



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 22 & 23, Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

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9:30AM-Noon & 1:00-4:00PM

Friday: 9:30AM - Noon

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parish.cpp@archomaha.org

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(Medical emergencies or death)

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Communion

Communication

Sustainability

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Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"

-Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything—He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Date	Time & Event
	Every Monday SJD Rosary/Meditation 7PM
	Every Tuesday SFN Rosary 10AM
	Every Wednesday SBE Confessions 5-5:30PM
	SBE Adoration begins on Thursday before the first Friday of the month, following the 8:15AM Mass and continues through the 8:15AM Mass on Friday.
	Every 3 rd Sunday of the Month, SFN Divine Mercy 3-4PM
Sept 2	SBE Thanksgiving Bazaar Committee & Parish Council Meeting, Parish Meeting Room @ 7PM
Sept 6	SJP Bazaar
Sept 14	SBE Altar Society Meeting, 7PM
Sept 16	OLT Christian Women, 9:30AM, Parish Hall
Sept 23	Dessert with the Sisters, Immaculata Monastery, Norfolk, 2-4PM
Sept 21	OACCW 102 nd Convention, Wayne City Aud.
Sept 27	STC Annual Breakfast, 8:30AM-12:30PM



Mary is honored as Queen of Heaven & Earth because she is the mother of Jesus Christ, the King. Her queenship is not about earthly power or authority. Instead, Mary's greatness comes from her humility, obedience, and complete willingness to serve God.



**Where do you sense God inviting you to be more boldly honest with him, even if you feel tempted to stay quiet or hold back?
Let us bring this to the Lord and let him speak to us now.**

**Pray:
Lord empty me.
Fill me.
Use me.
Amen.**

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COST

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Thursday - Sunday
Oct 22 - 25, 2026

Thursday - Sunday
Dec 03 - 06, 2026

Thursday - Sunday
Jan 21 - 24, 2027

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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 15 & 16

God bless you for your generosity!

Sunday Offertory	\$7,456.00
Assumption	824.00
Maintenance	\$20.00
School Support	\$20.00
SPE Building Fund	\$100.00
OLT Building Fund	\$40.00



St. Theresa's will be having their annual breakfast on September 27th from 8:30AM-12:30PM

Announcements!!



Our Lady
CATHOLIC WOMEN
September 16 at 9:30AM

Ladies, join us for our Catholic Women's fellowship meeting as we grow in faith and community together. We will have upcoming business to discuss, prayer time and a chance to meet other women from our parish. All women are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP newsletter

OLT YOUTH GROUP

- First night of class is September 9th.
- Classes are weekly from 6:45-7:45 PM.
- K-12 Registration information will be in the church front entrance through the month of September.

EWING YOUTH FORMATION

September 23
October 21
November 18
December 16
January 20
February 24
March 17
April 21

Located at St. Dominic's Hall

TINTERN YOUTH GROUP

- Youth group is held at Tintern Retreat Center.
- Starting in September
- Dates coming soon!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION newsletter



STC & SFN FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation Schedule 2025-2026

Date	Clearwater Site	Neligh Site
9/2/2026	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15	Class only 6:00-7:00
9/9/2026	Class only 6:00-7:00	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15
10/7/2026	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15	Class only 6:00-7:00
10/14/2026	Class only 6:00-7:00	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15
11/4/2026	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15	Class only 6:00-7:00
11/11/2026	Class only 6:00-7:00	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15
12/2/2026	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15	Class only 6:00-7:00
12/9/2026	Class only 6:00-7:00	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15
1/6/2027	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15	Class only 6:00-7:00
1/13/2027	Class only 6:00-7:00	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15
2/3/2027	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15	Class only 6:00-7:00
2/17/2027	Class only 6:00-7:00	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15
3/3/2027	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15	Class only 6:00-7:00
3/10/2027	Class only 6:00-7:00	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15
4/7/2027	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15	Class only 6:00-7:00
4/14/2027	Class only 6:00-7:00	Mass/Class 6:00-7:15

OLT CCD CLASSES

- First night of class is September 9th.
- Classes are weekly from 6:45-7:45 PM.
- K-12 Registration information will be in the church front entrance through the month of September.



