



Catholic Parishes in Partnership

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

August 17, 2025 The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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No office hours. PO Box checked regularly.

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No office hours. PO Box checked regularly.

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Then Jesus said to her in reply,
“O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you
wish.” And the woman's
daughter was healed from that
hour.

-MT 15:28

**SPE=Ewing, STC=Clearwater, SJD=Deloit, SFN=Neligh,
OLT=Tilden, SJP=Petersburg, SBR=Raeville, SBE=Elgin**

Date	Time & Event
	Every Tuesday SFN Rosary 10:00 A.M.
	Every Wednesday SBE Confessions 5:00-5:30 P.M.
	Every 3 rd Sunday of the month SFN Diving Mercy 3:00 P.M.
August 17	Deserts with Sisters, Immaculata Monastery & Spirituality Center in Norfolk (300 N. 18th Street) from 2 to 4:30 P.M.
August 18	St. Boniface Altar Society meeting, located in the Convent meeting room, 7:00 P.M.
August 31	SJP Bazaar meal
October 5	Elgin St. Boniface Life Chain after 10:00 A.M. Mass

Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study starting soon!

Bible Study at St. Peter de Alcantara's, Ewing, NE. Inviting parishioners and friends of Catholic Parishes in Partnership to begin a new session (our 8th year) of Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study. This year, we will be studying David and the Psalms, starting Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Dominic's Hall in Ewing. We meet weekly, with 23 lessons. For more information or to register, phone or text Elaine Thoendel at 402-340-5176 or elaine@tlc-ne.com

You will personally benefit from being part of this study and growing in more profound love and understanding of the Biblical roots of our faith. You will also grow in fellowship and friendship with other parishioners as we grow closer to Christ together.

Mass and the sacraments come to life in the understanding of their scriptural basis. You will enjoy lively group discussions in a warm atmosphere and stimulating media presentations for each lesson, led by teaching director Sharon Doran. Please give it a try and see if it can help stir up the Spirit within you. We'd love to have you join us.



All are welcome to attend "Dessert with Sisters" at the Immaculata Monastery & Spirituality Center in Norfolk (300 N. 18th Street) on Sunday, Aug. 17, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Come enjoy dessert while browsing sister-made-items, new-to-you items, and plants for sale. There will also be raffles for quilts and artwork. For more information, contact Sr. Sarah Elizabeth at sr.sarahelizabeth@gmail.com or 402-992-7839.



Welcome to the Catholic Faith! 

Congratulations to Maeghan & Trenton (Pieper) Hoefler, on the baptism of their Daughter, Whitney, at St. Boniface in Elgin on August 10, 2025!



We pray for Yvonne Thramer

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

Upcoming Dates for Youth Group at Tintern!

If you'd like to be included in the Cpp Tintern Youth Group text messages, please contact Heather Veik at 402-750-2950.

Month	Date
September	28th
October	26th
November	16th
December	14th
January	18th
February	22nd
March	22nd
April	26th
May	24th

MINISTRY EXPO YOU'RE INVITED!

Our Evangelization Coordinator has been hosting a Ministry Expo at various campuses – and you're warmly invited!

This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Learn more about our parish ministries
- Grow in your faith
- Ask questions about our faith community
- Discover ways to get involved - whether you're new to the parish or just looking for a next step

UPCOMING MINISTRY EXPO DATES & LOCATIONS:

August 16 – St. John's, Deloit
 August 17 – St. Boniface, Elgin & St. Bonaventure, Raeville
 August 24 – St. John's, Petersburg

Come say hello, ask questions, and explore how you can be part of something greater!

Chantelle Dempster

Evangelization Coordinator, Director of Religious Education Catholic Parishes in Partnership



Dear parishioners,

In the near future, there will be an opportunity to sign a petition for Nebraska to move toward having a law that will end all abortions. I thought this might be a good time to explain the two different approaches that are happening in this regard.

The first one is oriented towards limiting abortions. The bishops have been pushing this type of work. This does not mean that the bishops believe that it is okay to have some abortions, just not so many. Like most of us, they are against all abortions.

They don't believe that legislating from the all-or-nothing position will end with any abortion limits. The reason is simple; some too many people can no longer imagine that we would survive without abortions. Many think that we would have such a population explosion that all of us would die. This is interesting because we are facing a population implosion; the birthrate is decreasing so fast.

This way of thinking works toward regaining ground slowly but surely by limiting the types of abortion and how late in a pregnancy they can be done. We have already had some wins this way.

The other way of thinking is to put it all on the line and hope God will make a miracle happen. With the current balance of for-and-against opinions, it would take a miracle. Those of us who think this way are praying for that miracle because we are losing millions of babies without it.

