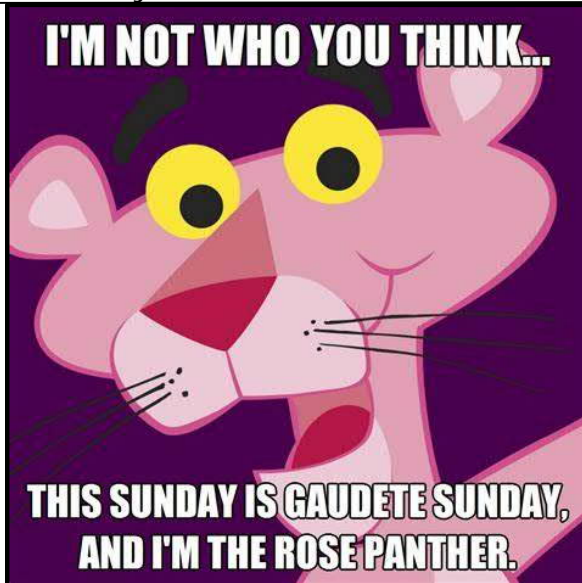


# Catholic Parishes in Partnership

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

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

December 13, 2020



ADVENT... A SEASON TO PRACTICE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

We celebrate being more than half done with Advent... so the Church says 'Gaudete', meaning 'Rejoice!' The Latin language is not making a suggestion here... it's an imperative! It's a command! We must 'rejoice'. God is here! Jesus is coming!

GAUDETE IS ABOUT SEARCHING AND DISCOVERY

Sometimes big changes happen in bits and pieces. Sometime big changes happen in steps. Each step forward has times to celebrate the 'win' accomplished. We want to celebrate what has happened. This week, we hear the questions asked to John the Baptist... Are you the one we've been looking for? Are you the one for whom we've been preparing the way? ...

John the Baptist points something out to us in his response. He doesn't pretend to be the answer to the longing of our hearts. He says that there is someone else we are searching for. Jesus invites those asking to discover the answer themselves. Jesus is not reducing himself to an academic answer to an intellectual question. Jesus doesn't put himself as an answer on a multiple choice test. It does not become enough for us to know the answer to the question. We have to own the answer in our hearts.

When Jesus is the source of our joy, we do rejoice! Faith becomes the most important gift that we can give and share. We can't force someone else to have faith, but we can lead and invite someone to share the experience of a faith-filled life. Our own faith is deepened and is strengthened when we seek to learn, to know, and to understand what we believe more clearly... but the learning, the knowledge, and the understanding cannot replace the need for the gift of faith.

## THE DESTINATION OF ADVENT

We are in the middle of two different destinations. The first destination is about getting ready for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The second destination is about being ready for the second coming of Christ... the coming of Christ in glory. Christmas is about getting ready for Christ to come. The second coming is about us being ready to go to heaven. One of the traditional beliefs in the church was that the second coming of Christ would happen in the Advent season. We want to be ready for eternity... for forever... for going to meet our God. This is one of the reasons why we have a tradition and strongly encourage use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Advent-time. It is a gift for me as a priest to hear confessions... especially in this season. Oftentimes, in our stressful COVID-crazed lives, we have needed to adapt and accommodate and change so many things so quickly. For us, this often means that we are carrying so much weight on our shoulders, further burdened by sin, and we have the opportunity to bring these weights and burdens to Jesus's forgiveness. He takes them away. For me as a priest, the joy of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is about watching Jesus lift the burden of sin that we carry.

## CHRISTMAS ACCOMMODATIONS FOR COVID

As we plan for Christmas in the midst of COVID-world, we are making some accommodations... for this year only. Since we don't know what to expect and may have many travelers from outside our communities coming, prudence requires us to be seated every other pew and we again strongly encourage with our local health departments the wearing of a face covering. While not ideal, we are expanding our ability to handle overflow in parish halls and such. We are also adding mass times, hoping that we can safely accommodate as many as possible inside our church buildings.