Annunciation Parish Prayer Line: Adam Kester, Roger Allen, Angela Hardisty, Lainey Henn, Jan Jurgens, Alice Johnston, Bob Stoffel, Nate Thiele, Leo Starman, Nicki Dougherty, Yvonne Duggan, Anna Murdy, Steve Herrington, Kathy Long, Angela Wortman, Elaine Dittich, Alice Starman, Jane Marke, Lester Perske, Gary Werner, Charlie Harlan, Harriet Lorenz, Bob Kester, Linda (Starman) Gutchewsky, Natalya Hernandez, Steve Allemang, Jeanette Henn, Rhonda Kallhoff-Baumann, Carla Pellatz, Jane Mattern, Leonard Kerkman, Joe Ruterbories, Alice Kalloff, Briggs Strom, Jackie Busshardt, Sandy Parks, Gary Boling To add to the prayer line call for St. Francis, call Susie Ames at 402-929-0038, Milly Clemens 402-649-3194, or the Neligh Office at 402-887-4521. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, call Jeanne Dahl at 402-640-6466, St. Theresa's call Teresa Kester 402-750-0262, St. John's call Jeanne Knievel 402-929-0847, St. Peter's call Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755.

Stewardship for August 15 & 16

God bless you for your generosity!

St. Boniface, Elgin

Sunday Offertory	\$2,492.50
Sprinkler Donation	\$8,267.01
Assumption	\$1,048.00
Insurance	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$200.00

St. John the Baptist, Petersburg

Sunday Offertory	\$888.00
Assumption	\$65.00
Bazaar Donation	\$1,000.00

St. Bonaventure, Raeville

Sunday Offertory	\$1,731.50
Assumption	\$824.00
Building Fund	\$100.00

Sponsor a Sprinkler

FOR ST. BONIFACE PARISH

We are raising \$40,000 to install a new sprinkler system and lawn this fall to improve our grounds prior to our parish Q125 in 2027.

EACH SPRINKLER YOU SPONSOR IS \$250
SPONSOR AS MANY AS YOU WISH!

QUESTIONS?
Ross Schindler
402-843-0232



Envelopes are in the back of church or give online by scanning QR Code and choosing 'SPRINKLERS' from the menu.

Announcements!!

St. John the Baptist
PETERSBURG

LABOR DAY Bazaar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
★ WERNER HALL ★

DINNER SERVED
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MEAL COST:

- ★ \$15 ADULTS
- ★ \$10 KIDS 6-12
- ★ FREE UNDER 5

Please fill out tickets and drop in the collection basket with money included.

Serving
brisket, sausage, hash brown casserole, sweet corn and a delicious variety of salads and desserts.

★ BIG RAFFLE DRAWINGS ★
TOP PRIZES INCLUDE
\$1,000 ★ \$800 ★ \$700
\$600 ★ \$500

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE
★ FOR PURCHASE IN THE BACK ★
OF ALL CHURCHES

LIVE AUCTION
following the meal!

★ FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FESTIVITIES! ★



Wednesday, September 2 @ 7PM
at the parish meeting room. All heads of bazaar committee and parish council should attend.

St. John's, Petersburg, St. Boniface, Elgin & St. Bonaventure, Raeville Prayer Line: Laura Ferando, Brandon Henn, Adam Kester, Larry DeMuth, Neil Childers, Loretta Zegers, Chris Baum, Ann Beckman, Gene Heithoff, Fallon Sue Heying, Judy Johnson, Denise Jamison, Bruce Baum, Travis Pieper, Phil Stuhr, Mike Dwyer, Brett Kilty, Tom Jamieson, Nora Henn, Barb Ziegler, Jerry Stamp, Fayden Evens, Bob Redler, Vince Spieker, Rodger Riley, Pauline Pelster, Kenny Thiele, Joan Richert, Cooper Dirks, Millie Ridder, Arlene Unseld, Darlene Stuhr, Carlie Russell, Bob Tharnish, Lyle Mackel, Michelle Raclawski, Lori Krause, Joan Stoltz, Bernard Kluthe, Linda (Starman) Gutchewsky, Rita Luettel, Steve Allemang, Ashleigh Henn, Brian Dinslage, LeeAnn Atwood, Jonathan Bright, Allan Kluthe, Gary Bolling, Leo David Bell -- To add to the prayer line for St. John's, call Kelly Starman, 402-386-5570, or Kathy Koch, 402-386-5481. St. Boniface call JoAnn Beckman at 402-843-6287 or Darlene Heithoff at 402-843-5482. St. Bonaventure call Mary Ann Fangman at 402-843-6129 or Diane Scholl at 402-750-3789.

