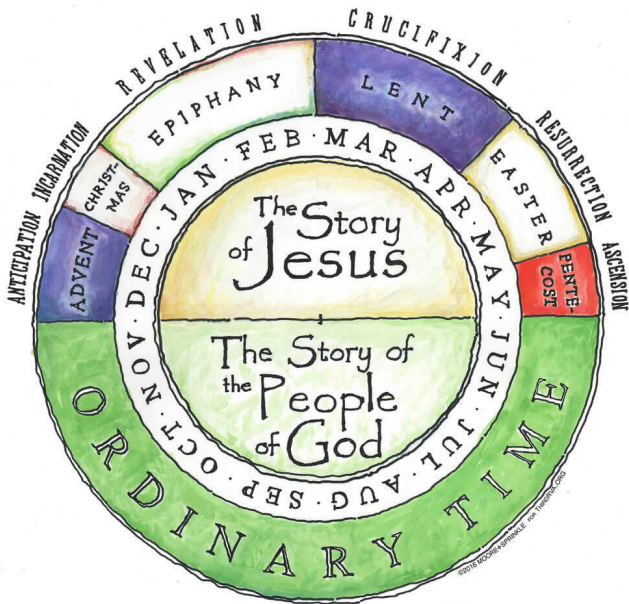


# Catholic Parishes in Partnership

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

First Sunday of Advent – Lectionary Cycle A

November 27, 2022



**ADVENT... A SEASON OF PREPARATION... OF GETTING READY**  
When a year ends and a new one begins, it's good to take a deep breath moment to reflect and see where we've been and where we are going. This season of Advent is a gift from the Church to help us do this. Especially when our world around us pressures us with extra frenetic activity, we are invited to prayer, planning, preparation, and peace.

**SPIRITUAL CLEANING... PARISH Penance / RECONCILIATION**  
This year we are looking to have parish penance services during our Advent season. Sin creates a spiritual weight that we carry, and forgiveness removes this weight and strengthens us with grace. We want people to have the opportunity to have these burdens lifted. In addition to our regular confession times:

- On Sun Dec 11 (with the help of Fr. Mark Tomasiewicz):
  - 2PM – St. Michael's in Albion
  - 4:30PM – St. Boniface in Elgin
- On Sun Dec 18 (with the help of area priests):
  - 2PM – St. Peter's in Ewing
  - 3:30PM – St. Theresa's in Clearwater

## PREPARING FOR TWO COMINGS OF CHRIST

I know that my miles of ministry often causes me to see a mechanic for a tune-up and an oil change. The first part of Advent asks us to consider how ready we are for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ. What if Jesus comes back for the end of the world and the beginning of the new creation? Am I ready and prepared for his judgment? Am I ready and prepared to accept salvation on his terms, rather than dictating my own terms? The first part of Advent helps me to see where I struggle to let Jesus be my King, my Lord, my Savior.

The second part of Advent focuses on how Jesus came to us 2000 years ago and how he comes to me today. God does not demand that we climb some mountain to ascend to him. God descends to us. Jesus appears in all humility... because the all-powerful God becomes as vulnerable and needy as a baby. God will move heaven and earth to meet us, save us, and redeem us. He calls love out of us, and he makes us capable of so much more by his grace and love. The first part of Advent is about whether I am ready to go meet God. The second part of Advent is about whether I am ready to receive him as he comes.

## WHAT DOES 'DOING ADVENT' LOOK LIKE?

We have these next four Sundays of Advent to reflect on the promise of God coming to us.

As we begin this season, you might have an Advent wreath on your table or in your home that helps us count down our way to Christmas. These themes are meant to accompany the weeks of our Advent season:

- The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.
- The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

source: catholiccompany.com/getfed/

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

This year Christmas falls on a Sunday! ...and the same is true for New Year's! We have four full weeks of Advent preparation... The weekend with Christmas will follow our Christmas schedule. The weekend with New Year's will be a normal weekend schedule.

Christmas Eve/Day Masses 'up North': 4PM – SPE / 6PM - STC / Midnight – SJD / 10AM – STC

Christmas Eve/Day Masses 'down South': 4PM – SBR / 8AM – SJP / 10AM – SBE

## ENGAGING THIS SEASON

I hope that Advent is a blessed time for you. We will make some additional resources available. Word Among Us booklets are available to engage the daily and weekend readings of this Advent season. Taking time to pray hedges off the busyness. Know of my prayers for you in this time as well.

