

Catholic Parishes in Partnership

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Annunciation Parish serving

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

St. Boniface, Elgin | St. Bonaventure, Raeville | St. John the Baptist, Petersburg

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December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

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Parish Grouping Office Hours

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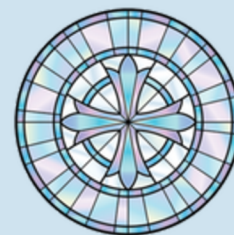
(This will give you an option to connect to a priest in the event of emergency)

MAIN OFFICE Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:30am-Noon & 1 - 4 pm

Wednesday - Friday: 9:30 am - Noon



SATELLITE OFFICES

Neligh: 702 West 11th Street, Neligh, NE 68756

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tilden: PO Box 458, Tilden, NE 68781

No office hours. PO Box checked regularly.

Ewing: 220 W. US Hwy 275, Ewing, NE 68735

No office hours. PO Box checked regularly.

Elgin: PO Box B, Elgin, NE 68636

No office hours. Meeting space available.

Office door and PO Box checked regularly.

In this Season of Preparation ~ prepare the way in your heart.

Upcoming Penance Services:

Sunday, December 8, 2:00 PM St. Michaels Church in Albion

Sunday, December 15, 3:00 PM St. Francis Church in Neligh

5:00 PM St. Boniface Church in Elgin

Sunday, December 22, 3:00 PM St. Therasas Church in Clearwater

*O Come,
O Come
Emmanuel*



Private Confession: 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass
and every Wednesday at St. Boniface Church in Elgin 5:00-5:30 pm

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

Date	Time & Event
Every Monday 7:00 PM SJD Rosary/Meditation	
Every Tuesday 10:00 AM SFN Rosary	
Every Wednesday 5:00 PM SBE Confessions	
Sun Dec 1	1st Sunday of Advent
Wed Dec 4	SPE Bible Study ~ 9:30 AM (Dec 4th, 11th, & 18th) Family Formation Clearwater site: Mass/Class 6:00-7:15 PM Neligh site: Class only 6:00-7:00 OLT CCD 7:00-8:00 Albion PRE Follow Schedule
Thurs Dec 5	Eucharistic Day of Prayer at SBE.
Mon Dec 9	The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun Dec 10	Eucharistic Praise 6-7 PM SBE. Everyone welcome!
Thurs Dec 12	SPE Christian Mothers Meeting 2:00 PM
Sun Dec 15 & Sun Dec 22	1:30 PM ~ OCIA with Fr. Frank. Church basement at St. Francis in Neligh. Anyone is welcome!
Tues Dec 17	Baptism Class ~ 7:00 PM. Ministry Room in the Elgin Convent. To register, please contact Dave & Gwen Beckman: 402-843-8137 

How will you prepare your heart this Advent?

- Advent Rosary on Hallow: Pray25 Challenge (free 90-day subscription!)
- 15-30 minutes of Scripture reading every day
- Attend daily Mass when able
- Spend time in Adoration
- Take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Focus on the Presence, not so much on the presents. Focus on giving rather than receiving, then notice the difference in your heart.

Pope John will host an I:55 Book Fair in the library from December 2nd-6th. Hundreds of books for multiple age levels will be available for purchase. The hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8:00-4:15, and Friday from 8:00-12:00 (closed Wednesday). Check out the website or scan the QR code to shop online or purchase a gift certificate for your children or grandchildren! <https://i55bookfairs.com/pages/ne025>



Hope
Faith
Joy
Peace

From the Pastor's Desk

We've reached Advent. This is a new church liturgical year, and a new liturgical season. 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/

Peace,

Fr. John Norman, Pastor

Help Wanted: School Lunch Manager & Assistant

Pope John Central Catholic School is seeking a school lunch Manager and Assistant for the 2025-26 school year. Early hire is possible. Part-time, 5-6 hours per day, beginning at 8:00 a.m. No holidays and summers off. Hourly pay is negotiable. Individual(s) will need to attend required training in July. If interested, contact Lisa Schumacher, Principal, at 402-843-5325 or Lschumacher@pjcrusaders.org.



