

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019



ADVENT... THE SEASON OF PREPARATION

The cartoon above makes it seem like everything is rush... rush... rush... From the end of October to January 1st, we seem to be in hyperdrive. Everything has to get done, and everything has to get done NOW! Advent is a time in our church calendar to prepare and get ready for the coming of Christ at Christmas. We have these next three Sundays to reflect on the promise of God coming to us.

As we continue 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/

ANTICIPATION AND GETTING SET

Just as we might feel that we want to get our house in order and cleaned before welcoming guests, we have some opportunities in this Advent season to help us get ready for Christ's coming.

Parish Penance Services

One way to do some "spiritual cleaning" is to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent. In addition to our regular times, we are hosting some parish penance services in our communities.

This Sunday, Dec 8, we will offer a 5:00 PM service at St. Boniface.

Next Sunday Dec 15, we will offer a 4:00 PM at St. Peter's in Ewing, a 5:30 PM at Rural St. John's, and a 7:00 PM at St. Theresa's in Clearwater (before the 8:00 at L Bar B!!).

Our neighboring communities are also offering parish penance services, and those are listed inside this bulletin.

Reflecting on the Coming of Christ

We have extra "The Word Among Us" booklets for this Advent season, that you are welcome to pick up in the church entryways. These booklets allow us to follow along on the daily readings of the Mass and give us meditations and points of reflection. I encourage us to check these out!

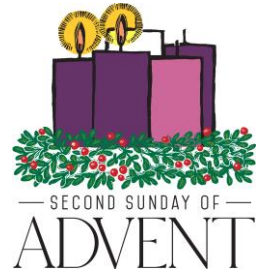
Last weekend the weather and the roads were treacherous.

I wanted to remind you that If roads are impassable, we will notify through Flocknote that Mass is canceled. If Mass is canceled, your obligation is satisfied. If you do not feel safe driving on the roads, STAY HOME!! If you can't get to Mass safely, then you are exempted from your obligation. In both of these circumstances, there is not a need to go to Confession. More about Flocknote is inside this bulletin.

Father Vogel and I are both grateful for each and every one of you who helped clear snow and ice last weekend. Our elderly, and our not so elderly, appreciate it and depend on it. Many also gave a lot of time so the famous St. Boniface Thanksgiving Bazaar could go on as it always has. Thank you for all who helped make it a reality!

Peace,

Fr. John





Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 pm

St. Peter de Alcantra, Ewing

Saturday: 7:00 pm

St. John the Baptist, Petersburg

Sunday: 8:00 am St. Bonaventure, Raeville

Sunday: 10:00 am St. Boniface, Elgin

Sunday: 10:00 am St. Theresa of Avila, Clearwater

Sunday: 11:30 am St. John the Baptist, Deloit

RELIGIOUS

Fr. John Norman, Pastor PO Box 37- Ewing, NE 402-626-7605

Email: jmnorman@archomaha.org

Fr. Kevin Vogel, Assoc. Pastor PO Box B- Elgin 402-843-2345

Email: kwvogel@archomaha.org

Deacon Dennis Wiehn 402-843-0182

Deacon John Starman 402-386-5570

Deacon William Camp (retired) 402-843-5464

Sister Patricia Hoffman PO Box 219 402-843-5461

Emergencies Needing a Priest: call office numbers and system will re-direct your call.

Elgin Office (office entrance is east side of rectory)

Mailing Address: PO Box B, Elgin NE 68636

Parish Office Phone 402-843-2345

Fax 402-843-2253

St. Boniface Gym Phone 402-843-2249

Website: www.stbonparishes.com

Monday 1pm-4pm

Tuesday-Thursday (Closed 12-1 pm) 9am-4pm

Friday 9am-12pm

Michele Reicks mreicks@stbonparishes.com

Linda Moser lmoser@stbonparishes.com

Petersburg Office (office entrance is north entr. Werner Hall)

Mailing Address: PO Box 608, Petersburg NE 68652

Parish Office Phone 402-386-5580

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 am-3:00pm

Jaci Hoefer jhoefer@archomaha.org

Ewing Office (office entrance is front door of Rectory)

Mailing Address: PO Box 37, Ewing, NE 68735

Helen Larson 402-626-7605

Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:00am – Noon

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE (watch weekly calendar for changes)

Wednesday: 5-5:30pm- Elgin

Saturday: 4:45-5:15 pm- Ewing

Saturday: 6:15- 6:45 pm- Petersburg

Sunday: 7:30-7:50 am- Raeville

Reconciliation will be offered before and after each Mass, as available, and other times as shown here in the bulletin.

