



# 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 29 & 30, Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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**Communion**

**Communication**

**Sustainability**

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## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ was able to do extraordinary things through the broken life of St. Paul, and He can do extraordinary things through yours. You are not too far gone. You are not too complicated. You are not too late. Christ does not wait for you to feel worthy; He simply asks, "Will you let Me in?"

Paul did not become a saint because he was exceptional. He became a saint because he said "yes" to God. The Lord speaks the same words to us that He spoke to Paul: "Get up and go. You will be told what to do." Will you follow Him? Will you entrust your life to Him? Will you say with St. Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20) St. Paul, pray for us!

--Saints in Seven Days-Hallow

| 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 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month, SFN Divine Mercy 3-4PM                                                                                 |
| Sept 2  | SBE Thanksgiving Bazaar Committe & Parish Council Meeting, Parish Meeting Room @ 7PM                                                              |
| Sept 6  | SJP Bazaar                                                                                                                                        |
| Sept 11 | Mass of Remembrance for 9/11, Archbishop McGovern, 9AM<br>St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish, Bellevue                                             |
| Sept 14 | SBE Altar Society Meeting, 7PM                                                                                                                    |
| Sept 16 | OLT Christian Women, 9:30AM, Parish Hall                                                                                                          |
| Sept 21 | OACCW 102 <sup>nd</sup> Convention, Wayne City Aud.                                                                                               |
| Sept 23 | Community Worship Night @ Abundant Life Christian Center, Neligh-Hotdogs @ 630PM, Worship @ 7PM, Free Admission, All Are Welcome                  |
| Sept 27 | STC Annual Breakfast, 8:30AM-12:30PM                                                                                                              |

## Annunciation Finance Committee \*Correction\*

Kyle Schumacher was inadvertently left off of our Annunciation Finance Committee Members list. We applogize for this error.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SEPT. 1



Pope Leo XIV has chosen "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Is 2:4) as the theme for the 2026 edition of World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This day invites Catholics to reflect on the gift of creation, recognize the impact of human activity on the environment, and commit to caring for the earth as a form of praise to God. Pope Leo XIV's message underscores the connection between armed conflict and environmental degradation, urging the faithful to prioritize sustainable development and peace over violence. It is a time to contemplate the interconnectedness of life, human suffering, and ecological responsibility.

## Upcoming Events

**As You Are**

HIS GRACE MEETS YOU HERE  
A WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- INSPIRING WORSHIP & PRAYER
- GROUP FELLOWSHIP & ACTIVITIES
- QUIET MOMENTS FOR REFLECTION

\$25 REGISTRATION FEE

OCTOBER 10, 2026  
9:00 AM

TO REGISTER:  
402-843-0573  
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ST. BONIFACE CHURCH  
ELGIN, NE

**Thank You!** ❤️  
from  
**Luettel Kitchen**

The Luettel Kitchen would like to *thank* everyone for supporting them during **Rae Valley Days!**

JOIN US!  
**AUGUST 30**  
11:00 AM-1:00 PM  
— or until gone —  
at  
**WERNER HALL**

**HAMBURGERS ★ CHEESEBURGERS**  
**COWBOY BEANS ★ CHIPS ★ COOKIES**

## 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 22 & 23

*God bless you for your generosity!*

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Offertory  | \$11,710.00 |
| Assumption        | \$90.00     |
| Maintenance       | \$125.00    |
| School Support    | \$50.00     |
| STC Building Fund | \$8,000.00  |



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

**Announcements!!**



The Box of Joy project will be collected  
and taken to the OACCW Convention.

The final pick-up date is September  
20<sup>th</sup>. More information, including a list  
of suggested donation items and a  
collection box are available in the back  
of St. Francis, Neligh. Please consider  
helping by making a donation. For more  
information, contact Linda Hankla @  
402.750.2384

## YOUTH GROUP newsletter

### TINTERN YOUTH GROUP

September 13

October 18

November 15

December 13

January 17

February 14

March 14

April 18

May 16

*Starts at 5:00 PM with socializing  
and supper followed by content  
and discussion until 7:30*

### 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*

### 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 throughout the month of September.



## 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 throughout 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 Bolling 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 22 & 23

*God bless you for your generosity!*

### St. Boniface, Elgin

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Sunday Offertory   | \$3,470.98 |
| Sprinkler Donation | \$2,750.00 |
| Insurance          | \$4,500.00 |

### St. John the Baptist, Petersburg

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Sunday Offertory    | \$1,588.75 |
| Assumption Cemetery | \$70.00    |
|                     | \$650.00   |

### St. Bonaventure, Raeville

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Sunday Offertory | \$80.00 |
|------------------|---------|

## Welcome to the Catholic Faith!

Congratulation to Ethan Nathan & Andrea (O'Brien) Anderson, on the baptism of their daughter, Caroline Amy at St. Boniface, Elgin on August 23, 2026!