The question we need to ask is whether God would perform such a miracle. My opinion is that he won't. In the Old Testament, there are stories of many great miracles that won great battles. There are also stories from the prophets in which a prophet would warn their people that if they didn't change, something horrible would happen. Something horrible happened. Why the difference? In the first case, everyone was praying for a miracle to save them from the bad guys. In the second case, one person was praying that his people would have a change of heart. We are living in the second case. Some prophets are warning us that God is not happy with these abortions, but there doesn't seem to be any change of heart.

So, why sign the petition? Simply put, it's about showing the other side that we are not going away. We have already gone through too many generations in which abortion was the backup for birth control. Too many people have grown up presuming this must be okay. We must keep letting them know that it isn't OK. Maybe we can change their hearts.

God bless you,
Fr. Frank

Date & Time	Location	Cel.	Intention	Notes
MON AUG 18, 8:15 A.M.	Elgin	DW		communion service
TUES AUG 19, 8:30 A.M.	Petersburg	JN FB	· † Jim Getzfred · † Dean & Mary Jean Henn	
WED AUG 20, 8:15 A.M.	Elgin	JN	· † Philip, Ursilla, Kathy Stoltz	
WED AUG 20, 8:30 A.M.	Neligh	FB	· † Leroy Clarkson	
WED AUG 20, 9:30 A.M.	Accura	FB	· † Emil & Mary Ann Hladovcak	
WED AUG 20, 5:00 P.M.	Elgin	JN		Confession 5:00-5:30 P.M.
THU AUG 21, 8:15 A.M.	Elgin	JN	· † Joan Kallhoff	
THU AUG 21, 8:30 A.M.	Neligh	FB	· † Dwaine Peetz	
FRI AUG 22, 8:15 A.M.	Elgin	JN	· † Bob & Marie Schrage	
FRI AUG 22, 8:30 A.M.	Neligh	FB	· † Harlan Krebs	
SAT AUG 23, 5:30 P.M.	Tilden	JN	· † Beverly Coufal	
SAT AUG 23, 5:30 P.M.	Ewing	FB	· † Lois Woslager Hemphill	
SUN AUG 24, 8:00 A.M.	Petersburg	JN	· For the People of Our Parishes	
SUN AUG 24, 8:00 A.M.	Clearwater	FB	· † Joan Hoffman	
SUN AUG 24, 10:00 A.M.	Elgin	JN	· † Geraldine Childers	
SUN AUG 24, 10:00 A.M.	Neligh	FB	· † Larry Reuss + & Living & Deceased Family Members	

Ministry Schedule for August 23 & 24, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled ministry, please find a substitute.

Saturday 8/23/2025

5:30 pm Mass – St. Peter’s, Ewing

Altar Servers: Charlee W., Paityn W.

EMHC: Gina Koenig

Giftbearers: Terry Kaczor

Lector: Tammy Summers

Ushers: Kevin Schrunk, Mike Thramer

5:30 pm Mass – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tilden

(Contact Jolene Schapmann to schedule Communion to sick or homebound 402-649-0829)

Altar Servers: Archie J., Hank J., Abe J.

EMHC: Mike Dusel

Lector: Jeanne Oelsigle

Ushers: Sam Johnsen, Sam Schaecher

Sunday 8/24/2025

8:00 am Mass – St. Johns, Petersburg

(Contact Jeanne Temme to schedule Communion to sick or homebound 402-386-5309)

Altar Servers: Katelyn K., Levi K.

EMHC: Deacon John Starman

Homebound: Jeanne Temme

Lector: Alan Temme

Money: Carolyn Beckman, Gene Knust

Music: Jeff Temme, Jan Temme, Rod Stuhr

Ushers: Larry Zegers, Alan Faust

Sunday 8/24/2025

8:00 am Mass – St. Theresa, Clearwater

Altar Servers: Emorie B., Luke K.

EMHC: Tom Thiele

Giftbearers: Fred Thiele

Lector: Connie Cronin

Ushers: Smoke Kester, John Kester

10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface, Elgin

(Contact Deacon Dennis Wiehn to schedule Communion to sick or homebound 402-843-0182)

Altar Servers: Emery B., Harmon B.

EMHC: Deacon Dennis Wiehn

Giftbearers: Mike Brockhaus, Jennifer Brockhaus

Greeters: Alan Reicks, Michelle Reicks, Jeff Schindler, Tracey Schindler

Homebound: Phil Starman, Bonnie Hoefler

Lector: Audra Borer

Music: Deb Baum, Becky Kerkman

Ushers: Mike Kerkman, David Kerkman, Steve Kerkman, Leigh Kluthe

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

(Contact Milly Clemens to schedule Communion to sick or homebound 402-649-3194)

Altar Servers: Josslyn H., Breckin H.