ADORATION SCHEDULE

St. Peter's: Thursday- 9- Noon

First Saturday- 6:00 pm-Midnight

Elgin: Day before First Friday , Each Month

St. John's-Deloit- Devotions on Mondays at 7:00 pm

SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS

St. Boniface/St. Boniface Parish: Linda Moser 402-843-2345

St. John's Parish- Petersburg: Kelly Starman 402-386-5570 or email kelly_starman@yahoo.com.

St. Peter, St. John Deloit, St. Theresa's: Helen Larson 402-626-7605

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON

Send to lmoser@stbonparishes.com

(AND) mreicks@stbonparishes.com

COMBINED Monthly Calendar: 3rd TUES / Mo.

All parishes have one website: <https://stbonparishes.com/>
If parishes want event flyers, calendars, minutes etc. posted please email mreicks@stbonparishes.com.
Each parish maintains their own Facebook Page

Catholic Schools

St. Boniface School (K-6) / Pope John Central (7-12)

Betty Getzfred, Principal

402-843-5325

Website: www.pjcrusaders.org

St. Michael School- Albion (Preschool-8)

Lisa Schumacher, Principal Website: www.stmichael.esu7.org

Elgin Religious Education

Family Formation (Gr. K-6)

Cheryl Veik, Coordinator

402-843-8023

Elgin Sunday Youth Group (Gr. 7-12)

Louise Schindler, Sunday Youth Group

402-843-5375

Petersburg Religious Education (in Albion)

Lisa Wagner, Director (to register)

308-750-0423

(Gr. K-8) Wednesday during School Year

6:00-7:00 pm

(Gr. 9-12) Wednesday during School Year

7:15-8:15 pm

St. Peter, St. Theresa, St. John Deloit Religious Ed Classes

Elementary: Wed. 3:45-5:15 pm at St. Theresa's Hall in Clearwater,

Wed. 4-5:00 pm at St. Dominic's Hall, and Wed. 3:45- 5:15pm at the Orchard Methodist Church. Angela Tagel, Director 308-367-7249.

Jr. Hi/HS Wed. 7-8:15 pm at St. Theresa's Hall, Clearwater.

(Contact: Sandy Moser 402-851-0116), or 7-8:30pm at St.

Dominic's Hall, Ewing. (Contact: Ann Kurpgeweit 402-336-7749.)

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

St. Boniface: Call Betty Mackel 402-843-2394 or Mary Jane Boes 402-843-2379

St. Bonaventure: Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-386-5350 or Mary Ann Starman 402-386-5538

St. John-Petersburg: Call Kathy Koch 402-386-5481 or Kelly Starman 402-386-5570

St. Peter-Ewing: Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755

St. Theresa-Clearwater: Teresa Kester, 402-750-0262

St. John the Baptist-Deloit: Jeannie Knievel 402-929-0847

RENTAL REQUESTS

St. Bonaventure, Raeville Rectory or Hall: Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-386-5350.

St. John's Rectory, Petersburg: Call Mary Lu Larson 402-843-8420 or Jacque Luettel 402-843-8974.

St. John's Werner Hall, Petersburg events all need to be scheduled through Jaci Hoefer – including all funerals, events, receptions, and showers by calling 402-386-5580 or email jhoefer@archomaha.org.

St. John's Rural Clearwater: Sue Mlnarik 402-485-2428

St. Theresa's Clearwater: Koryn Koinzan 402-929-0520

St. Peter's Ewing (St. Dominic's) Hall: Helen Larson 402-626-7605

Knights of Columbus Hall, (Elgin): Dave Hoefer 402-843-8921. Website: KofC.org/JoinUs

Tintern Retreat Center (Oakdale) Cheryl Veik 402-776-2188 tinternretreatcenter.com

Together, We Make Disciples

This Week in Our Parishes.....