## Baptism Class

Tuesday September 15,  
7PM at the  
Convent Meeting Room  
in Elgin.

Please contact  
Gwen Beckman @  
402.843.8137  
to register

## The Passion of JOHN THE BAPTIST August 29th

Prayer: Saint John the Baptist, you were given a holy mission and sanctified in the womb of your mother in preparation for that mission. You never deviated from your calling and always pointed the way to Christ, the Savior of all. Please pray for me, that I will have the same courage you had and the resolve to fulfill my duties, no matter the cost.

Saint John the Baptist, pray for me.

Jesus, I trust in You.

**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

**BIG RAFFLE DRAWINGS**  
TOP PRIZES INCLUDE

★ \$1,000 ★ \$800 ★ \$700  
★ \$600 ★ \$500

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

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

**LIVE AUCTION**  
following the meal!

**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FESTIVITIES!**

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.

## Ministry Schedule for September

### **Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)**

**Altar Servers:** Larrisa V., Trigg & Emma B.

**EMHC:** LuAnn Koch, JoAnn Penne, Mary Rautenburg

**Homebound:** Ruth O'Brien

**Lector:** Jeanne Oelsligle

**Ushers:** Mark O'Brien, Ron Koch

#### **5:30 pm Mass – St. John (Deloit)**

**Altar Servers:** Aurelia & JB M.

**EMHC:** Lisa Mlnarik, Emmerson Mlnarik, Cathy Palmer

**Gift-bearers:** Dale & Linda Funk

**Lector:** Angela Tagel

**Ushers:** Marty Kerkman, Curtis Lemberg

### **Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

#### **8:00 am Mass – St. Bonaventure (Raeville)**

**Altar Servers:** Wyatt S., Briggs H.

**EMHC:** Megan Heying, Jeannette Bode, Brenda Kuhlman

**Gift-bearers:** Scott & Stephanie Stuhr

**Lector:** Samantha Stuhr

**Music:** Paul Kuhlman

**Rosary Leaders:** Ken & Joan Stuhr

**Ushers:** Bob Bode, Bryan Bode

#### **8:00 am Mass – St. Theresa (Clearwater)**

**Altar Servers:** Alvie & Emorie B.

**EMHC:** Marlen Thiessen, Kevin Filsinger, Luke Kester, Jennifer & Duane Kester

**Gift-bearers:** Gail & Connie Cronin

**Lector:** Deb Schlecht

**Ushers:** Ron Thiele, Joe Thiele

#### **10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)**

**Altar Servers:** Josslyn H., Elise H., Dacia M.

**EMHC:** Susie & Del Ames, Michelle Ternus, Nick Strom, Marian Shabram

**Lector:** Milly Clemens

**Ushers:** Gary Gunderson, Randy Kallhoff, John Anderson, Daryl Booth

#### **10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)**

**Altar Servers:** Harmon & Max B.

**EMHC:** Deacon Dennis, Ashley Niewhoner, Julie Schiltmeyer, Tom & Bonnie Hoefer

**Gift-bearers:** Greg & Deb Tharnish

**Greeters:** Chuck & Connie, Gene Heithoff, Michelle Reicks

**Homebound:** Terry Reicks, Bonnie Hofer

**Lector:** Betty Kalhoff

**Music:** Deb Baum, Becky Kerkman

**Ushers:** Terry Reicks, Allen Reicks, Bob Schitmeyer, Gary Schiltmeyer

### **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

#### **5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)**

**Altar Servers:** Hayden, Reese, Logan B.

**EMHC:** Rose Schaecher, Vernel Zwingmann, Sarah Black

**Homebound:** Bill Hatterman

**Lector:** Rosemary Patras

**Ushers:** Walt Patras, Joe O'Brien

#### **5:30 pm Mass – St. Peter (Ewing)**

**Altar Servers:** Cooper N., Brekkan S.

**EMHC:** Helen Larson, Gina Koenig, Carol Rotherham

**Giftbearers:** Pat, Beth & Jacque Regan

**Lector:** Kathy Arens

**Ushers:** Kevin Koenig, Denis Berstrom

### **Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

#### **8:00 am Mass – St. John (Petersburg)**

**Altar Servers:** Christian P., Kenzie W.

**EMHC:** Deacon John & Kelly Starman, Jan Temme

**Homebound:** Jeanne Temme (Sept.20–Rod Stuhr)

**Lector:** Rod Stuhr

**Money:** Adam Weis, Jay Pelster

**Music:** Alan & Jeanne Temme

**Ushers:** Rick Pelster, Scott Priester

#### **8:00 am Mass – St. Theresa (Clearwater)**

**Altar Servers:** Luke K., Weston F.