Peace,

*Fr. John*

# St. Boniface Elgin

## Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday (31 Env)	\$2,283.80
God's Portion	\$4,480.00
Catholic Charities	\$30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$60.00
Christmas	\$20.00

Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 21

Budgeted Total	\$99,215.60
Actual Total	\$86,246.47
Amount Behind	(\$12,969.13)

**St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure: Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Jolene Lichty, Terry Dinslage, Dave Shrader, Chris Stargel, Matt Golden, John King, Janet Sorenson, Judy Stiemle, Vicky Kolterman, Infant Graham Sayers, Al Haines, Lucy Knievel, Gary Hamik, Juli Patrowsky, Jan Dozler, Marcia Redler, Al Schmid, Darrell Getzfred, Patricia Wilkinson, Aubree Lemke, Adam Kester, Helen Dvorak, Brenda Papstein, Buggs Henn, Tristian Dredge, Teresa Moore, Connie Jessen, Robbie Evans, Ray Pelster, Barbara Ann Ziegler, Elaine Kimes. **Parishioners:** Neil Childers, Marie Cheatum, Loretta Zegers, Pat Evans, Donna Mackel, Gene Heithoff, Juan Hoefer, Gloria Lordemann, Marin Schindler, Chris Baum, George Childers, Diane Kerkman, infant Fallon Sue Heying, Phyllis Tharnish, Ann Beckman, Bernadine Hoefer. **Please let us know if name can be removed, 843-2345.**

**ELGIN PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** St. Boniface: Call Mary Jane Boes 402-843-2379/JoAnn Beckman 402-843-6287

## St. Boniface Men's Circle Schedule for SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

for Parish Grounds

**Sundays ALL CIRCLES**

Mondays	CIRCLE 1	(Arehart-Buelt)
Tuesdays	CIRCLE 2	(Busteed-Getzfred)
Wednesdays	CIRCLE 3	(Gossman-Kinney)
Thursdays	CIRCLE 4	(Kluthe-Payne)
Fridays	CIRCLE 5	(Pelster-Schrage)
Saturdays	CIRCLE 6	(Schueths-Zwingman)

**Please mark your calendars for your day.**

Men's Circle Leaders are asked to be the lead on your day, checking out our whole square block, plus the gym and sister's to see what needs attention. Then you and your assistant leader can text/call your list.

## St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

11-21-22	Joe Bode	\$60.00
11-22-22	Bonnie Krebs	\$60.00
11-23-22	Jim & Betty Getzfred Prin. Schumacher	B-Day \$80.00
11-24-22	Ron Eischeid	Thanksgiving \$85.00
11-25-22	Tracey Schindler	\$60.00
11-26-22	Joan Schindler	\$60.00
11-27-22	Percy Payne	\$75.00

**Only 4 more days to buy your 2023 Calendar!!! \$60 Each**

**Forms are in Church or last week's bulletin**

**Deadline December 1 or sooner if they sell out!!**

## St. Boniface and St. Bonaventure Parishioners,

If you wish to donate a Poinsettia, or memorial to be used for other Christmas decorations, in memory of a loved one, please use your Flower Envelope, dated November 27 and drop it in the collection. Please mark on the envelope who the donation is given in memory of. The price for a poinsettia is **\$15.00.**

## St. Boniface Altar Society Circle Worklist

(households are asked to assist one another in these duties)

**Church Cleaning:** Circle 5-6 (December 15)

**Next Funeral:** Circle 2

**Next Charity:** Circle 6 (Haul Nativity Totes Dec. 11)

**Next Meeting:** (Tent) Monday, December 12 at 7 pm



**The Men of St. Boniface Parish are holding a Gun Raffle, with the net profit to the 2022 Bazaar.** Tickets were sold at the

Bazaar and are available through the men of the parish until December 23, since they make a great stocking stuffers (but don't worry, winner is not announced until right after Christmas!) **Tickets are \$5.00 each for a chance to win a STOEGER M3000 28" Barrel 12-Gauge Shotgun.** Questions? Contact Ross Schindler, 402-843-0232.



## CHOIR PRACTICE

St. Boniface Choir will be singing for Christmas Day at 10:00 am. We would love to have many voices! Please consider coming to the first **Choir Rehearsal** this

**Wednesday evening, November 30 at 7:30 pm at St. Boniface Church.** Deb Baum will provide accompaniment and Mark Dwyer will direct. **All are welcome!**

**Choir Practice Schedule (all on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm)**  
November 30, December 7, 14 and 21.