Day	Date	Time	Events
Sunday	December 8	9am-Noon	CCPJ Breakfast at St. Boniface Gym
Sunday	December 8	2:00 pm	Penance Service (Parish and PRE 1 st Reconciliation) at St. Mike's Albion
Sunday	December 8	5:00 pm	Penance Service at St. Boniface Church
Monday	December 9	6-7:00 pm	Herb Mignery Crosses available to Purchase at St. Boniface Gym
Monday	December 9	7:00 pm	SB/PJ Christmas Concert at St. Boniface Gym
Tuesday	December 10	9:00 am	Christian Mother's Coffee/Cookie Exchange-Raeville Rectory-for all area ladies
Tuesday	December 10	Noon	<u>Bulletin Deadline</u> for this week
Wednesday	December 11	10:00 am	St. Peter's Bible Study at St. Dominic's Hall
Wednesday	December 11	3:45- 5:15 pm	Clearwater Elementary CCD Christmas Program
Wednesday	December 11	3:45-5:15 pm	Orchard CCD at Orchard Methodist Church
Wednesday	December 11	4-5:00 pm	Elementary Religious Ed. at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing
Wednesday	December 11	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Wednesday	December 11	7- 8:00 pm	Family Formation Class/Fr.'s Talk "The Holy Family" open to all adults in St. Boniface Chu. Basement w/refreshments by KC's (Mass: 6:30pm)
Wednesday	December 11	7-8:15 pm	Youth Group at St. Theresa's Hall, Clearwater
Wednesday	December 11	7-8:15 pm	Jr High/High School Religious Ed at Ewing
Wednesday	December 11	6:00-7:00pm	Religious Ed (PRE) at Albion- Grades K-8
Wednesday	December 11	7:15-8:15am	Religious Ed (PRE) at Albion for Grades 9-12
Thursday	December 12	6:00 pm	St. Bonaventure Raeville Christian Mother's Meeting at Raeville Rectory
Thursday	December 12	7:00 pm	St. Boniface Choir Practice
Thursday	December 12	7:00 pm	St. Bonaventure Raeville Finance Committee Meeting at Rectory
Thursday	December 12	7:45 pm	St. Bonaventure Raeville Parish Council Meeting at Rectory
Sunday	December 15	9:00 am	St. Bonaventure Raeville Sets Up Nativity/Decorations (Help Needed)
Sunday	December 15	-----	Christmas Appeal Gifts Due at Elgin/Raeville Churches following Mass
Sunday	December 15	11:00 am	Elgin Circle 6 & 1 Assist Nativity Committee (hauling totes, trees to Church)
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Sunday	December 15	12:30 pm	Advent Brunch at St. John's Deloit Hall (following 11:30 am Mass)
Sunday	December 15	4:00 pm	Penance Service at St. Peter's Ewing
Sunday	December 15	5:30 pm	Penance Service at St. John's Deloit
Sunday	December 15	7:00 pm	Penance Service at St. Theresa's Clearwater

Abbreviations:

SPE – St. Peter de Alcantara in Ewing
 SBE – St. Boniface in Elgin
 SJD – St. John the Baptist Church of Deloit

SJP – St. John the Baptist in Petersburg
 STC – St. Theresa of Avila in Clearwater
 SBR – St. Bonaventure in Raeville

St. John's Petersburg

Financial Stewardship- November 30

St. John's – Petersburg:

Adult: \$1,170.00
 Loose: \$348.00
 Children: \$4.00

Please turn in your Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes by December 15th, so that your loved one's names can be printed in the bulletin in time for Christmas. Thank you!



Due to St. John's revising their cemetery policy- it is not necessary to purchase 2 plots. Anyone that has previously bought an extra plot can sell it back to the Parish. If you are interested in selling the extra plot back, please contact Jaci at 402-386-5580.

St. John the Baptist Petersburg Altar Society is in need of Circle Leaders and a Vice President. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Bobbi Kennedy at 402-741-1751.

St. John's Petersburg Snow Removal

December: Families with Last Names S-Z

(January: Families with Last Names A-R)

St. John's Petersburg

Once a Month Club Tickets

For purchase contact any Parish Council Member, Finance Committee Member, or by contacting Keith Schumacher at 843-0407 or sending your check for \$50/each made out to: **"St. John's Once a Month Club"**
 Mail to: Keith & Diane Schumacher 2038 110th St., Petersburg, NE 68652.