A L E T T E R F R O M F R . A N T H O N Y

Dear parishioners:

Our Gospel this weekend is the famous passage from St. Matthew on Jesus naming Simon Bar-Jonah (Simon son of Jonah) Peter (rock) and saying that He will build His Church on that rock. The Catholic Church of course believes that this was Jesus' establishment of the papacy.

Some hostile commentators, drawing from St. Augustine's interpretation, argue from the Greek that Jesus named Peter "Petros" (a little stone) but said He was going to build His Church on a "Petra" (a huge rock), so Jesus was not saying that He was going to build the Church on the person of Peter. However, modern scholars agree in consensus now that Jesus was actually speaking Aramaic rather than Greek, and that means that He actually said "Kepha" for both words. St. Matthew, in translating it into Greek, changed "petra" to "Petros" for the name so that Peter wouldn't have a feminine name. While those commentators might dispute whether St. Peter had successors who fulfilled the same role, they cannot gainsay that Jesus was saying He was building His Church on the person as well as the faith confession ("You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God") of Peter.

Non-Catholic Christians – and some Catholics, for that matter – see the Pope as someone with the authority to change Catholic Church teachings. With regard to the fundamental bedrock faith and morals teachings of the Church, Catholics do not believe that at all. We believe that we received that Deposit of the Faith from Christ through the apostles, and that while we can come to clearer and more detailed understandings of those teachings, they cannot change. We do say that the Pope is infallible – that he cannot make a mistake – but only when he clarifies that he is speaking from his authority of his teaching office about a matter of faith and morals.

It is only rarely that the Pope does that, the only two instances to this point being Pope Blessed Pius IX's declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, and Pope Venerable Pius XII's declaration of the dogma of her Assumption. Rather, the Pope has the responsibility of conveying the Deposit of the Faith to future generations. He may express those perennial teachings in new ways to apply in a particular, pastoral way to people in and outside the Church in his particular day and age, and has authority – the power to bind and to loose that Jesus speaks of in the Gospel – to adjust the Church's current disciplines in living out the faith for a particular era. For example, after the Second Vatican Council, the Church elected to change the precept that Catholics were not allowed to eat meat on any Friday to saying that this only applied to Fridays of Lent, while leaving the disciplines of Friday penance the rest of the year up to local bishops' conferences.

The point is that our faith is founded on Christ, while the Church – the worshipping assembly of God's people and family throughout the world – is indeed founded on the person of St. Peter, and the leadership of his successors, the Popes. It is good for Catholics to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church, as well as consulting past catechisms, to know the content of the Deposit of the Faith, and then to pray for whoever our current Pope is, treating him with respect, and assenting to what he has to say about the disciplines of the Church in our times. We thank God for the unity that we possess in the successors of Peter and pray that unity among Christians may continue to grow.