## Advent Candles

Advent candles, tapers or votives, and candle rings are available at the Religious Articles Store at the Elgin Parish Office.



**God's Portion is for all parish households, not just for ag producers!**

*An extra portion, in this annual budgeted collection goes far in our parishes!*

## God's Portion Totals

**St. Boniface Elgin** Budgeted: \$50,000  
Rec'd to date: \$40,993.05  
82% of Goal

**St. Bonaventure Raeville** Budgeted: \$16,500  
Rec'd to date: \$9,169.69  
56% of Goal



**We are grateful to all who participated in our highly successful Grocery Sales Project. May God bless you for your generous support!**

Pope John Students

**Don't forget the FOOD PANTRY!!!**

Items can be placed in the tubs at the east entrance to the St. Boniface church basement.

## This Week in Our Parishes...

Day	Date	Time	Events
Monday	November 28	7:30 pm	St. John's Deloit Rosary /Meditation
Tuesday	November 29	Noon	Bulletin Deadline for December 4 <sup>th</sup> Bulletin
Wednesday	November 30	9:30 am	Bible Study at St. Dominic's Hall in Ewing
Wednesday	November 30	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church (JS)
Wednesday	November 30	5-6:00 pm	North Family Formation Student Only Class
Wednesday	November 30	6:00/7:15 pm	PRE Classes at St. Mike's Albion for St. John Students
Wednesday	November 30	6:30-7:15 pm	South Family Form. Class/Fr's Talk "Nativity & Incarnation" Mass 6pm
Wednesday	November 30	7:30 pm	St. Boniface Choir Practice (new members welcome) 1 <sup>st</sup> Session
Thursday	December 1	-----	Eucharistic Day of Prayer at St. Boniface Church
Thursday	December 1	-----	St. Boniface No School
Sunday	December 4	9am-Noon	CCPJ Breakfast at St. Boniface Gym

### St. Peter's St. John's Deloit

#### Financial Stewardship St. Peter's Ewing

November 20: \$997.00 God's Portion: \$500.00  
Insurance: \$100.00 Catholic Charity: \$60.00

#### St. John's Deloit

November 20: \$593.00  
Catholic Charity: \$115.00

#### St. Theresa's

November 20: \$1,309.00 Catholic Charity: \$207.00  
Christmas Flowers: \$20.00

#### FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

**St. Peter's:** Infant Nash Koenig, Bob Walnofer, Nicki Dougherty, Kathi Retwisch, Sister Joseph, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick and Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel. (To start prayerline, call Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755).

**St. John's:** Darlene Schueth (To start prayerline, call Jeanne Knievel 402-929-0847).

**St. Theresa's:** Bob Mattini, Geri-Jo Dyrda, Leo Starman, Nate Thiele and Adam Kester. (To start prayerline, call Teresa Kester 402-750-0262)

 **St. Peter's Christian Mothers will have a meeting on Thurs., Dec. 8, 2022 at 2:00 pm at St. Dominic Hall.** It is a Holy Day, come and relax. It is also Advent, bring your Christmas Spirit to help us prepare to celebrate Jesus Birthday! We should have bazaar results by them, too.

#### ADVENT



#### BREAKFAST

#### St. John the Baptist, Deloit Advent Breakfast

Sunday, December 18, following Mass.  
Everyone from our family of parishes are invited to attend.



**ST. THERESA PARISHIONERS:** If you wish to donate a Poinsettia, or memorial to be used toward the cost of flowers/decorations in memory of a loved one at Christmas time, please put your donation in an envelope marked **CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION** and drop it in the box in the back of church. There is an envelope in your packet dated November 27.



#### Vocation Cross for December

**St. Peter's:** Pete & Karen Funk

Gene & LaVonne Sisson

**St. John's:** Steve & Motana Mueller Family

### St. Bonaventure Raeville

#### Financial Stewardship St. Bonaventure Raeville

Sunday Collection (14 Env.)	\$998.00
Rae's of Sunlight	\$200.00
Catholic Charities	\$40.00
God's Acre	\$400.00

#### Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 21

Budgeted Total	\$21,000.00
Actual Total	\$22,994.47
Amount Ahead	\$1,994.47

**Prayer Line Requests at St. Bonaventure:** Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-843-6129 or Dianne Scholl 402-386-5256.