November Winners

\$150.00- Bradley Seier #213
 \$100.00- Monty & Teri Reicks #197
 \$100.00- Helen Preusser #155
 \$75.00- Gene Knust #74
 \$50.00- Bill Fangman #245
 \$50.00- Shirley Petsche #40
 \$50.00- Ted & Tammy Bode #13
 \$50.00- Diana Knust #126
 \$50.00- Hank & Diane Thieman #8

(December) Winners

\$500.00- Lorraine Seier #267
 \$250.00- Michelle (Dean) Pelster #176
 \$150.00- Jordan & Sam Temme #133
 \$100.00- Jeff & Sandy Bode #59
 \$100.00- Wade Eschenbrenner #205
 \$75.00- Craig Seier #204
 \$75.00- Bob & Teresa Heying #232
 \$50.00- Dave Henn #247
 \$50.00- Delbert & Maureen Seier # 257
 \$50.00- Chris & Jeanine Baum #223
 \$50.00- LaVern & Arlene Nissen #22
 \$50.00- Paul & Shawn Seier #11

Mass Intentions for the Week.....

<u>Location</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cele.</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
(SBE)Elgin	Monday	Dec. 9	-----		No Service
(SJD) Deloit	Monday	Dec. 9	7:00 pm		+Don & Shirley Henkenkuis Immaculate Conception
(SPE)Ewing	Tuesday	Dec. 10	8:30 am		+Helen Burk
(SBR) Raeville	Tuesday	Dec. 10	8:30 am		+Military & Their Families
(SBE) Elgin	Tuesday	Dec. 10	-----		No Pope John Mass due to Student Penance Service
(SBE) Elgin	Wednesday	Dec. 11	8:15 am		+Dorothy Dwyer by SB 2nd /4th Grade
(SJP) Peters.	Wednesday	Dec. 11	10:30 am		+Gerry Nissen & Jim Borer
(SBE) Elgin	Wednesday	Dec. 11	6:30 pm		+Evelyn Pelster Family Formation Mass
(STC) Clearw.	Wednesday	Dec. 11	8:30 am		+Omer Hoffman
(SBE) Elgin	Thursday	Dec. 12	7:20 am		+Dodi Mack
(SPE) Ewing	Thursday	Dec. 12	8:30 am		+Rose Gall
(SBE)Elgin	Friday	Dec. 13	7:20 am		+Jim & Paul Eischeid
(SJD) Deloit	Friday	Dec. 13	8:30 am		+Cletus & Jean Muff
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	Dec. 14	5:30 pm	JN	+Rita Funk
(SJP) Peters.	Saturday	Dec. 14	7:00 pm	KV	+Bernard Kuhlman
(SBR) Raeville	Sunday	Dec. 15	8:00 am	KV	+Joe & Lenore Bode
(SBE) Elgin	Sunday	Dec. 15	10:00 am	KV	+Rollie Reicks
(STC) Clearw.	Sunday	Dec. 15	10:00 am	JN	Living Members of Our Parishes
(SJD) Deloit	Sunday	Dec. 15	11:30 am	JN	+Buss Preusser



Note: Because the Immaculate Conception date falls on a Sunday in Advent, the Sunday Mass "trumps" the feast. The Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at a Monday evening Mass at Rural St. John's at 7:00 PM. This year, because of the Advent Sunday, this is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Liturgical Schedule for December 14-15, 2019

Weekend	Servers	Ushers	Greeters - SBE Rosary Ldrs- SBR \$\$ Counters-SJP	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	E.M.H.C. * to the sick (Elgin)
Saturday DECEMBER 14 5:30 pm St. Peter's - EWING	Charlee Wagner Danielle Schrunk	Mike Thrumer Greg Napier	-----	Kevin & Lisa Schrunk Family	Ed Nordby	Follow Schedule	Dennis Thoendel
Saturday DECEMBER 14 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG	Katelyn Krohn Kaitey Schumacher	Alan Faust Rick Pelster	<u>Money</u> <u>Counters-</u> Randy Ketteler John Temme	-----	Cindy Temme	Allan & Jeanne Temme	Larry & Carol Pelster <u>Homebound:</u> Jeanne Temme
Sunday DECEMBER 15 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE	Lexi Bode Samantha Stuhr	Tyler Reestman Matt Sands	Paul & Brenda Kuhlman	Bob & Jaci Hoefer	Mark Grundmayer	Joyce Reestman	Megan Heying
Sunday DECEMBER 15 10:00 am St. Boniface - ELGIN	Brayden Burenheide Natalie Burenheide	Gene Heithoff Jerry Heithoff Steve Heithoff Brian Henn	Jay & Kristen Evans Family- W Jodine Meis- N Dave Kerkman- S	Delbert & Avis Heithoff	Mary Jane Bauer	Mark & Julie Dwyer	NO Precious Blood- Pastor, Deacon, *Kayce Kallhoff, *Tom & *Bonnie Hoefer
Sunday DECEMBER 15 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER	Shaylie Kester Irelyn Bearinger	Gary Thiele John Thiele	-----	Fred & Deb Thiele	Tina Thiele- Blecher	Follow Schedule	Kevin Filsinger
Sunday DECEMBER 15 11:30 a.m. St. John's - DELOIT	Gage Thiessen Rachel Dierks	Marty Kerkman Doug Schueth	-----	Jason & Jody Schindler Family	Angela Tagel	Follow Schedule	Marilyn Sehi