Christmas Eve/Day Masses 'up North': 3PM – SJD / 5PM – SPE / 7PM – STC / Midnight – SJD / 8AM – SPE / 10AM – STC

Christmas Eve/Day Masses 'down South': 4PM – SBR / 6:30PM – SBE / 8AM – SJP / 10AM – SBE

## ENGAGING THIS SEASON... IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IDEAS...

Taking time to pray hedges off the busyness and anxiety and worry. If you are adventuresome with the computer... I have really been enjoying the free Advent retreat offered online with daily meditations by Real Life Catholic... the website is <https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/unshakeable-joy> It helps me to think about both the gift of faith and the gift of Jesus. Know of my prayers for you in this season as well.

Peace,

*Fr. John*

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

### Financial Stewardship

#### St. Peter's Ewing

December 6: \$672.00 Holy Day: \$40.00  
Christmas: \$240.00 Christmas Flowers: \$5.00  
Retirement: \$40.00 Building Fund: \$20.00  
Cemetery: \$40.00 Votive Lights: (All 3 parishes): \$395.07

#### St. John's Deloit

December 6: \$1,446.00 Building Fund: \$300.00  
Holy Day: \$100.00 Insurance: \$100.00  
Christmas Flowers: \$25.00

#### St. Theresa's

December 6: \$700.00 Holy Day: \$70.00

### God's Portion / God's Acre

St. Peter's Budgeted: \$5,000 To Date: \$340.00  
St. John's Deloit Budgeted: \$7,500 To Date: \$2,610.00  
St. Theresa's Budgeted: \$5,000 To Date: \$490.00  
**Can you help us meet our budgeted goal by December 31<sup>st</sup>?**

### FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

**St. Peter's:** Andy Rotherham, Bob Walnofer, Nicki Dougherty, George Wright, Donna Knapp, Anslee Ostergard, Kathi Retwisch, Steve Koenig, Butch Sojka, Sister Joseph, Mary Edwards, Jessica Hobbs, Jeanette Tomjack, Sharon Ward, Duaine Bollwitt, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick and Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel.

**St. Theresa's:** Leo Starman, Nate Thiele, Regina Krebs and Adam Kester

**St. John's:** Judy Kerkman, Keith Palmer, Darlene Schueth, Carl Ernesti and Georgine Funk

### PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

**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



St. Peter's Christian Mothers wish to give a "Big Thank You" to Mike and Cheryl Thrumer for a very generous donation they gave in memory of Mike's parents, Mark and Joan Thrumer. Thank You! We appreciate it very much.



**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 this week.



We Welcome  
**Maverick John Kaczor**  
son of

Brett & Kristin Kaczor who was baptized  
November 28 at St. Peter's in Ewing.

We welcome  
**JoAnn Dempster**  
daughter of Shaun & Chantelle Dempster  
who was Baptized  
on December 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's in Ewing.

## St. John's Petersburg

### Financial Stewardship

#### St. John's - Petersburg:

December 5: \$1,490.00 Loose: \$3.00

### St. John's Petersburg God's Portion / God's Acre

Budgeted: \$6,500.00 To Date: \$3,425.00  
*Can you help us meet our budgeted goal by December 31<sup>st</sup>?*

**Please turn in your envelope for Christmas Memorials before December 20<sup>th</sup> to have your loved ones name listed. Thank you.**

### PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

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

### LAST CHANCE To Purchase

**St. John's (Petersburg) Once A Month Club tickets are now on sale for 2021 for \$50.00 each, to purchase tickets please contact one of these sellers:**

Carolyn Beckman: 402-386-5209 Jerry Faust: 402-843-8200  
Bob Heying, Jr.: 402-841-0565 Randy Ketteler: 402-843-0343  
Carol Luettel: 402-741-2099 Larry Pelster: 402-843-6663,  
David Pieke: 402-920-1891 Lynnette Seier: 402-843-8914  
Myron Seier: 402-843-8422 Clyde Stuhr: 803-968-3941  
John Temme: 402-843-8688 Hank Thieman: 402-447-4183



**Every Month, The Boone County Area Food Pantry** is in special need of cereal, canned meats/meals, toilet paper, and laundry detergent. Donations of all kinds are greatly appreciated and can be left in the **west entrance** of St. John's Church or taken to the Food Pantry on Thursday afternoons from 2-4 pm.