**St. Bonaventure Christian Mothers will meet Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1:30 pm at the Raeville Rectory. Please come and join us.**



Please pray for the soul of **Caden Rhods** of Papillion who passed away last week. Caden was almost 6 months old, and the great-grandson of Joe Reestman, great-nephew of Ken (Joyce) Reestman and Mark Reestman, and cousin to Tyler (Jessica) Reestman, of our parish. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.



Please pray for the soul of **Ronald Lorenz** of Lincoln, who passed away this week. Ronald is the brother of Joan (Ken) Stuhr and uncle of Rachel Stuhr and Brian (Clarissa) Stuhr of our parish. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

#### "Are we ready to receive Him?

**Before the birth of Jesus,**  
His parents asked for a simple dwelling place,  
but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were  
looking for a home for Jesus, would they  
choose...your heart, and all it holds?  
Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome  
Jesus at Christmas..."



## Mass Intentions for the week.....

Day	Date	Time	Location	Cele	Intentions
Monday	November 28	----	Elgin	---	NO Communion Service
Tuesday	November 29	8:15 am	Elgin	JN	+Hank & Rosie Schueths (Rosary after)
Tuesday	November 29	8:30 am	Petersb.	JS	+Ruth Kerkman (Rosary prior)
Wednesday	November 30	6:00 pm	Elgin	JS	+Arlene Curran <b>South Family Formation Mass</b>
Wednesday	November 30	5-5:30 pm	Elgin	JS	Confessions at St. Boniface Church (Fr. Sund)
Wednesday	November 30	8:30 am	Clearw.	JN	+Ted, Lucy & Scott Allemang
Thursday	December 1	8:30 am	Ewing	JN	+Mary Edwards
Thursday	December 1	8:15 am	Elgin	DW	+Communion Service <b>Eucharistic Day of Prayer Begins</b>
Thursday	December 1	8:30 am	Raeville	JS	+Jerome Starman
Friday	December 2	8:15 am	Elgin	JS	+Lawrence Wiehn <b>by PJ 11<sup>th</sup> Gr. First Friday Eucharistic Day of Prayer Ends</b>
Friday	December 2	8:30 am	Deloit	JN	+Kyle Warren
Saturday	December 3	5:30 pm	Ewing	JS	+Jim & Jolyene Koenig
Saturday	December 3	7:00 pm	Petersb.	JN	+Ambrose & Cecilia Ausedemore
Sunday	December 4	8:00 am	Raeville	JN	+Viola Pelster
Sunday	December 4	10:00 am	Elgin	JN	+Leonard & Taureta Borer
Sunday	December 4	10:00 am	Clearw.	JS	For the People of our Parishes
Sunday	December 4	11:30 am	Deloit	JS	+Dr. Dwaine Peetz Sr.

**REMINDER-When there is a funeral, the weekday Mass in that location will be rescheduled.**

### Liturgical Schedule for Saturday-Sunday, December 3-4, 2022

Weekend	Servers	Ushers	Greeters-Elg. Rosary Ldrs-Rae. Money – Petersb.	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	E.M.H.C. *To the Homebound Prec. Blood only 1 <sup>st</sup> weekend of month
<b>Saturday DECEMBER 3 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING</b>	Charlee Wagner Paityn Wagner	Aaron Hoke Greg Napier	-----	Bill & Mary Woslager	Tammy Summers	Follow Schedule	<b>Precious Blood:</b> Mike Summers, Gina Koenig, Carol Rotherham
<b>Saturday DECEMBER 3 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG</b>	Christian Preister Kaitey Schumacher	Wally Scholl Larry Zegers	Money: Eric Petsche Jay Pelster	-----	Lisa Schumacher	Jill Nore	Deacon John Starman <b>Precious Blood:</b> Teresa Heying, Jeanne Temme <b>To the Homebound:</b> Larry Pelster
<b>Sunday DECEMBER 4 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE</b>	Kaiden Bode Aiden Klein	Bob Bode Jerry Bode	Rosary Leaders: Ken & Joan Stuhr	Cyril & Joyce Pelster	Tami Schrage	Joyce Reestman	<b>Precious Blood:</b> Jeanette Bode, Brian Stuhr, Mark Grundmayer, Jake Grundmayer, Paul Kuhlman
<b>Sunday DECEMBER 4 10:00 am St. Boniface Elgin</b>	Eli Pace Michael Selting	Leigh Kluthe Dave Kerkman Mike Kerkman Steve Kerkman	Karen Eischeid- W Gene Heithoff- N Dave Kerkman- S	Brian & Kelsey Selting Family	Mary Jane Bauer	Deb Baum Becky Kerkman	Pastor, Deacon Dennis Wiehn <b>Precious Blood:</b> *Dave Beckman (to the sick), *Gwen Beckman (to the sick), JoAnn Beckman, Sister Pat Hoffman
<b>Sunday DECEMBER 4 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER</b>	Ayden Bazelman Jayde Bazelman	Steve Hankla Francis Hanzlik	-----	Shane & Regina Krebs	Sonia Rittscher	Follow Schedule	<b>Precious Blood:</b> John Moser, Teena Moser, Tom Kester, Diana Kester, Marlene Thiessen
<b>Sunday DECEMBER 4 11:30 am St. John's DELOIT</b>	Alec Schindler Cohen Schindler	Paul Dicke Gary Bartak	-----	Kylee & Tonya Funk Family	Angela Tagel	Follow Schedule	<b>Precious Blood:</b> Lisa Mlnarik, Sharon Bartak, Sara Lemburg