St. Boniface Elgin

Financial Stewardship- December 1

St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday Collection (42 Env.)	\$3,205.25
Children's Collection:	\$12.75
Campaign for Human Development	\$50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$135.00
God's Portion	\$650.00
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Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 22	
Budgeted Total	\$97,058.94
Actual Total	\$92,449.02
Amount Behind	(\$4,609.92)

St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure: Please Remember In Your Prayers: Jolene Lichty, Diane Flenniken, Larry Braband, Roger & Jan Sorenson, Terry Dinslage, Cheri (Schindler) Cavanagh, Laurie Horn, Dave Shrader, Bob Redler, Garrett Scholz, Alfreda Pelster, Neil Childers, Eve Kallhoff, Sally Beckman, Marie Cheatum, Leonard Beckman, Charlotte Hoefer, Joe Buelt, Helen Borer, Karlene Moser, Shelby Iburg, Loretta Zegers, Cliff Burger, Margaret Dozler, Ruth Kerkman, Brittany Waldrop, Brenda Papstein, Jacquelyn Brugman, Larry Shavlik, Lynn Schueller, Betty Jean Vaisvilas, Mary Ann Starman, Julie Preusser Bombeck, Denise Jamieson, Chris Stargel, Dezirae Wilkinson, Brian Loy. Please let us know if name can be removed.

When someone is placed on our Prayerline (phone and text lines) we automatically place them on our list in the bulletin. Only parishioners are placed in the petitions at Masses if they are placed on prayerline that week, in the hospital or on hospice (unless we are told otherwise). Lately we have not been notified of parishioners in the hospital. Please let us know also if your loved one is well enough to come off the list in the bulletin.



Elgin & Raeville Parishioners

If you wish to donate a Poinsettia, or memorial to be used for other Christmas decorations, in memory of a loved one at Christmas time, please use your Flower Envelope, dated December 2 and drop it in the collection as soon as possible. Please mark on the envelope who the donation is given in memory of. The price for a poinsettia is **\$15.00.**

St. Boniface Choir Practice



Choir Practice dates and times for choir practices leading up to Christmas are:
****Thursday, December 12 - 7:00 pm**
****Monday, December 16 - 7:00 pm**
 (Possible practice on the 23rd if necessary.)
New Members are welcome to join!

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



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)
Sundays	ALL CIRCLES	

We need to keep walkways and parking lots clear, for safety reasons especially for our elderly who rely on us!



We welcome
Kate Elizabeth Beckman
 Daughter of Luke & Ashley Beckman
 who was baptized this weekend
 at St. Boniface Church.

THANK YOU to all who helped make the St. Boniface Thanksgiving Bazaar a great day! The extra help, patience and understanding with schedule changes to set up and remove snow, etc. is appreciated by all!

Available in the back of St. Boniface Church by Dec. 8 will be a listing of Raffle Winners, and also many other facts and thank you's pertaining to our 95th Bazaar!



Gun Raffle

Get Your Tickets!

Tickets are \$5.00 each for a chance to win a Remington Model 700 SPS Tactical Coyote Tan Bolt Action Rifle. All Federal and State Laws apply. 1000 tickets will be sold. Questions? Contact Chris Baum, 402-649-9875 or Brian Selting, 402-843-8458. Tickets are available through Chris, Brian, various men of the St. Boniface Parish, Fr. John, at the Parish Office in Elgin. Drawing will be held Friday, December 27, 2019. Need not be present to win. All proceeds go to continued profits of the St. Boniface 95th Bazaar.