Help Wanted: JH/HS Math Teacher

Pope John Central Catholic School is seeking a Math Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

If interested, send resume & credentials to Lisa Schumacher, Principal, at Lschumacher@pjcrusaders.org or call 402-843-5325 for more information.

Apply Now 

Date & Time	Location	Cel.	Intention	Notes
MON DEC 2, 8:15 AM	Elgin	DW		Communion Service
TUES DEC 3, 8:30 AM	Petersburg	JN FB	· † Floyd & Marlene Henn & Cindy Bohaboj · † Jerry Sund	
WED DEC 4, 8:15 AM	Elgin	JN	· † Stanley Lichtenberg	
WED DEC 4, 8:30 AM	Neligh	FB	· † Tommy & Helena Kaczor & extended Families	
WED DEC 4, 9:30 AM	Arbor Care	FB	· † Mary Ann & Emil Hladvock	
WED DEC 4, 5:00 PM	Elgin	JN		Confessions
WED DEC 4, 6:00 PM	Clearwater	FB	· † Adam Swaim	*Note time Family Formation Mass
THURS DEC 5, 8:15 AM	Elgin	JN	· † Roman & Margie Baum	Eucharistic Day of Prayer begins
THURS DEC 5, 8:30 AM	Neligh	FB	· † Delores Welding	
FRI DEC 6, 8:15 AM	Elgin	JN	· † Mary & Stephanie Eischeid	First Friday. Eucharistic Day of Prayer ends All School Mass (11th gr). Grandparents Day
FRI DEC 6, 8:30 AM	Neligh	FB	· † Roman Hupp	Adoration begins 9:00 am Benediction 12:15 pm
SAT DEC 7, 5:30 PM	Tilden	FB	· † Joe & Betty Lennemann & Frank Hecht	
SAT DEC 7, 5:30 PM	Ewing	JN	· † Cap & Gloria Dierks	Deacon John Starman
SUN DEC 8, 8:00 AM	Petersburg	FB	· † Margureite Henn	
SUN DEC 8, 8:00 AM	Clearwater	JN	· For the People of Our Parishes	Deacon John Starman
SUN DEC 8, 10:00 AM	Elgin	FB	· † Mary Eischeid	Deacon Dennis Wiehn
SUN DEC 8, 10:00 AM	Neligh	JN	· † LeRoy Shabram & Kallhoff & Shabram Families	Deacon John Starman

*Private confessions 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass

Ministry Schedule for December 7th & 8th: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday 12/7/2024

5:30 pm Mass – St. Peter, Ewing

Altar Servers: Cooper N., Riley N.
 EMHC: Mark Tyrrell
 Gifts: Terry & Connie Kaczor
 Lector: Pat Ruther
 Ushers: Greg Napier, Dan Koenig

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: Evan D., Abe J., Hank J.
 EMHC: Jolene Schapmann
 Lector: Jeanne Oelsligle
 Ushers: Ron Koch, Sam Johnsen

Sunday 12/8/2024

8:00 am Mass – St. Theresa, Clearwater

Altar Servers: Emorie B., Alvie B.
 EMHC: Koryn Koinzan
 Lector: Deb Schlecht
 Gifts: Curt & Amy Thiele
 Ushers: John Mlnarik, Jarod Bearinger

Sunday 12/8/2024

8:00 am Mass – St. John the Baptist, Petersburg

(Contact Deacon John Starman to schedule Communion to sick or homebound 402-843-8393)

Altar Servers: Katelyn K., Levi K.
 Homebound: Rod Stuhr
 Lector: Ken Luettel
 Money: Eric Petsche, Shirley Henn
 Music: Jeff & Jan Temme, Rod Stuhr
 Ushers: Alan Faust, Gene Knust

10:00 am Mass – St. Boniface, Elgin

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

Altar Servers: Harreson L., James L.
 Gifts: Bob & Sue Schiltmeyer
 Greeters: Paul & Jolene Schrage, Rick & Jan Starman
 Homebound: Phil & Kris Starman, Larry & Julie Borer
 Lector: Louise Schindler
 Music: Mark Moser
 Ushers: Mike Zegers, Ryan Lodge, Chris Baum, Jim Baum