EMHC: Hannah Hoefler, Carla Teel

Lector: Trent Hoefler

Ushers: Ted Hughes, Duane Knievel, Daryl Booth, Bill Kuester



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blest Art will be visiting your parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land.

For centuries, the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land is Christians.



Blest Art Inc helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork in the United States. Due to this work many Christian families maintain their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of our Lord.

When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We kindly invite you to visit our display and to consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. In doing so, you will help support the many families who depend on this form of art for their living. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please note that we do not ask for, nor do we accept, any donations.

Thank you in advance for your purchase when we come to visit.

**Jeryes Qumseya
And the members of Blest Art Inc.**

Please visit our display
At your parish
Saturday & Sunday
August 23rd and 24th, 2025
After each Mass

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

serving St. John the Baptist, Deloit | St. Peter de Alcantara, Ewing
St. Theresa of Avila , Clearwater | St. Francis of Assisi, Neligh | Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tilden

Stewardship for August 9-10, 2025

Sunday Offertory goes in one general account.
A breakdown of each campus is available
at Finance Council meetings.

God bless you for your generosity!

Sunday Offertory	\$5,868.40
Assumption	\$90.00
School Support	\$415.00
Human Needs	\$101.00
Utilities	\$100.00
SJD Campus Reserve	\$200.00
SFN Campus Reserve	\$10.00
SPE Campus reserve	\$780.00

Popes' Prayer Intention August, 2025

"that societies avoid internal conflicts due to ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons" and encouraging us to "seek paths of dialogue" and "respond to conflict with gestures of fraternity."

-Pope Leo XIV

August Rosary Sodality Committee St. Francis, Neligh

Gloria Christiansen, Lyla Kallhoff, Pat Borer, JoAnne Farber,
Amanda Elder, Sara Borer, Natalie Ward, Linda Meis, Shantel
Kallhoff, Jane Schultz, Sherri Svatos, April Knust, Beth Kaup

August church cleaning schedule St. Francis, Neligh

Date	Volunteers
August 2 nd	Steven Bright, Kathy Sauser, Dave Jacobsen
August 7 th	Dewey Teel, Ross Shabram, Marian Shabram
August 14 th	Doug Jessen, Miles Peterson, Shantell Boggs
August 21 st	Kenny Parks, Matt Parks, Chad Shabram
August 28 th	Tom Carothers, Brad Higgins, Jack Funk

Annunciation Parish Prayer Line

Adam Kester, Roger Allen, Regina Krebs, Matt Belitz, Angela Hardisty, Peg Kuester, Glen Grahleer, Lainey Henn, Jan Jurgens, Alice Johnston, Bob Stoffel, Boyd Batenhorst, Nate Thiele, Brett Kielty, Phyllis Dusel, Leo Starman, Nicki Dougherty, Sister Joseph, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandernick, Anna Murdy, Joe Knust, Steve Herrington, Ladd Chandler, Kathy Long, Gerald Schapmann, Olivia Trease Anderson, Annie Laurie Schapmann, Angela Wortman, Katie Zurcher Eggers, Sandy Farby, Elaine Dittrich, Alice Starman, Linda Eischeid, Duane Henn, Rachel Ervin, Fred Schultz, Shane Krebs, Emily Bromley, Jane Marke, Gary Reber

To add to prayer line call for St. Francis call Susie Ames 402-929-0038. Milly Clemens 402-649-3194, or the Neligh Office at 402-887-4521. Our Lady of Mount Carmel call Jeanne Dahl 402-640-6466. St. Therasas call Teresa Kester 402-750-0262. St. Johns call Jeanne Knievel 402-929-0847. St. Peters call Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755.

Attention All Religious Educators!

You're Invited to a Retreat & Training Day

Join us for a day of spiritual renewal, connection, and professional development at the Religious Educator Retreat & Training!

 **Date:** August 23, 2025

 **Time:** 9:00-1:00 (lunch will be provided)

 **Location:** St. Dominic's Hall in Ewing

This special event is designed for catechists, youth ministers, and all who serve in faith formation. The day will include:

- **Morning retreat for prayer**, reflection, and spiritual growth
- **Workshops** to strengthen your teaching and ministry skills
- **Networking** with fellow educators

★ Whether you're new to religious education or a seasoned volunteer, this day is for you!

