything must be given to the office as you want it to appear in the bulletin. We now have one weekly bulletin for our six-parish grouping. With that comes earlier deadline for submitting information, the request that you submit everything with the full wording you wish it to appear, and the request that no one assume that your event will get in the bulletin, just because it is on one of the monthly calendars. Thank you!

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 5-5:30pm- Elgin Saturday: 4:45-5:15 pm- Ewing Saturday: 6:15- 6:45 pm- Petersburg Sunday: 7:30-7:50 am- Raeville

Reconciliation will be offered before and after each Mass, as available, and other times as shown here in the bulletin. Daily Mass Schedules for each of the six churches in our grouping will remain the same.

ADORATION SCHEDULE

St. Peter's: Thursday- 9- Noon

First Saturday- 6:00 pm-Midnight

Elgin: Day before First Friday, Each Month St. John's-Deloit- Devotions on Mondays at 7:00 pm

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

St. Boniface: Call Betty Mackel 402-843-2394 or Mary Jane

Boes 402-843-2379

St. Bonaventure: Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-386-5350

or Mary Ann Starman 402-386-5538

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: Koryn Koinzan 402-929-0520

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

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Knights of Columbus Hall, (Elgin): Dave Hoefer 402-843-2312

SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS

St. Boniface/St. Boniface Parish: Linda Moser 402-843-2345 **St. John's Parish- Petersburg:** Kelly Starman 402-386-5570 or email kelly starman@yahoo.com.

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

One Church: encountering Jesus, equipping disciples, living mercy.

This Week In Our Parishes......

Parish	Day	Date	Time	Events
All	Sunday	July 14	5:00 pm	Fr. John Norman's Pastor Installation at St. John's Church,
	·	•	·	in Petersburg w/Potluck to follow in Werner Hall for all 6 Parishes
All	Tuesday	July 16	Noon	Bulletin Deadline at Noon
SJP	Tuesday	July 16		No mowing at St. John's- Petersburg Cemetery this week
All	Wed-Thurs	July 17-18		All Parish Offices Closed for Offsite Meetings
SBE	Wednesday	July 17	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
SBR	Wednesday	July 17		St. Bonaventure- Raeville Mows Parish Grounds
SJP	Wednesday	July 17	7:30pm	St. John's- Petersburg Parish Council in Classroom B
SBE	Thursday	July 1		St. Boniface- Elgin Circle 4 Cleans Church (at time that works)
All	Friday	July 19		Elgin Parish Office Closed in Afternoon
SJP	Saturday	July 20	8:00 am	St. John's-Petersburg Parish Workday
All	Sunday	July 21	7:30-9:45 pm	Totus Tuus for Jr. High/High School Begins at St. Dominic's Hall
				and Begins Monday, July 22 at St. Theresa's Hall for Elementary



Ever wondered about becoming a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)? We ask that you prayerfully consider being trained and mandated for one of

these important ministries in your parish. The training will be held <u>Sunday</u>, <u>August 18</u> at St. Mary's Church in Norfolk from 1:30-4:30 pm and the Mandation Mass will be <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>August 28</u> at St. Mary's at 7:00 pm. Both must be attended. Please let your Parish Office know if you are willing, as we need to submit names by the end of July.



Lost and Found: Hearing Aid, found outside St. Boniface Church. To claim, contact the Parish Office.

Looking Ahead:

St. Boniface Bazaar Meeting: July 30 at 7:30 pm St. Boniface Gym Closed for Refinishing From July 22- August 4.

Financial Stewardship- July 7						
St. Boniface						
Sunday Collection (48 Env.)	\$3,547.00					
Children's Collection	\$8.75					
Peter's Pence	\$50.00					
Sunday Collection						
As of Fiscal Week 51						
Budgeted Total	\$4,411.77					
Actual Total	\$3,547.00					
Amount Behind	(\$864.77)					

St. Boniface: Please Remember In Your Prayers: Matt Evans, Jolene Lichty, Diane Flenniken, Larry Braband, Peter Ives, Olivia Trease Anderson, Roger & Jan Sorenson, Kathy Jamieson, Terry Dinslage, Cheri (Schindler) Cavanagh, Laurie Horn, Beth Sullivan, Dave Shrader, Bob Redler, Garrett Scholz, Paul Seger, Alfreda Pelster, Neil Childers, Margaret Dozler, Eve Kallhoff, Sally Beckman, Betty Vaisvilas, Marie Cheatum, Leonard Beckman, Shirley Henkenius, Charlotte Hoefer, Joe Buelt, Helen Borer, Karlene Moser, Shelby Iburg, Loretta Zegers, Helen Preusser, Mary Jane Henn. [Please let us know if name can be removed.