**EMHC:** Crystal & Paul Kester, Tom & Diane Kester, Koryn Koinzen

**Gift-bearers:** Shawn & Chantelle Demster

**Lector:** Tina Thiele–Bletcher

**Ushers:** Curt Thiele, Steve Thiele

#### **10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)**

**Altar Servers:** Carter & Charlie C., Haden F.

**EMHC:** Ron Beacom, Bill Kuester, Carla Teel, Milly Clemens, Jim & Kathy Koenig

**Lector:** Ron Gilg

**Ushers:** Gary Gunderson, Trent Hoefer, Randy Kalloff, Duane Knievel

#### **10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)**

**Altar Servers:** Brecken & Owen C.

**EMHC:** Heather Veik, Dave & Gwen Beckman, Deb Beckman, Luke Beckman

**Gift-bearers:** Mike & Kristen Zegers

**Greeters:** Gary & Jayne Arehart, Ted & JoAnn Baum

**Homebound:** Dave & Gwen Beckman, Briley Eischeid

**Lector:** Briley Eischeid

**Music:** Mark Moser

**Ushers:** Jeff Schindler, Jacob Schindler, Ross Schindler, Mark Schrage

### **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

#### **5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)**

**Altar Servers:** Ella D., Hunter G.

**EMHC:** Jolene Schapmann

**Homebound:** Jolene Schapmann

**Lector:** Natilie Dittmer

**Ushers:** Eddie O'Brien, Stan Schapmann

#### **5:30 pm Mass – St. John (Deloit)**

**Altar Servers:** Molly M., Cooper M.

**EMHC:** Marilyn Sehi, Angela Tagel

**Giftbearers:** Jim & Bev Funk

**Lector:** Ann Kurpgeweit

**Ushers:** Chris Tagel, Jason Schindler



## **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **8:00 am Mass – St. Bonaventure (Raeville)**

**Altar Servers:** Diedrick & Raaf K.

**EMHC:** Jake Grundmayer

**Gift-bearers:** Ken & Joan Stuhr

**Lector:** Mark Grundmayer

**Music:** Chris Grundmayer, Joyce Reestman

**Rosary Leaders:** Fred & Mary Ann Fangman

**Ushers:** Jerry Bode, Christopher Bode

### **8:00 am Mass – St. Theresa (Clearwater)**

**Altar Servers:** Lewis & Tony A.

**EMHC:** Kevin Filsinger

**Gift-bearers:** Steve & Linda Hankla

**Lector:** Connie Cronin

**Ushers:** Gary Thiele, Tom Thiele

### **10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)**

**Altar Servers:** Gracelyn & Charlie W., Joslyn T.

**EMHC:** Joe & Bev Hartz

**Lector:** Kathy Sauser

**Ushers:** Gary Gunderson, Tim Kallhoff, Randy Kallhoff, Chad Shabram

### **10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)**

**Altar Servers:** Emery B., Harper C.

**EMHC:** Chelsi Childers

**Gift-bearers:** Terry & Mary Jane Bauer

**Greeters:** Mike & Connie Dvorak, Andrew Childers, Becky Keilty

**Homebound:** Chelsi & Tyler Childers, Connie Dvorak

**Lector:** Linda Kerkman

**Music:** Mark & Julie Dwyer

**Ushers:** Paul Schrage, Dean Schrage, Terry Bauer, Mike Zegers

## **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **5:30 pm Mass – OLMC (Tilden)**

**Altar Servers:** Carter & Blake H.

**EMHC:** Brianna O'Brien

**Homebound:** Brianna O'Brien

**Lector:** Brent Lube

**Ushers:** Billy O'Brien, Keith Meyer

### **5:30 pm Mass – St. Peters (Ewing)**

**Altar Servers:** Charlee & Paityn W.

**EMHC:** Mike Summers

**Giftbearers:** Butch & Carol Rotherham

**Lector:** Karen Funk

**Ushers:** Dan Koenig, Greg Napier

## **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **8:00 am Mass – St. John the Baptist (Petersburg)**

**Altar Servers:** Levi K., Emmery P.

**EMHC:** Deacon John Starman

**Homebound:** Teresa Heying (Oct 11-Kay Priester)

**Lector:** Anita Krohn

**Money:** Rick Pelster, Eric Petsche

**Music:** Rod Stuhr, Jan & Jeff Temme

**Ushers:** Dale Salber, Wally Scholl

### **8:00 am Mass – St. Theresa (Clearwater)**

**Altar Servers:** Ayden & Jayde B.

**EMHC:** Francis Hanzlik

**Gift-bearers:** Duane & Jennifer Kester

**Lector:** Carol Kester

**Ushers:** Kevin Filsinger, Jarod Bearinger

### **10:00 am Mass – St. Francis (Neligh)**

**Altar Servers:** Carson & Breckin H., Tatem S.

**EMHC:** Hannah Hoefer, Kathy Sauser

**Lector:** Trent Hoefer

**Ushers:** Gary Gunderson, Randy Kalloff, Nick Strom, Tim Woslager

### **10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface (Elgin)**

**Altar Servers:** Harper & Jackson E.

**EMHC:** Jessica Niewohner

**Gift-bearers:** Jim & Mary Baum

**Greeters:** Ron & Linda Eischeid, Travis & Carmen Eischeid

**Homebound:** Jessica Niewohner, Abby Lodge

**Lector:** Jodine Meis

**Music:** Deb Baum, Becky Kerkman

**Ushers:** Chris Baum, Ted Baum, Scott Beckman, Ryan Lodge

**If you are unable to fulfill your  
assigned ministry at Mass,  