### St. John's Petersburg

#### Snow Removal Schedule:

(for Church, Hall, and Cemetery driveways).  
\*Please note that when we have a funeral the group assigned is also responsible for opening the Cemetery driveways.  
**December:** Families with Last Names R-Z  
**January:** Families with Last Names A-P



**Lets meet these goals by  
December 31.  
Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

*Every gift, no matter how large or small makes a difference, and we are stronger when we work together as One Church.*

**St. Theresa's Clearwater** Goal: \$7,600.00  
Commitment to date: \$5,595.00 **73.6% of goal**  
**St. John's Deloit** Goal: \$6,900.00  
Commitment to date: \$4,475.00 **64.9% of goal**  
**St. Peter's Ewing** Goal: \$5,612.00  
Commitment to date: \$2,794.00 **49.8% of goal**  
**St. Boniface Elgin** Goal: \$23,749.00  
Commitment to date: \$17,179.00 **72.3% of goal**  
**St. Bonaventure Raeville** Goal: \$4,428.00  
Commitment to date: \$3,402.00 **76.8% of goal**  
**St. John's Petersburg** Goal: \$5,119.00  
Commitment to date: \$3,550.00 **69.3% of goal**  
**Mailing Envelopes are at the Parish Offices.**

# St. Boniface Elgin

## Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday (27 Env)	\$5,589.90
Holy Day	\$418.00
Christmas Flowers	\$275.00
God's Portion	\$1,425.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 22	
Budgeted Total	\$99,215.79
Actual Total	\$101,209.40
Amount Ahead	\$1,993.61

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

Budgeted: \$44,000.00 To Date: \$33,766.99

**Can you help us meet our budgeted goal by December 31<sup>st</sup>?**

## St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure: Please Remember In Your Prayers:

Jolene Lichty, Larry Braband, Terry Dinslage, Cheri (Schindler) Cavanagh, Laurie Horn, Dave Shrader, Bob Redler, Garrett Scholz, Neil Childers, Sally Beckman, Marie Cheatum, Joe Buelt, Cliff Burger, Brittney Waldrop, Brenda Papstein, Denise Jamieson, Chris Stargel, Gary Preister, Cammy (Dwyer) Abbey, Lawrence Borer, Lyle Mackel, Loretta Zegers, Adam Kester, Lori Krause, Matt Golden, Karlene Moser, Pat Fredrickson, Tracy Hoefer, Juan Hoefer, Eric Heithoff, John Jamieson, Dave Schrad, Pat Evans, Pat Starman, John King, John Wolinski, Galen Keas, Janet Sorenson, Edith Finkral, Connie Nelson, Bob Heying, Gene Heithoff. **[Please let us know if name can be removed.]**

## ELGIN PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

**St. Boniface:** Call Mary Jane Boes 402-843-2379 or JoAnn Beckman 402-843-6287.



## Confessions at St. Boniface Church on Wednesday, December 16

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.

## St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

12-07-20	Marcella Schiltmeyer	\$60.00
12-08-20	Violet Schumacher <b>Holy Day</b>	\$100.00
12-09-20	Craig & Gini Seier	\$60.00
12-10-20	Jim & Roxanne McNally	\$60.00
12-11-20	Dave Sehi	\$60.00
12-12-20	Carmen Peetz	\$60.00
12-13-20	Mike & Mary Alice Dwyer	\$75.00



## 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, and drop it in the collection this week. Please mark on the envelope who the

donation is given in memory of. The price for a poinsettia is **\$15.00.**



We welcome  
**Effie Mae Ruth Shavlik**  
daughter of  
Lee & Kara Shavlik  
who was baptized this  
week at St. Boniface Church



## 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.**

**St. Boniface Men's Circle members and leaders are asked to please keep in mind the snow removal schedule.** If you have experience running a bobcat, please feel free to use it as it is in the church garage. There are scoops and brooms in the garage and the ice melt is inside the east entrance of church, and in the closet in the west entrance. We need to keep walkways, parking lots clear and in front of the convent, Sisters home, and entirely around the gym, for safety reasons.

**St. Boniface Thanksgiving Raffle Winners are printed on GREEN sheets at all three the west entrance of St. Boniface Church.** Take one if you wish, and thank you for supporting our raffle.



## 2 Weeks Left! Gun Raffle

### Get Your Tickets!

Tickets are \$5.00 each for a chance to win a LEG HOWA Hunter M1500 Walnut Hunter **6.5 PRC Calibur** 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 December 29, 2020. Need not be present to win. All proceeds go to continued profits of the St. Boniface 96<sup>th</sup> Bazaar, so get your tickets in by December 26.