December Liturgical Schedule can be found at [December Calendar – CPP Nebraska](#)

## St. John's Petersburg

### Financial Stewardship

#### St. John's Petersburg

November 19: \$1,776.49

God's Potion: \$100.00

Christmas Flowers: \$25.00

Special Collection: \$15.00

**Petersburg Prayer Line Requests for St. John the Baptist:**  
Call Kathy Koch 402-386-5481 or Kelly Starman 402-386-5570.

St. John the Baptist Altar Society is in need of a President & Secretary for 2023. Call Bobbi Kennedy at 402-741-1751 or Diane Schumacher if you would consider taking one of these positions, or to ask more questions. You can text Diane at 843-8832 or call her home, 386-5719. Thank you for considering.

### St. John's Petersburg Snow Removal Schedule:



**December:** Families with Last Names S-Z

\*Please note that when we have a funeral the group assigned is also responsible for opening the Cemetery driveways. Thank you.



Boone County Food Pantry is in need of these items: Shampoo, Laundry Soap, Hand Soap, Dish Soap, Oatmeal, Canned Stew, Spaghetti Sauce, Soup, & Crackers. Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry or left in the totes at the main west entrance of St John's Church in Petersburg. Thank you for your generosity.



St. John the Baptist Petersburg Altar Society is planning a BAKE SALE on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9AM-NOON (or until gone) in conjunction with Santa Day at Werner Hall.

St. John's Altar Society Ladies are asked to please bring one item to Werner Hall before 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 10 for the Bake Sale. Please bring your item such as candies, rolls, cookies, etc. in disposable containers. We really appreciate all your help in making this a successful Bake Sale.



St. John's Petersburg Fall General Church Cleaning will be held Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please come at your convenience, a list of duties will be listed in the back of church. Thank you for your time and help.

St. John's Petersburg parishioners are asked to please use the envelopes in your packets to honor the memories of your loved ones for Christmas Poinsettia Memorials on or before Saturday, December 17. Thank you.



The New 2023 St. John's (Petersburg) Once A Month Club tickets are now on sale for the upcoming year for \$50.00 each, to purchase tickets please contact one of these sellers: Hank Thieman, Gene Knust, Lynnette Seier, Shirley Henn, Jay Pelster, Rick Pelster, Eric Petsche, Clyde Stuhr, Carolyn Beckman, Kevin Schumacher, Peter Starman, & Adam Wies.

### Cash Prizes Awarded

\$8,750 Total Cash Prizes in 2022

\$9,850 Total Cash Prizes in 2021

\$10,675 Total Cash Prizes 2020

### Parish Religious Education Calendar for St. Mike's in Albion:

Wed., Nov. 23 \*No PRE

Wed., Nov. 30 \*PRE

Wed., Dec. 7 \*No PRE. Immac. Conception Mass 7pm

Wed., Dec. 14 \*PRE

## General News



**CCPJ Breakfast**  
Sunday, December 4, 2022  
9:00am- Noon  
St. Boniface Gym

Serving: Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Rolls, Coffee, Milk & Juice.