When writing the story of your life, don't let anyone else hold the pen!



St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery

07-01-19	Chris & Laurie Waterbury	\$60.00
07-02-19	Bob & Judy Cummings	\$60.00
07-03-19	David & Marilyn Sehi	\$60.00
07-04-19	Easton Bode	\$80.00
07-05-19	Christal (Parks) Witthuhn	\$60.00
07-06-19	Heather Veik	\$60.00
07-07-19	Louise Schindler	\$75.00
07-08-19	Fr. Kevin Vogel	\$60.00
07-09-19	Liam Pelster	\$60.00
07-10-19	Lyle & Betty Mackel	\$60.00
07-11-19	Mikaiah Hoefer	\$60.00
07-12-19	Kendra & Chris Warren	\$60.00
07-13-19	Terry & Jan Henn	\$60.00
07-14-19	Jane Brown	\$75.00



St. Boniface, Elgin's Circle 4 will clean church on Thursday, July 18 at a time that is convenient for you. Just be sure to mark off what you have done on the sheet. Families welcome! Thank you.

Check out new Lighthouse CD at St. Boniface Church, Elgin: A Catholic Millennial's Guide to Adulting by Paul J. Kim. The Millennial Generation has grown to adulthood. Having experienced many of the conveniences and pitfalls of new technologies, social media, student loan debt, and adult life, millennials have also developed a genuine desire to do something great with their lives, but often don't know how to get there. As fellow millennial Paul J. Kim shares with great humor and insight, tackling life's big challenges and desires for vocation, career, and greatness can give powerful witness to God and the gift of life. Check out this and many other titles in the west entrance of St. Boniface Church. We ask \$3.00 to cover the costs and reorders. Envelopes are available for your donation which can be dropped in the collection on Sunday, mailed or brought to the Elgin Parish Office.

Mass Intentions for the Week.....

<u>Location</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Cele.</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
(SJP) Petersb.	Sunday	July 14	5:00 pm BS	+Bill Leifeld/Dolores Leifeld
(SBE)Elgin	Monday	July 15	8:15 am	Communion Service
(SJD) Deloit	Monday	July 15	7:30 pm	+In Thanksgiving (JS) (Devotions at 7pm)
(SBR) Raeville	Tuesday	July 16	8:30 am	+Janice Schrage
(SPE)Ewing	Tuesday	July 16	8:30 am	Special Intention (JS)
(SBE) Elgin	Wednesday	July 17	8:15 am	+Mark Chicoine
(STC)Clearw.	Wednesday	July 17	8:30 am	+John & Betty Thiele
(SJP) Petersb.	Wednesday	July 17		No Mass
(SBE)Elgin	Thursday	July 18	8:15 am	+Jerome & Bernice Roth
(SPE) Ewing	Thursday	July 18	8:30 am	+Stanley, Liz & Jack Bartak
(SBE)Elgin	Friday	July 19	8:15 am	+Leo & Dorothy Dwyer
(SJD) Deloit	Friday	July 19	8:30 am	+Clarence & Alice Funk
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	July 20	5:30 pm JN	+Denny, Chris & Beth Vandersnick
(SJP) Petersb.	Saturday	July 20	7:00 pm KV	Liv. & Dec. Bob Spieker Family
(SBR) Raeville	Sunday	July 21	8:00 am KV	+Paysen Ann Guthard
(SBE) Elgin	Sunday	July 21	10:00 am KV	+Leonard & Taureta Borer
(STC) Clearw.	Sunday	July 21	10:00 am JN	Living Members of Our Parishes
(SJD) Deloit	Sunday	July 21	11:30 am JN	+Floyd Henn & Cindy Bohaboj

Abbreviations: We are beginning to use a new shorthand notation for our parish communities:

SPE – St. Peter de Alcantara's in Ewing
STC – St. Theresa's in Clearwater
SJD – St. John's Church of Deloit
SJP – St. John the Baptist in Petersburg
SBE – St. Boniface in Elgin