please contact fellow  
parishioners to arrange for a  
replacement.**

**If you or a member of your family would like to participate in the liturgy as a Server, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Usher, Greeter, or in another ministry during Mass, please contact the parish office. We would be happy to help you get involved.**

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



**Dear parishioners:**

**“You duped me, and I let myself be duped,” says the prophet Jeremiah to God in our first reading this weekend. God called him to be His prophet, to speak God’s truth and word to the house of Israel, and it has only brought Jeremiah mockery, persecution, and suffering, but he cannot help but continue to serve God and proclaim His word.**

**St. Paul tells us in the second reading “to offer (our) bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God... Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.” May we always keep our eyes on Jesus in these confusing times and place the fullness of trust in His surpassing love for us.**

**In this week’s Gospel, Jesus tells the apostles that He will have to be rejected and crucified but will rise on the third day. The apostles do not understand the concept of rising from the dead and what this will mean, but they understand the prediction of Jesus’ defeat and death well enough. They must believe that Jesus has gone off the deep end, and that He’s going to take them with Him after they have dedicated everything, they have to Him.**

**It is perhaps no surprise, then, that Peter takes Jesus aside and tries to dissuade Him from this idea and course. Jesus immediately rebukes Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an obstacle to Me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Jesus then takes the opportunity to tell the disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”**

**Some people in our times have tried to assert that following Christ leads to worldly prosperity, or to claim that right relationship with God leads to earthly happiness in worldly terms. They come to see God as a Santa Claus who will grant us everything we want because we believe in Jesus. Obviously, we see from the Savior’s very words that this is not and never has been the case. Rather, following Jesus faithfully leads to suffering and challenge. We as Catholics believe that being baptized into Christ does restore us from Original Sin to become children of God, but acknowledge that we are left with concupiscence, the selfish tendencies in our nature left over from that Original Sin, which we must continue to struggle against. To live as God asks us, we must give up our own will and place our trust in God. This can lead to loss and nearly always leads to suffering, as we crucify that selfishness within us. When we obey God, this looks like foolishness in the view of those who do not believe in Him, which can lead to mockery and some degree of isolation.**

**All this suffering, this carrying of the cross, might lead us to ask, “Is it all worth it?” If we have really come to trust in and internalize how much God loves us, we know the answer already. The cross that Jesus calls us to carry is the same as the one He carried – the love of God and neighbor. St. Bernard teaches us that love is its own reward. If we follow Jesus faithfully, we will suffer the death of our selfishness, but we gain fellowship with other believers, as well with the angels and saints in heaven. We will then receive a sense of joy, peace, well-being, and the promise of eternal life which will be more joyful than we can imagine.**