FREE WILL DONATION



## PARISH- WIDE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St. Boniface & St. Bonaventure parishes will be collecting for the needy: Toddler/Child: books; Children: hats, mittens, winter coats, socks, pajamas, sweatshirts; School age: sweatshirts, board games, books, hoodie sweatshirts, boots, slippers, leggings, snow pants, fun (animal, odd shaped) pillows, etc.; Teen: stocking hats, socks, watches, jewelry, lotions/body wash, perfume, hoodie sweatshirts, jogging pants, leggings, winter coats, blankets, small bulletin board, board games; Adult: fleece sweatshirts, stocking hats, jewelry, watches, perfume; Any Size: Sweaters. The gifts will be given to the Antelope County Social Services to be distributed locally. Continuing until December 11th, ornaments will be on the tree with suggested gift ideas at the St. Bonaventure and St. Boniface Churches. The items purchased should be brought back to church (unwrapped) prior to or on December 11 at the Mass at your church. Items can be placed -unwrapped- under the tree. **LET'S HELP THE NEEDY!**

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Holy Day of Obligation

#### Vigil - December 7 (Wednesday)

6:00 pm **St. Theresa's, Clearwater**(Family Formation Mass)

7:00 pm **St. John's, Petersburg**

#### December 8 (Thursday)

6:30 am **St. John's, Deloit**

8:15 am **St. Boniface Church**

7:00 pm **St. Bonaventure Church**

#### AREA PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 11: **St. Michael's Albion, 2:00 pm**

Sunday, December 11: **St. Boniface Elgin, 4:30 pm**

Sunday, December 18: **St. Peter's Ewing, 2:00 pm**

Sun., December 18: **St. Theresa's Clearwater, 3:30 pm**

**LECTORS:** Your Lector Workbook is available at this time to pick up.. Thank you for your ministry.

**Word Among Us ADVENT ISSUE** is now in all our churches as a gift to you!

We thank our sponsors of the **2023 Catholic Calendars**, available in the entrance of your church.

***Lordemann Insurance***

***Knights of Columbus No. 2411, Elgin***

***Knights of Columbus No. 7550 Neligh***

***Dean's Market***

#### The Seven Sisters Apostolate

The mission of the Seven Sisters Apostolate is "committed prayerful support toward a parish pastor through the assurance of the offering of at least one Holy Hour every day of any given week for that pastor alone." We are looking for seven women who would commit to one Holy Hour each week to pray specifically for our pastor, Fr. John. You would be assigned a particular day of the week, and your hour could be prayed at any time during that day. Your commitment is for one year at a time, from June to June, so this first year would not be a full year. Ideally, the Holy Hour would be prayed in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament, but could be prayed at home if necessary. We are also looking for substitutes who could be called upon if someone is unable to complete their hour for a particular week. For more information, or to sign up to be a Seven Sister or a sub, contact Sandy (Ed) Moser at 485-9252. For more information see their website, [www.sevensistersapostolate.org](http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org)

**\*We will start a group for Fr. John first. Each group prays for one priest. We are hoping for a great response so we can soon add a group for Father Sund as well.\***



What does it mean  
that God  
"speaks" to me?

Very few of the saints have ever had experiences in which God speaks to them in a loud booming voice or even in a whispering voice. Often, in the Christian life, the voice of God is something that must be discerned... something that we must give quiet time and reflection to.

To hear God's voice, we must give God time to speak to us... if we constantly are watching TV or running from this kid's sporting event to our other kid's band concert we rarely have time to stop. Yet, many times if we would just stop and give God the chance, he would give us peace and direction.

God speaks to us in many ways. He often speaks to us through his inspired word in Sacred Scripture. This is one reason it is so important to read the Bible. He also speaks to us in the movements of our hearts. When we hear something, read something or discern something and we feel peace and closer to God.... That is God's voice.

But how can I be certain the difference between God's thoughts and mine? First, God will never tell me anything contrary to what he has revealed through His Church. For example, God's voice can't tell me it's OK to take His name in vain. Secondly, God's voice comes with a sense of peace, even when God is asking something challenging and hard... we respond with peace in our heart. If we are in doubt, we should consult a wise spiritual director; such as a religious brother or sister or a priest.

#### (CEC) Christian's Encounter Christ

**CHANGE of DATES**

**Men - Jan. 27-29      Women - Feb. 17-18**

See <https://norfolkcec.com/>

**You can also asked someone who has made a weekend for more information!**