- SBR St. Bonaventure in Raeville



Weekend	Servers	Ushers	Greeters/ Rosary Leaders	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	EMHC (*to the sick)
Sat. July 20 5:30 pm St. Peter de Alcantra Ewing	Mason Hoke Preston Hoke	Todd Bollwitt Aaron Hoke		Kevin & Gina Koenig Family	Candi Hoke	Follow Organ Schedule	Aaron Hoke
7:00 pm St. John Petersburg	Katelyn Krohn Marissa Preister	Vet Stuhr & 1 Volunteer	Money <u>Counters:</u> Helen Preusser Dave Pieke		Ken Luettel	Guitar Group	Theresa Knust Jane Thieman
Sun. July 21 8:00 am St. Bonaventure Raeville	Lauren Seier Maddie Schrage	Tyler Reestman Matt Sands	Fred & Mary Ann Fangman	Spencer & Megan Heying Family	Joyce Pelster	Joyce Reestman	Ann Beckman
Sun. July 21 10:00 am St. Boniface Elgin	Ashlynne Charf Taylynne Charf	Jim Baum Ted Baum Gary Beckman Scott Beckman	Jeff & Tracey Schindler- W Bob & Janice Pelster- N & S	Greg & Deb Tharnish	Alan Reicks	Mark & Julie Dwyer	No Precious Blood- Pastor, *Betty Getzfred for Deacon, *Tyler & *Chelsi Childers, *Andrew Childers
Sun. July 21 10:00 am St. Theresa of Avila Clearwater	Rafe Grebin Spencer Kester	John Kester Tom Kester		Tim Jr. Kristen Kester Family	Tina Thiele- Blecher	Follow Organ Schedule	Tom Thiele
Sun. July 21 11:30 am St. John the Baptist Deloit	Sharon Bartak Emily Mlnarik	Brent Schmidt Josh Mlnarik		Dave & Marilyn Sehi	Cathy Palmer	Follow Organ Schedule	Janette Kerkman

****NOTE: All Parish Offices in our grouping will be closed On Wednesday- Thursday, July 17-18 for Offsite Meetings.



Sign up today!

Totus Tuus Ewing, Clearwater area

July 21-26, 2019

Jr. High/High School (Sun-Thurs) 7:30-9:45 pm at St. Dominic's Hall In Ewing. 1st- 6th Grade (Mon-Fri) 9:00 am-3:00 pm at

Clearwater. Sign-up sheets in the back of Ewing, Clearwater & Deloit Churches. We are looking for host families for the Totus Tuus team....and for families to host supper for the Totus Tuus team members. Contact Koryn Koinzan with any questions at 402-929-0520.

Thank you. Forms are available on website at: www. stbonparishes.com.

Financial Stewardship – July 7

St. Peter's- Ewing

Collection: \$1,037.00 Building Fund: \$50.00 Peter's Pence: \$40.00

St. Theresa's- Clearwater

Sunday Collection: \$1,275.00 Peter's Pence: 135.00

St. John's- Deloit

Sunday Collection: \$1,262.00 Peter's Pence: \$163.00

PRAY FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

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

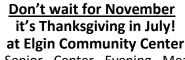
<u>St Theresa's:</u> Deb Trease, Leo Starman, Shawn Patras, Nate Thiele, Regina Krebs, Mary Ann Thiele and Jeanne Hoffman.

St. John's: Jackie Bartak, Darlene Schueth, Carl Ernesti and Georgine Funk.



Save the Date:

St. Theresa's, Clearwater Breakfast will be held Sunday morning, September 15th.



Elgin Senior Center Evening Meal and Fundraiser, will be held Wednesday, July 17.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Join them for Turkey & Dressing, Sausage and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Casserole, Cranberry Salad and Pie. Cost: \$8.00 per person. Please RSVP to 402-843-5757. Everyone is welcome. Let's support this wonderful place that provides socializing and meals, plus delivery to the homebound!



A Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Weekend will be Friday-Sunday, July 26-28, 2019, at Tintern Retreat Center. Weekends are specifically designed for second semester high school juniors to age 23. TEC costs \$75 and scholarships are available. Seek a

paper registration form at the Parish Office in Elgin or on <u>stbonparishes.com</u> under youth retreats. Please contact Terry Reicks for questions, 402-741-0165.

2019 Marriage Celebration

Celebrating a milestone anniversary?
Join us at the 2019 Marriage Celebration on
Sunday, September 29th in Norfolk, Nebraska. Visit
family.archomaha.org/enriching-marriage/enrichmentevents/ for the latest updates and information. Register
by July 29 for names to be included in the program.

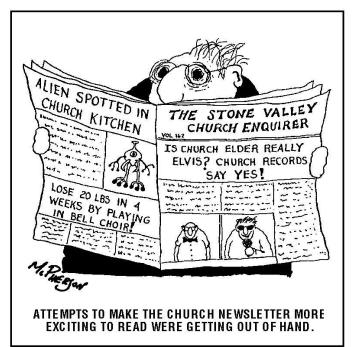
CEC Means Opportunity

Many have asked what CEC is. A Christian's Encounter Christ (CEC) Weekend is a personal and communal encounter with Christ through the Holy Spirit which leads to a lifelong relationship with God by living a method of ongoing spiritual growth and evangelization of our Catholic faith. If you wish to attend, talk to someone you know who has made a weekend, or call Michele at the Parish Office for more information!