In Christ,
Father Anthony

Date & Time	Location	Cel.	Intention	Notes
Mon Aug 24, 8:15AM	Elgin			No Communion
Tue Aug 25, 8:30AM	Petersburg	FB AW	† Marin Schindler † Joe Knust	
Wed Aug 26, 8:15AM	Elgin	AW	† Duane & Mary Jean Koinzan	
Wed Aug 26, 8:30AM	Neligh	FB	† LeRoy Clarkson & living & deceased members of the Clarkson & Kay Families	
Wed Aug 26, 9:30AM	Accura	FB	† Laura Mae Spieker	
Wed Aug 26, 5:00PM	Elgin	AW		Confessions
Thur Aug 27, 8:15AM	Elgin	AW	† Living & Deceased Members of John & Viola Dinslage Family	Gonzaga House
Thur Aug 27, 8:30AM	Neligh	FB	† Leo & Bernadine O'Malley	
Fri Aug 28, 8:15AM	Elgin	AW	† Linda Buelt	
Fri Aug 28, 8:30AM	Neligh	FB	† Dr. Dwaine Peetz	
Sat Aug 29, 5:30PM	Tilden	FB	70th Wedding Anniversary of Joe & Phyliss Dusel	
Sat Aug 29, 5:30PM	Deloit	AW	Living members of St. John's Christian Mothers	
Sun Aug 30, 8:00AM	Raeville	FB	† LaVern Scholl	
Sun Aug 30, 8:00AM	Clearwater	AW	† Paul Vandersnick	
Sun Aug 30, 10:00AM	Elgin	FB	For the People of Our Parishes	
Sun Aug 30, 10:00AM	Neligh	AW	† Klayton Parks	

Ministry Schedule for August 29th & 30th, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 8/29/2026

5:30PM Mass - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tilden

Altar Servers: Bobby, Charlie, & Paisley T.

EMHC: Mike Dusel

Homebound: Doris O'Brien

Lector: Ruth Miller

Ushers: Billy O'Brien, Eddie O'Brien

5:30PM Mass - St. John the Baptist, Deloit

Altar Servers: Tyler P., Cohen S.

EMHC: Cathy Palmer

Gift-bearers: Jim & Bev Funk

Lector: Kelsi Schueth

Ushers: Curtis Lemburg, Paul Bartak

Sunday 8/30/2026

8:00AM Mass - St. Theresa, Clearwater

Altar Servers: Alvie & Emorie B.

EMHC: Tom Thiele

Gift-bearers: Blaine & Tina Thiele-Blecher

Lector: Sonia Rittscher

Ushers: Dean Thiele, Fred Thiele

10:00AM Mass - St. Francis of Assisi, Neligh

Altar Servers: Bode & Wyatt K.

EMHC: Jim & Kathy Koenig

Lector: Michelle Ternus

Ushers: Jaysen Sehi, Chad Shabram, Bill Kuester, Tim Woslager

10:00AM Mass - St. Boniface, Elgin

Altar Servers: Brooke & Emery B.

EMHC: Connie Dvorak

Gift-bearers: Jim & Mary Baum

Greeters: Andrew Childers, Mike Dvorak, Ron & Linda Eischeid

Homebound: Connie Dvorak, Briley Eischeid

Lector: Briley Eischeid

Music: Mark Moser

Ushers: Mike Brockhaus, Alan Reicks, Gary Dinslage, Kevin Dinslage

Sunday 8/30/2026

8:00AM Mass - St.

(Contact Joan Stuhr to schedule Communion to the sick or Homebound 402.843.0485)

Altar Servers: Briggs H., Raaf K.

EMHC: Megan Heying

Gift bearers: Bill & Ginni Fangman

Lector: Samantha Stuhr

Music: Chris Grundmayer, Joyce Reestman

Rosary Leaders: Paul & Brenda Kuhlman

Ushers: Jerry Schrage, Mark Grundmayer

Dear Parishioners,

Once you pass the toddler stage in life, you start participation in family life. Over the years, you take on different roles and the chores that go with them. It is no different for God's family, which we should understand as a royal family, for we will eventually live in the kingdom of God. God gives us chores in this life to prepare us for what He will expect of us in the next life. But it is all about family life. Our parish family is meant to be a model of that family existence and so it involves all the important aspects of the kind of family life we are supposed to be practicing. While it supports our home life and our domestic family, it is teaching us that there are bigger things that we will have to deal with as we move forward with our training.