Bazaar Committee Members and Chairpersons of work stations are asked to please fill out the questionnaire you received and return it to the Elgin Parish Office this week. We need it to prepare for our Bazaar Meeting Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 pm

Advent Candles and rings are available at the Religious Articles Store at the Elgin Parish Office.

PARISH WIDE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We are collecting new mittens, socks, hats, snow boots (school age), new winter coats, sweatshirts, fleece pull-overs, neck scarves, long sleeves shirts or blouses, head bands, body lotion and soaps, gift cards, etc. for those in need. This is for all age groups but there is a special need for teenager gifts, to be given to the Antelope County Social Services. Ornaments are on the trees with suggested gift ideas at the St. Bonaventure and St. Boniface Churches. The items purchased should be brought back to church (unwrapped) and **placed under the tree by December 15.**

St. Boniface God's Portion / God's Acre

Budgeted: \$44,000.00 To Date: \$29,229.41

St. Theresa's St. Peter's St. John's Deloit

Financial Stewardship

St. Peter's- Ewing

Dec. 1 (Sunday)- \$751.00
Building Fund- \$50.00
Campaign for Human Development- \$30.00

St. Theresa's- Clearwater

Nov. 17 (Sunday)- \$1,273.00
Nov. 24 (Sunday)- \$855.00
Campaign for Human Development- \$70.00
Dec. 1 (Sunday)- \$1,334.00

St. John's- Deloit

Dec. 1 (Sunday)- \$1,222.00
God's Acre- \$550.00



**St. John the
Baptist
Parish,
Deloit**
Sunday,
December 15
Following
their 11:30
am Mass.

Omelets, Coffee cakes and fruit will be served.
This is open to all as their gift to you. No fees or offering
will be taken. *Join us if you can!*

PRAY FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

St. Peter's: Steve Koenig, Elaine Thoendel, Butch Sojka, Sister Joseph, Mary Edwards, Jessica Hobbs, Jeanette Tomjack, Sharon Ward, Leo Hawk, Duaine Bollwitt, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick, Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel.

St Theresa's: Mary Ann Thiele, Leo Starman, Nate Thiele, Regina Krebs.

St. John's: Keith Palmer, Jackie Bartak, Darlene Schueth, Carl Ernesti, Georgine Funk.



St. Theresa's Parish

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of St. Theresa's Church for donations for poinsettias in memory of a loved one. Poinsettias are \$15/ea



Weather and Mass:

If roads are impassable, we will notify through Flocknote that Mass is canceled. If Mass is canceled, your obligation is satisfied. If you do not feel safe driving on the roads, **TAY HOME!!** If you can't get to Mass safely, then you are exempted from your obligation. In both of these circumstances, there is not a need to go to Confession.

St. Bonaventure Raeville

St. Bonaventure- Raeville

Sunday Collection (8 Env.)	\$331.25
Children's Collection	\$5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$130.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 22	
Budgeted Total	\$22,000.00
Actual Total	\$22,973.52
Amount Ahead	\$973.52

St. Bonaventure, Raeville Christian Mother's Meeting will be held Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 pm at the Rectory.



St. Bonaventure Raeville Christian Mothers invite ladies from our sister parishes to a **Christmas Coffee and Cookie Exchange** on **Tuesday, December 10** after 8:30 am Mass at St. Bonaventure. Please join us for Mass and then coffee in the Raeville Rectory. If you want to join in the cookie exchange, please bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies/bars/candies and the recipe if you would like to share it.

St. Bonaventure: Let us continue to 'feed the hungry'

A basket is in the back of St. Bonaventure Church for the Food Pantries. Non-food items are also needed, and these are listed on the poster in the back of church. Please share generously.



God's Portion & God's Acre

St. Bonaventure

Budgeted: \$13,000.00
Total to Date: **\$9,003.90**

EWTN WINTER HIGHLIGHTS for December 2019-February 2020 are available in the back of St. Boniface/St. Bonaventure Churches, at the Parish Office, or see on the website at ewtn.com.

Thank you to the very thoughtful parish of St. Bonaventure, who allowed us to have Mary Jane Henn's funeral and luncheon there last week while our facilities and supplies were tied up with bazaar preparations. Thank you also to Jodine Meis for her assistance. Thank you also to those who removed snow at St. Bonaventure, and to Phil Starman who took care of snow removal at the St. Boniface Cemetery.