**In Christ,  
Fr. Anthony**

| Date & Time         | Location   | Cel.     | Intention                                                      | Notes                                   |
|---------------------|------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Mon Aug 31, 8:15AM  | Elgin      | DW       |                                                                | Communion                               |
| Tue Sept 1, 8:30AM  | Petersburg | AW<br>FB | † Henry Bigge<br>† Russell Stokes                              |                                         |
| Wed Sept 2, 8:15AM  | Elgin      | FB       | † Hank & Rosie Schueth                                         | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
| Wed Sept 2, 8:30AM  | Neligh     | AW       | † Nick & Karen Ramold                                          |                                         |
| Wed Sept 2, 9:30AM  | Willows    | AW       | † Living & Deceased members of Stanley Sojka Family            |                                         |
| Wed Sept 2, 5:00PM  | Elgin      | FB       |                                                                | Confessions                             |
| Thur Sept 3, 8:15AM | Elgin      | FB       | † Vince Kallhoff                                               |                                         |
| Thur Sept 3, 8:30AM | Neligh     | AW       | † Roman Hupp                                                   |                                         |
| Fri Sept 4, 8:15AM  | Elgin      | FB       | † Randy Henn                                                   |                                         |
| Fri Sept 4, 8:30AM  | Neligh     | AW       | † Cindy Meyer                                                  |                                         |
| Sat Sept 5, 5:30PM  | Tilden     | AW       | For the People of Our Parishes                                 |                                         |
| Sat Sept 5, 5:30PM  | Deloit     | FB       | † Joe, Theresa, Joey Knievel                                   |                                         |
| Sun Sept 6, 8:00AM  | Raeville   | AW       | † Bill Lorenz & Living & Deceased Members of the Lorenz Family |                                         |
| Sun Sept 6, 8:00AM  | Clearwater | FB       | † Art & Margaret Kuester                                       |                                         |
| Sun Sept 6, 10:00AM | Elgin      | AW       | † LeRoy Kerkman                                                |                                         |
| Sun Sept 6, 10:00AM | Neligh     | FB       | † Living & Deceased Family Members of John & Margaret Koenig   |                                         |

## Ministry Schedule for September 5 & 6, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday 9/5/2026

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

**Altar Servers:** Larissa V., Trigg & Emma B.

**EMHC:** LuAnn Koch, JoAnn Penne, Mary Rauntenberg

**Homebound:** Ruth O'Brien

**Lector:** Jeanne Oelsligle

**Ushers:** Mark O'Brien, Ron Koch

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

**Altar Servers:** JB & Aurelia M.

**EMHC:** Lisa Mlnarik, Emerson Mlnarik, Cathy Palmer

**Gift-bearers:** Dale & Linda Funk

**Lector:** Angela Tagel

**Ushers:** Marty Kerkman, Curtis Lemburg

### Sunday 9/6/2026

#### 8:00AM Mass - St. Bonaventure, Raeville

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

**Altar Servers:** Wyatt S., Briggs H.

**EMHC:** Megan Heying, Jeanette Bode, Brenda Kuhlman

**Gift-bearers:** Scott & Steph Stuhr

**Lector:** Samatha Stuhr

**Music:** Paul Kuhlman

**Rosary Leaders:** Ken & Joan Stuhr

**Ushers:** Bob Bode, Bryan Bode

### Sunday 9/6/2026

#### 8:00AM Mass - St. Theresa, Clearwater

**Altar Servers:** Alvie & Emorie B.

**EMHC:** Marlene Thiessen, Kevin Filsinger, Jennifer & Duane Kester, Luke Kester

**Gift-bearers:** Connie & Gail Cronin

**Lector:** Deb Schlecht

**Ushers:** Ron Thiele, Joe Thiele

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

**Altar Servers:** Josslyn H., Elise H., Dacia M.

**EMHC:** Del & Susie Ames, Michelle Ternus, Doris Ternus, Nick Strom, Marian Shabram

**Lector:** Milly Clemens

**Ushers:** Gary Gunderson, John Anderson, Daryl Booth, Randy Kallhoff

#### 10:00AM Mass - St. Boniface, Elgin

**Altar Servers:** Max & Hamon B.

**EMHC:** Julie Schiltmeyer, Deacon Dennis Wiehn, Ashley Niewohner, Bonnie Hoefer, Tom Hoefer

**Gift-bearers:** Greg & Deb Thamish

**Greeters:** Chuck & Connie Pelster, Gene Heithoff, Michelle Reicks

**Homebound:** Terry Reicks, Bonnie Hoefer

**Lector:** Betty Kallhoff

**Music:** Deb Baum, Becky Kerkman

**Ushers:** Terry Reicks, Alan Reicks, Gary Schiltmeyer, Bob Schiltmeyer