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

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

Altar Servers: Ashley C-L, Gracelyn W., Gabriela P.
 EMHC: Del & Susie Ames
 Lector: Amy Baker
 Ushers: **Troy Shabram **Daryl Booth,
 Bill Kuester, John Anderson

Date & Time	Location	Cel.	Intention	Notes
SUN DEC 8, 5:30 PM	Ewing	JN	• † Jeff Orender	
SUN DEC 8, 5:30 PM	Tilden	FB	• † The Wilson Family	
MON DEC 9, 6:30 AM	Deloit	JN	• † Alice Palmer	
MON DEC 9, 8:15 AM	Elgin	FB	• † Rich Kavelage	All School Mass (10th grade plans)
MON DEC 9, 6:00 PM	Neligh	JN	• † Patti VanErt	
MON DEC 9, 6:00 PM	Petersburg	FB	• † Joe & Delores Pelster	

Ministry Schedule for December 8th & 9th: The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
 Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day. Archbishop Lucas has dispensed the obligation.

Sunday 12/8/2024

5:30 pm Mass – St. Peter, Ewing
 Altar Servers: Charlee W., Patrick W.
 EMHC: Kathy Arens
 Gift bearers: Kevin & Lisa Schrunk
 Lector: Kevin Koenig
 Ushers: Bruce Hoffman, Ed Nordby

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



Monday 12/9/2024

6:30 AM Mass – St. John the Baptist, Deloit
 Altar Servers: Alec S., Cohen S.
 EMHC: Jeanne Knievel
 Gift bearers: Terry & Phyllis Harpster
 Lector: Angela Tagel
 Ushers: Chris Tagel, Jason Schindler

8:15 AM Mass – St. Boniface, Elgin
 All School Mass (10th grade plans)

6:00 PM Mass – St. Francis of Assisi, Neligh
 Ministers please volunteer.

6:00 PM Mass – St. John the Baptist, Petersburg
 Altar Servers: Kenzie W., Kaci W.
 Lector: Anita Krohn
 Money: Peter Starman, Lynnette Seier
 Music: Guitar Group
 Ushers: Dale Salber, Wally Scholl

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 5:00 PM St. Boniface Church in Elgin
 Sunday, December 22, 3:00 PM St. Therasas Church in Clearwater

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 Nov 23-24, 2024

(Children's Collection is included in the
Sunday offertory amount)

**A breakdown of each campus will be
available at Finance Council meetings**

Sunday Offertory	\$7,252.21
God's Portion	\$2,500
All Saints Day	\$20
Catholic Charities	\$210
Utilities	\$10
SFN Building Fund	\$590

thank you

To all who supported St. Peter's Christian Mothers' Annual Bazaar on November 17th. Thank you to the Christian Mothers who donated their time & talents to provide the delicious soups, sandwiches, desserts, and raffle prizes. Thank you to Father John for drawing and announcing the winners. The crowd and fellowship were wonderful! Thank you all for making it another successful bazaar.

The St Francis Leadership Council, formerly known as the St. Francis Parish Council, is looking to add 2-3 new members to join the group. We meet at a minimum monthly, or as needed. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the St. Francis basement in Neligh. If you are interested, please contact Andy Elder 402-416-0802 or Del Ames 402-276-0184.



**Congratulations &
Welcome to the Catholic Faith**

~ Hensley Marie Sayers

**Baptized 11-23-24 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tilden
Daughter of Lisa Henseleit & Jaylend Sayers**

OLMC Tilden

Non-perishable food donations for local distribution will be accepted through December 7th.

There is a collection box in the back of church.

Tilden Library has their *Angel Tree* up!

Please take an ornament and return your gift to the Tilden Library by December 10th. *Thank you* for being an *Angel* to someone in need.

St. Peter's Christian Mothers

Meeting ~ Thurs., Dec. 12, at 2:00 pm, with a Cookie Exchange. Please bring 1 dozen of your favorite cookies to trade. No Gift Exchange this year. Please come and join us!



Attention High School Senior Catholic Girls!

Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) is accepting applications for their \$750 SCHOLARSHIP.