COMMUNICATING WITH OUR FLOCK-NOTE

We are seeking to improve our ability to communicate and send out news and notifications. We are using a program called Flocknote to send

ministries related email and text messages. If we had to make a last-minute 'emergency' adjustments for weather, we can send a text message. Flocknote also offers us the ability to send out the bulletin each week by email. We also have an optional email list for Lenten and Advent daily reflections.

Signing up for Flocknote is straight forward.

From your phone, you can send a text message to 84576 with one of the keywords (which are case sensitive... and without the 'quotation marks')

'ewing' for St. Peter de Alcantara

'clearwater' for St. Theresa of Avila

'deloit' for St. John's, Rural Clearwater

'elgin' for St. Boniface

'raeville' for St. Bonaventure

'68652' for St. John the Baptist, Petersburg

For email, you can just let us know at parish@cnpnebraska.org.

Winter Mass Schedule Change

(Dec. 1, 2019-March 29, 2020)

Saturday: 5:30 pm at St. Michael's in Albion

Sunday: 8:30 am at St. Michael's in Albion

During this season of Advent, we encourage you to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to our regular times, check out the schedule below:

AREA PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 8: St. Michael's Albion, 2:00 pm

Sunday, December 8: St. Boniface Elgin, 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 15: St. Peter's Ewing, 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 15: St. John's Deloit, 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 15: St. Theresa's Clearwater, 7 pm



There are 2020 Catholic Calendars available in the back of your church for you to take. These are a very nice addition to every Catholic household.

We once again THANK our sponsors of this calendar: **Lordemann Insurance, The Knights of Columbus Council No. 2411, Elgin and Council 7550, Neligh and Dean's Market.** Make sure you thank them! We appreciate Deacon Dennis for your work in making these calendars happen.

Our Goal.... To meet these goals by December 31.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal



***If you cannot remember if you donated, the office staff can look up if you did, so please contact them at 402-843-2345 ***

St. Theresa's Clearwater

Goal: \$7,357.00
Pledged to date: \$5,712.00
77.6% of goal

St. John's Deloit

Goal: \$6,045.00
Pledged to date: \$5,988.00
99.1% of goal

St. Peter's Ewing

Goal: \$5,570.00
Pledged to date: \$2,754.00
49.4% of goal

St. Boniface Elgin

Goal: \$23,283.00
Pledged to date: \$18,033.00
77.5% of goal

St. Bonaventure Raeville

Goal: \$4,249.00
Pledged to date: \$3,355.00
79% of goal

St. John's Petersburg

Goal: \$5,740.00
Pledged to date: \$2,850.00
49.7% of goal

One Church: encountering **Jesus**,

Mass Schedule Change

(December-February)

Saturday: 5:00 pm at St. Francis- Neligh

Saturday: 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel- Tilden

Sunday: 8:00 am at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel- Tilden

Sunday: 10:00 am at St. Francis- Neligh



Anyone from our 6 parishes can drop their weekly envelope in any of the church collection baskets in any of our churches. They will be forwarded.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil, December 24: 4:00 pm (SBR- Raeville)

Christmas Vigil, December 24, 4:00 pm (SPE- Elgin)

Christmas Vigil, December 24, 6:00 pm (STC- Clearwater)

Midnight Mass, December 25, 12:00 am (SJD- Deloit)

Christmas Day, December 25, 8:00 am (SJP- Petersburg)

Christmas Day, December 25, 10 am (STC-Clearwater)

Christmas Day, December 25: 10:00 am (SBE- Elgin)

General News



CCPJ Breakfast will be held Sunday, December 8th from 9:00 am- Noon at the St. Boniface Gym. Serving Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Rolls, Coffee, Milk and Juice. Free will donation.

Donations of Grain

Grain is appreciated by your Church!

Producers are reminded that the following needs to take place in order for you to legally remove the grain sale from your taxable income:

- 1) The commodity is delivered to facility.
- 2) The donor signs a form (at the facility or from the parish office) that states the grain now belongs to the charity.
- 3) The facility mails the check/scale ticket to the charity.