2019 Weekends-Norfolk

MEN: Sept. 27-29 WOMEN: Oct. 18-20 MEN: Nov. 1-3 WOMEN: Nov. 22-24

* For those who are married, husbands must attend first, and will not be registered without their wives registering at the same time for the next women's. Weekends fill up fast!



Corrected Times:

St. Francis Neligh Mass Schedule (Jun-Jul-Aug)
5:00 pm Saturday and 10:00 am Sunday
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Jun-Jul-Aug)
7:00 pm Saturday and 8:00 am Sunday

Pastor Installation



* For all 6 Parishes* Fr. John Norman Sunday, July 14, 2019 5:00 pm Mass

(meets Sunday Obligation)
at St. John the Baptist Church
Petersburg w/Potluck to follow.
All Parishioners from Six Parishes
are formally invited.

Potluck will begin at approximately 6:15 p.m. at Werner Hall. You may drop your food off at Werner Hall starting at 4:15pm if you wish.

- **All parishes--Last Names A-P please bring a main dish and a salad <u>or</u> vegetable.
- **All parishes--Last Names Q-Z please bring a main dish and a dessert.

Drinks and table service will be provided by the St. John's Petersburg Altar Society.

All from our parish grouping are invited to celebrate Father John and Father Vogel and the new beginning for our parishes.

Financial Stewardship- July 7

St. John's - Petersburg-Sunday Collection:

Adult: \$1,435.00 Loose: \$283.00 Children: \$25.00

Please mark your Calendars St. John's (Petersburg) Bazaar Sunday, September 1, 2019.

Please invite all your family and friends to join us on that day.

St. John's (Petersburg) Bazaar Auction: Items and money donations are needed for the bazaar auction. Also we are looking for Husker football or volleyball tickets. Please contact us by August 15 if possible so we can have a complete list of items the day of the auction. Call or text Dave and Jeanette Henn at 402-843-8460 or Jhenn526@gmail.com or Gene and Theresa Knust at 403-843-8862 (cell) or home 402-386-5426 or tark8862@icloud.com. The auction committee would like to thank you for your generous donations in the past to help us have a successful auction.

St. John's (Petersburg) Cemetery Mowing

Tuesday, July 23 at 6:00 PM— Last names S-Z (raindate: July 25). Parishioners are encouraged to mow/trim at your convenience if the time is not compatible with your schedule.

St. John's, Petersburg Cemetery Fence

It was decided at the last Parish Council Meeting that we will be putting a continuous fence around the cemetery. We are asking for donations to put towards this cost. If you are willing to donate, please call Keith Schumacher (843-0407 or Larry Pelster (843-6663).



Thank you to St. John the Baptist parishioners for the farewell potluck, cards, thoughtful gifts, words of encouragement and prayers

as I ended my time of service as your pastor! Your kindness and care are very much appreciated! May God Bless you! Fr. Mark



St. John's, Petersburg
Parish Grounds Workday
Saturday, July 20 at 8 a.m. All helping
hands would be appreciated.

Next Petersburg Parish Council Meeting is this Thursday, July 18 at 7:30 pm in Classroom B. Open to all Parish Members.

Feast of St. Bonaventure

July 15 is the Feast Day of St. Bonaventure. Born in Bagnorea, Italy in 1221, he was baptized with the name John. There is a story from his youth that John was cured from a serious illness through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi. At age 22, John would join that saint's Franciscan order, receiving the name Bonaventure. He was sent to Paris to study, where he became friends with St. Thomas Aguinas and St. Louis of France. He served as a teacher at the University of Paris, inspiring his students with his knowledge and love of the Lord, until he was elected to serve as the General Minister of the entire Franciscan order. As a man of prayer and proficient in administration, he was able to lead the order through rough times, renewing their spirituality on the vision of St. Francis. His leadership was noticed by the Pope who made him a cardinal and bishop of Albano, Italy. Bonaventure received these positions with humility. It is said that the pope's envoys who brought Bonaventure the cardinal's hat found the saint washing dishes outside a convent, and were requested by him to hang it on a tree nearby until he was finished. Due to his holiness, contributions to philosophy and theology, and leadership in the Church, he was canonized in 1482 and is known as the Seraphic Doctor. "When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than that proceeding from the mouth," St. Bonaventure wrote. "Let meditation of Christ's life be your one and only aim, your rest, your food, your desire, your study." A blessed Feast Day to our Raeville parishioners!

St. Bonaventure Parishioners, you have an envelope in your contribution envelope box dated July 21 specifically for "Building Maintenance". Donations that come in through this collection help maintain the beautiful parish plant and buildings. Thank you in advance!



St. Bonaventure, Raeville will mow their grounds on Wednesday, July 17.

Financial Stewardship- July 7 St. Bonaventure- Raeville

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