Get the 2025 Scholarship Packet from your school Guidance Counselor! Must be postmarked or received by your parish's Deanery President by January 15, 2025. Late entries will not be accepted.

Applications are accepted in the Deanery where you attend church, not where you attend school.

Please contact the parish office (402-843-2345) for name & address of President Chair by Deanery.



St. Francis Rosary Sodality Committee for December

Donna Vice, Sandra Christensen, Casee Kittelson, Patti Behnk, Pat Hupp, Carol Anderson, Sharon Charf, Kristen Schrage, Bonnie Mitchell, Peggy Green, Roxanne McNally, Mikyla Armitage, Mary Klein.

St. Francis, Neligh November Church Cleaning

Dec 5 Steven Bright, Jeff Krebs, Mark Ervin
Dec 12 Ed Hemenway, Mack Alspaugh, Terry Heithoff
Dec 19 Donna Vice, Tim Kallhoff, Pat Borer
Dec 23 Mike (Bev) Seier, Leon Strong, Jennnifer Breurer

Annunciation Parish Prayer Line

Adam Kester, Roger Allen, Regina Krebs, Matt Belitz, Angela Hardisty, Betty Latham, Peg Kuester, Jon Veik, Lyn Sheridan, George Ternus, Glen Grahleer, Lainey Henn, Fellar Baker, Jan Jurgens, Kyle & Jackie Nelson, Karen Allemang, James McUrley, Alice Johnston, Bob Stoffel, Gary Inlow, Lynda Swanson, David Rutjens, Boyd Batenhorst, Julie Krueger, Todd DeGroot, Nate Thiele, Brett Kielty, Kyle Netzel, Jackie Netzel, Jase Hemminger, Phyllis Dusel, Leo Starman, Nicki Dougherty, Kathi Retwisch, Sister Joseph, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick, Anna Murdy, Alice Kallhoff, Joe Knust, Steve Herrington, Charlotte Lahman, Kathy Schultz, Michelle Brandt

To add to prayer line call for St. Francis call Susie Ames 402-929-0038, Milly Clemens 402-649-3194, or the Neligh Office 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 Knieval 402-929-0847. St. Peters call Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755

Stewardship for Nov 23-24, 2024

(Children's Collection is included in the Sunday offertory amount)

St. Johns, Petersburg

Sunday Offertory	\$2,001
Utilities	\$100
Catholic Charities	\$95
Cemetery	\$50

St. Bonaventure, Raeville

Sunday Offertory	\$100
Building Fund	\$100

St. Boniface, Elgin

Sunday Offertory	\$2,046.50
God's Portion	\$1,376.67
All Saints Day	\$40
Catholic Charities	\$125
Christmas Flowers	\$135
Human Needs	\$400

thank you

Many, many thanks to St. Boniface Parish of Elgin for another amazing Thanksgiving Bazaar. 100 years of an outstanding tradition ~ what an accomplishment!! Your hard work and passion are evident.

Thank you for serving us.

(Final meal & income numbers & prize winners will be listed soon!)

St. John's, Petersburg

Fall Cleaning ~ December 1st-4th

Come at your convenience. All help is appreciated!



Once-a-Month Club

Tickets are now being sold for St. Johns, Petersburg Once-a-Month Club!

Please contact any of the following people to purchase your ticket!

Hank Thieman ~ 402-447-4183. Gene Knust ~ 402-843-8410

Lynnette Seier ~ 402-843-8914. Shirley Henn ~ 402-843-8734

Jay Pelster ~ 402-973-2789. Rick Pelster ~ 402-608-0212

Eric Petsche ~ 402-843-6297. Clyde Stuhr ~ 402-843-0236

Kevin Schumacher ~ 402-843-6171. Peter Starman ~ 402-843-0445

Adam Wies ~ 402-741-0096



St. John's Petersburg

Snow & Ice Removal

by last name:

November R-Z

December A-P

January R-Z

February A-P

March R-Z

April A-P



Parking lots, walkways & steps at all entrances of the Church & Rectory as well as parking lot, sidewalks & front entrance of the Parish Office & Werner Hall. Staff are in the Parish Office every day of the week & quilters use the Werner Hall on Tuesdays. Please clear Cemetery Driveways when there is a funeral. Thank you for serving your parish. Thank you!