RSVP by August 15 to Chantelle Dempster at ckdempster@archomaha.org or 402-843-0573.

Let's grow together in faith and mission!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament! See how,
by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

Sept. 19-21, Grand Island, NE

For questions, contact:

Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839

Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter,
please visit www.wwme.org



A children's camo Under armor sweatshirt was found at the Legion of Joseph's Retreat. You may come to the parish office to claim it if it belongs to you!

Stewardship for August 9-10, 2025

St. Johns, Petersburg

Sunday Offertory	\$2,854.75
Assumption	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$350.00
Sunday Offertory EFT	\$140.00

St. Bonaventure, Raeville

Sunday Offertory	\$1,070.00
Building Fund	\$2,400.00
Sunday Offertory EFT	\$50.00

St. Boniface, Elgin

Sunday Offertory	\$1,829.80
Insurance	\$50.00
Assumption	\$25.00
Sunday Online Giving	\$600.00
Sunday Offertory EFT	\$2,395.00

Building Fund money goes into a Reserve account. If you are donating to the Building Fund, please write a separate check. Thank you for your generosity!

St. John's Petersburg Bazaar Meal- August 31, 2025

The Bazaar Meal menu has changed this year. The noon meal will include brisket, sausage, hash brown casserole, corn, salads, desserts, buns, and drinks. There is a signup sheet in the vestibule of the church for corn, desserts, and salads, along with monetary donations. We need both men and women to work. Men are required to help with carrying heavy roasters. Please be generous with your donations and time to help make this event run smoothly for all involved. Items (handcrafted items, Husker tickets, concert tickets, or other items) or cash donations are needed for the St. John's Parish bazaar mini-auction, taking place on Labor Day weekend! Please get in touch with Gene and Theresa Knust at 402-843-8410 or 402-843-8862, or Dave and Jeanette Henn at 402-843-8861 or 402-843-8460.



BAZAAR MEAL
St. Johns

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & FESTIVES!

31 AUGUST 2025
11:00 AM- 1:00 PM
WERNER HALL, PETERSBURG

Serving brisket, sausage, hash brown casserole, sweet corn, and a delicious variety of salads and desserts. Live auction, following the meal. Big raffle drawings top prizes include \$1,000, \$800, \$700, \$600, \$500. Over 35 cash prizes and much more! Raffle tickets are in the main entrance of the church. For more info, contact Kathy Seier at 402-843-8805.

Icons: Burger, Fork, Pickle, Bingo Card, Auction Stamp, Ticket.

Announcements!!



St. Boniface Altar Society

The Altar Society meeting will be held on August 18th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Convent meeting room.



Upcoming Baptism Class

Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Elgin Convent. This is for parents who have not previously attended a baptism class. If you will be attending, please contact Gwen Beckman at 402-843-8137.



St. Boniface Thanksgiving Bazaar

Sweet corn needed: 40 gallons of corn. Please freeze in gallon bags. Contact Emily Borer at 402-843-8144 to let her know what you will donate.



St. Boniface Dumpster

St. Boniface Church is in search of a used dumpster in good shape. Please reach out to Deacon Dennis at (402) 843-8393 if you would like to donate.

St. Johns, Petersburg, St. Boniface, Elgin & St. Bonaventure, Raeville Prayer Line

Carolyn Beckman, Laura Ferando, Brandon Henn, Adam Kester, Larry DeMuth, Neil Childers, Loretta Zegers, Gloria Lordemann, Chris Baum, Ann Beckman, Gene Heithoff, Fallon Sue Heying, Harry Cunningham, Judy Johnson, Denise Jamison, Bruce Baum, Travis Pieper, Phil Stuhr, Patrick Stuhr, Judy Zegers, Mike Dwyer, Brett Kielty, Tom Jamieson, Nora Henn, Barb Ziegler, Marlene Henn McClinton, Jerry Stamp, Fayden Evens, Bob Redler, Vince Spieker, Linda Buelt, Rodger Rilley, Pauline Pelster, Kenny Thiele, Joan Richert, Otto Hoffschneider, Cooper Dirks, Al Hoffman, Ron Bode, Millie Ridder, Arlene Unsel, Darlene Stuhr, Livy Ostransky, Carlie Russell, Vince Kallhoff

To add to prayer line for St. Johns call Kelly Starman, 402-386-5570 or Kathy Koch, 402-386-5481.

St. Boniface call JoAnn Beckman 402-843-6287 or Darlene Heithoff 402-843-5482.

St. Bonaventure call Mary Ann Fangman 402-843-6129 or Diane Scholl 402-750-3789.