The church is the house that we need to take care of as a gathering place for families to start thinking bigger than their own home. We need to maintain that church, protect it, keep it clean and presentable for visitors, and we gather to learn about the family of God. Just as keeping our homelife functioning, keeping a parish working involves a lot of work and resources.

Reorganizing our individual parishes into Family K has taken a lot of restructuring. Fr. John worked very hard to make that process go as smoothly as possible. One of his goals was to simplify the finances. Having eight of everything was crazy and no longer necessary. As a simple example of this, he whittled over 110 financial accounts down to around 50. It took several years to get that work done without losing track of what each dollar was intended to do by the donor. As he was doing this, it was hard to keep you informed of what was happening financially in each of the eight parishes. Things were simply changing too often and too fast. Things are now at a fairly stable point, so I have the challenge of explaining the result to you and where we stand.

The first structure to explain is the founding of Annunciation Parish from the individual parishes in Tilden, Neligh, Clearwater, Ewing, and Deloit. This was part of simplifying the accounting process, but even though most of the collection money is lumped together into one pot to pay bills, we still keep track of what is coming in from parishioners of each original parish. A simple benefit of this change was that I don't get a salary check for each of the eight parishes, even though each parish pays a portion of my salary and many other expenses that the staff deals with each month.

The way that we keep track of contributions from each parish site is not by what is collected at each Mass, but by keeping track of the particular envelopes and the online giving designations. This is important because many of you can't always attend the Mass in your home parish because of your schedule, but no matter which church within our Family K grouping you worship in, your envelope will still be recorded for your home parish.

Last year you received a basic report showing the basics of how each parishes contributions and expenses ended up for the 2024-25 fiscal year. It was formatted with pie-charts to help read it. I don't have pie-charts, but I would like to clarify some extra things that last year's report didn't include.

To help make this make sense it helps to know the size of each parish.

OLMC has 148 registered households, or about 23% of Annunciation Parish

SFN has 220 registered households, or about 33% of Annunciation Parish

STC has 112 registered households, or 17% of Annunciation Parish

SPE has 106 registered households, or 16% of Annunciation Parish

SJD has 71 registered households, or 11% of Annunciation Parish

SBE has 275 registered households

SBR has 72 registered households

SJP has 149 registered households

It is the Sunday giving that plays the biggest part in keeping each parish strong. This does not include special collections or Christmas and Easter collections. It is this figure that the archdiocese uses when it figures out the annual goal for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and the tax that is to be paid to the archdiocese. Together, these two amounts are what the archbishop uses in his efforts to keep things working.

The following are the 25-26 Sunday giving totals for each parish site.

OLMC -- \$28,515, or about \$193 per household.

SFN -- \$98,019, or about \$446 per household.

STC -- \$74,076, or about \$661 per household.

SPE -- \$41,381, or about \$390 per household.

SJD -- \$50,494, or about \$711 per household.

SBE -- \$185,460, or about \$674 per household.

SBR -- \$52,066, or about \$1,361 per household.

SJP -- \$78,226, or about \$525 per household.

There was another \$75,733 that was collected at the Annunciation collections that weren't labeled.

That adds up to about \$368,220 for ANN parish.

Since I mentioned the tax that is to be paid to the archdiocese, let's start with that expense for each parish. The Archdiocese Administration Fund (AAF) is a flat tax that every parish contributes to assist the archdiocesan operations. The archdiocese takes each parish's 6 year average of unrestricted funds (Sunday cash & coin only), to calculate a percentage. The archbishop decides on a dollar amount and each parish will pay their percentage of that number. Here are the AAF numbers for 25-26 for each parish:

ANN -- \$41,301.68

SBR -- \$6,457.11

SBE -- \$25,888.87

SJP -- \$7,908.06

Another of the expenses that each parish site must deal with is the insurance on their buildings. This is set up through the Archdiocese of Omaha with Catholic Mutual, which insures most of the dioceses in the U.S. This helps keep things fair for all of them. The costs for each of our parish sites are based on the value of the property. One other aspect of this cost is that it includes workman's compensation insurance for the employees, which doesn't include the two priests.