St. Boniface Men's Circle

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

SUNDAYS *ALL CIRCLES*

Mondays CIRCLE 1

Tuesdays CIRCLE 2

Wednesdays CIRCLE 3

Thursdays CIRCLE 4

Fridays CIRCLE 5

Saturdays CIRCLE 6



Men's Circle Leaders are asked to be the lead on your day and make sure enough help is lined up. This is for the walkways, steps, ramps, parking areas & all entrances of the Church, North entrance of Rectory, Convent, Sister's Home & Gym. Students use the NW door of church for lunch. The ramp door is where commodities are delivered. Thank you!

Gifts for the needy in Antelope County.

There will not be a tree with tags in the churches, but gifts are still needed.

The due date is December 12th. Drop-off places:

St. Boniface Church, St. Bonaventure Church, and Pope John Central School. Gifts are to be *unwrapped*. Any gift is greatly appreciated, there is a great need for older children.

Need gift ideas? Winter gear, sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks, throw blankets, jewelry, hair products and accessories, slippers, Belt bag purse, moon lamp, face scrubs, water bottle, lotions, and gift cards.

Thank you for your generosity.



All are invited to attend choir rehearsals to prepare for singing at the 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass at St. Boniface Church. The first rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, December 4, followed by practices on Monday, December 9, Wednesday, December 11, and Thursday, December 19. Rehearsals will be begin at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Please join us in preparing for this liturgy... and bring a friend or two.



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, George Childers, Ann Beckman, Gene Heithoff, Fallon Sue Heying, Harry Cunningham, Judy Johnson, Denise Jamison, Bruce Baum, Alice Kallhoff, Travis Pieper, Phil Stuhr, Judy Zegers, Mike Dwyer, Brett Kielty, Henry Biggie, Tom Jamieson, Nora Henn, Barb Ziegler, Tom Kimes, Ashleigh Henn, Marlene Henn McClinton, Lee Sullivan, Jerry Stamp, Fayden Evens, Savannah Ramsey, Bob Redler, Karen Allemang, Vince Spieker, Judy Pelster Lindholm, Rose Wiehn, Linda Buel, Rodger Riley

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 402-386-5256

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN®

August 2024

Campaign for the Mary's Garden

NCCW in 1998 established a campaign to create Mary's Garden on the property of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. This campaign made it possible for a beautiful statue of Mary to be erected in a space where there would be a living garden with a water fountain where visitors to the shrine could pause, rest, reflect and pray during their visit. Over the last 25 years, hundreds of thousands of visitors and pilgrims have benefited from this holy space at the shrine.

In May of this year, NCCW received a call letting us know that the statue and garden had been vandalized. After reviewing the statue, the insurance company determined that the statue needed to be replaced, not repaired. Not only did the statue get damaged but so did the garden. We are grateful that the statue will be replaced through insurance. However, the garden, fountain and stone pavement are not covered.

The Executive Committee has agreed to reach out to our membership and friends of NCCW to raise funds to complete the repairs needed for Mary's Garden. This Campaign of Mary's Garden will help to continue to be a source of prayer and solitude for the hundreds of thousands of visitors and pilgrims who enjoy this garden.

As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Mary's Garden, we invite you to consider giving a donation to assist with the rebuilding of this significant NCCW project. Many of us have enjoyed the presence of the garden during visits to the shrine while attending the Board of Directors meetings, during the March for Life and many other opportunities we have had to visit the shrine.

After the 2024 convention is completed, the campaign will begin on September 8, 2024 (the Birth of Mary) and will conclude on May 31st (Feast of the Visitation). During this time, you will be able to send in your donation, call in your donation or make a donation through the NCCW website. We need to raise \$80,000.00 to continue to support this significant NCCW project that has been with us for 25 years.

Once the renovation has been complete in late spring, we will have a rededication of Mary's Garden at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

As the current NCCW President, I ask that you share this news with family, friends, spiritual advisors, parishioners and co-workers. May Our Lady of Good Counsel watch over this campaign and inspire those who hear about it to support this important project.

Thank you for your attention concerning this Campaign. Beth Mahoney – NCCW President