NOTE: Donations of grain *in the charity's name* cannot be claimed as an itemized charitable contribution so therefore will be posted as such on your end of the year contribution statement from the parish.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" is easy to promote when you send religious Christmas cards! The Knights of Columbus have a nice display of **Religious Christmas Cards and "Pray for our Priest" magnetic ribbons** at Lordemann Insurance, so take time to check them out when you are downtown Elgin. These will also be sold at the CCPJ Breakfast. Proceeds go towards supporting the good works of the Knights.



St. Boniface/Pope John Christmas Concert

Monday, December 9
7:00 pm at St. Boniface Gym

GREAT GIFT IDEA!

NEW Limited Edition Herb Mignery Bronze Crosses Are Here!

OPEN HOUSE for cross purchase or pick up will be **Monday, December 9th • 6:00-7:00 pm** in St. Boniface Gym Lobby prior to the school Christmas Concert. See pjcrusaders.org to view **this year's cross**. Price is \$160.

Attention Previous Buyers: If you would like to reserve your number, please contact a committee member.

TO RESERVE YOURS, CONTACT:

Deb Pelster (402) 843-5379

Nancy Shavlik (402) 485-2733

Julie Schiltmeyer (402) 380-3177

Pope John (402) 843-5325

*****Thank you*** to Herb Mignery who has donated his time to create this series of crosses to benefit Pope John XXIII High School.**



Formation of our Youth



Thank you to all who purchased 2020 Lottery Calendars! We are all Sold Out!!!

St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners

12-02-19	Jane Brown	\$60.00
12-03-19	Gary & Julie Schiltmeyer	\$60.00
12-04-19	Janice Pelster	\$60.00
12-05-19	Mary Ellen Lacy Euch. Day	\$80.00
12-06-19	Tom Parks	\$60.00
12-07-19	Dale & Kathy Buelt	\$60.00
12-08-19	Avis Heithoff	\$75.00



Confessions at St. Boniface Church on Wednesday, December 18 will be extended time, 5:00 - 6:00 pm but parishioners should note that during the 5:00-5:30 time the Family Formation students will also be going to confession.

High School Senior Girls

The Rural Central Deanery is again offering a \$200 scholarship to a Senior Catholic girl. The winner of the deanery scholarship will be eligible to compete for the \$500 scholarship offered by the OACCW. Application forms have been sent to the guidance counselors of the high schools, Elgin Parish Office, the president of the local Catholic women organizations within the RC Deanery. Please encourage your senior girls to apply for this scholarship. The applications must be postmarked by January 15, 2020 and need to be sent to: Barb Wurdinger, 84542 564th Ave., Stanton, NE 68779. Applications received with a postmark after January 15th will not be considered.

JANUARY Calendar Items
are due **Monday, December 16**

Please call Michele or Linda at 402-843-2345 or email parish@cnpnebraska.org.

Help your parish stay informed.



Knights News!



We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day.

~Taken from the Knights of Columbus website www.kofc.org/joinus

The Knights of Columbus Council #2411 is asking that you and your family attend and participate in a few events during this Advent season to help prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Here are a few events coming up during this Advent season.

- **We are inviting individuals and families** to attend the Family Formation Mass and Father Vogel's presentation discussing the Holy Family and his trip to the Holy Land. This event is scheduled for next Wednesday the 11th at St. Boniface Church beginning with a Mass at 6:30 P.M. followed by Father's presentation in the church basement. The Knights will provide refreshments that evening. Anyone and everyone from our six-parish community is invited and encouraged to join us.
- **Council #2411's Family of the Month for December is** Adam and Heather Veik. Adam does it all for the Knights, from co-chairing fish fries to hosting and organizing our youth Soccer Challenge and everything in-between. What a great family, and thank you for all you do for our parish and community!
- **The Knights** will have a table at this Sunday's CCPJ's breakfast in the St. Boniface gym. We will be selling Christmas cards and "Pray for our Priest" magnetic ribbons. Please stop by and see us.
- **Council #2411** is contributing \$500 to the Antelope, Boone, and Holt county food banks during December. Please consider donating non-perishable food items to our Council, and we'll make sure it gets distributed to the local food banks. Leave the items in the far southeast corner of St. Boniface Church basement east entrance. God bless you!

Please share with our Council ideas and thoughts you might have that would help us better serve individuals or organizations in our area. Share your suggestions with our Worthy Grand Knight, Dave Kerkman, at 843-6373.

We pray that you have a blessed Advent and a Holy and Merry Christmas!