OLMC paid \$7,386 for 25/26 and will pay \$7,009 for 26/27.
SFN paid \$8,394 for 25/26 and will pay \$8,236 for 26/27.
STC paid \$3,395 for 25/26 and will pay \$3,307 for 26/27.
SPE paid \$8,488 for 25/26 and will pay \$8,206 for 26/27.
SJD paid \$5,987 for 25/26 and will pay \$5,831 for 26/27.
SBE paid \$25,589 for 25/26 and will pay \$26,439 for 26/27.
SBR paid \$11,632 for 25/26 and will pay \$12,864 for 26/27.
SJP paid \$ 23,731 for 25/26 and will pay \$24,492 for 26/27.

Another major expense for each parish is the Pope John assessment. Obviously, SBE carries a greater part of the cost that is not paid by tuition and fundraisers. They have the most students and the shortest distance for travel, etc. The rest of the assessments are divided between the rest of the parishes according to size. It is not exact because the number of families in a parish differs from year-to-year. In my last letter on Catholic education, I tried to explain how that works for our eight parishes and how important it is for the future of our parishes and the church in general. In case you haven't thought about it recently, the children of our parishes don't always stay here, and we gain people in our parishes who come from other parishes. This happens mostly with marriages. The amount each parish paid this past year 25/26 was:

OLMC paid \$36,000 SFN paid \$52,500 STC paid \$28,500
SPE paid \$16,500 SJD paid \$16,500 SBE paid \$370,000
SBR paid \$40,000 SJP paid \$40,000

Another major cost for each parish facility would be utilities. Here are the utility costs for 25-26.
OLMC -- \$15,342.89 SFN -- \$15,164.83 STC -- \$8,783.71 SPE -- 15,247.95
SJD -- \$11,322.78 SBE -- \$38,683.80 SBR -- \$14,211.87 SJP -- \$33,331.82

The next major budget item for each parish is the salaries. The priest and lay salaries for CPP is divided out: 50% paid by ANN, 25% paid by SBE, 12.5% paid by SBR, 12.5% paid by SJP. We must also take into consideration there are some variances in totals because of rectory rent, employees paid by a single parish and not another, etc. The salary cost for 25-26 was \$222,914 for clergy and \$332,597 for lay salaries. This includes salary, pension, insurance, mileage, and taxes which breaks down to:

ANN -- \$109,751.81 for Clergy and \$169,708 for Lay. (This divides out the same as the percentages listed above, according to the percentages of families in each parish site for ANN.)
SBE -- \$56,219.72 for Clergy and \$76,810.83 for Lay
SBR -- \$29,059.87 for Clergy and \$35,096.40 for Lay
SJP -- \$27,882.28 for Clergy and \$50,981.59 for Lay

Besides these five items of AAF tax, utilities, school subsidy, insurance, and salaries the rest of the items within the budget for each parish site are less significant. Because contributions were down for most of our parishes, several parishes had to dip into some funds meant for things other than yearly budget items. A couple parishes borrowed money to pay the last bills for 25-26. The way those currently stand is part of what I will be including in my next letter. Taking the total expenses for each parish and deducting the five items discussed in the letter, below are the remaining expenses for each parish. These expenses are general operating expenses and do not include any group expenses (altar society/Christian mothers, etc.), cemetery expenses, capital expenses, and campus specific fundraising expenses. Keep in mind that we have not talked about any fundraisers, endowments/investments, etc. at this time which would help cover these expenses. That is another part of what I will cover in my next letter.

ANN -- \$74,846.51 SBR -- \$25,220.45

SBE -- \$46,574.52 SJP -- \$34,996.20

Below you will see the board members for the groups that watch over all of this.

Annunciation Parish		St. Boniface, Elgin
Del Ames	Sara Lemburg	Ben Meis
Andy Elder	Allen Schueth	Dean Schrage
Ron Thiele	Elaine Thoendel	Jerry Kallhoff
Steve Hankla	Walt Patras	Betty Kallhoff, term ending December 2026
Denis Bergstrom		Dave Beckman
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