**Thank you to Phil and Andy Starman who put up the Nativity outside of St. Boniface Church.**

## St. Boniface Altar Society Circle Worklist

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

**Clean Church:** Circle 1 (Dec. 17)

**Next Funeral:** Circle 3 (Circle 2 had Alfreda Pelster)

**Next Charity:** Circle 1 (Circle 6 helped haul nativity)

**Kookie Klatch:** Not Held

**Next Meeting:** January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm (New officers installed)



## This Week in Our Parishes.....

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	December 13	4:00 pm	Penance Service at St. Peter's Ewing
Sunday	December 13	5:00 pm	Penance Service at St. John's Deloit
Sunday	December 13	7:00 pm	Penance Service at St. Theresa's Clearwater
Tuesday	December 15	Noon	Deadline for December 20 <sup>th</sup> Bulletin Items
Wednesday	December 16	9:30 am	Bible Study at St. Dominic's Hall in Ewing
Wednesday	December 16	5-6:00 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface <b>(includes Family Formation students at 5pm)</b>
Wednesday	December 16	-----	Religious Education for Northern Tier- follow schedule
Wednesday	December 16	5-6:00 pm	Family Formation Class Only (Includes Confessions)
Wednesday	December 16	-----	Religious Ed (PRE) Class at Albion (K-8 at 6-7pm; 9-12 Gr. 7:15-8:15pm)
Thursday	December 17	-----	Circle 1 Cleans St. Boniface Church (at time that works for you)
Thursday	December 17	7:00pm	RCIA Class in Convent Ministry Room
Monday	December 21	Noon	<b>Early</b> Calendar deadline for January events
Monday	December 21	Noon	<b>Early</b> Bulletin Deadline for the December 27 Bulletin

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

Location	Day	Date	Time	Intentions
(SBE) Elgin	Monday	December 14	7:20 am	Communion Service
(SBR) Raeville	Tuesday	December 15	8:30 am	Military & Their Families
(SPE) Ewing	Tuesday	December 15	8:30 am	+Ron Wilkinson
(SBE) Elgin	Wednesday	December 16	8:15 am	+Louis, June & Jerry Kerkman by SB 5 <sup>th</sup> /Kindergarten
(STC) Clearw.	Wednesday	December 16	8:30 am	+Dec. Members of Clarence & Jo Halbur Family
(SJP) Peters.	Wednesday	December 16	10:30 am	+Larry Henn
(SBE) Elgin	Thursday	December 17	8:15 am	Liv. & Dec. PJ Alumni by PJ 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade; Cele: Fr. Nields
(SPE) Ewing	Thursday	December 17	8:30 am	+Dec. Members of the Tagel Family
(SBE) Elgin	Friday	December 18	7:20 am	+Leo & Dorothy Dwyer
(SJD) Deloit	Friday	December 18	8:30 am	+Clarence & Alice Funk
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	December 19	5:30 pm	+Lucille Ruther
(SJP) Peters.	Saturday	December 19	7:00 pm	+Bernard Kuhlman
(SBR) Raeville	Sunday	December 20	8:00 am	+Floyd Henn/ Bernard Kuhlman <b>(Livestreamed)</b>
(SBE) Elgin	Sunday	December 20	10:00 am	+Kalin Henn
(STC) Clearw.	Sunday	December 20	10:00 am	+Vince & Marie Thiele
(SJD) Deloit	Sunday	December 20	11:30 am	For the People of Our Parishes

Livestream Sunday Mass is 8:00 am can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/cppnebraska/>  
and all our parish Facebook pages

Tuesday & Friday: Fr. Norman is offering a streamed Liturgy of the Word/Daily Reflections at 10 am.

## Liturgical Schedule for Sunday, December 19-20, 2020

Weekend	Servers (Mask optional)	Ushers (Please Wear Mask)	SS Counters-SJP Greeters - SBE Rosary Ldrs- SBR	Gift Bearers	Lector	Music	E.M.H.C. (All will wear Masks)
<b>Saturday</b> <b>DECEMBER 19</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>St. Peter's EWING</b>	Grace Stuthman	Greg Napier	-----	-----	Tammy Summers	Follow Schedule	Bryce Summers
<b>Saturday</b> <b>DECEMBER 19</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>St. John's PETERSBURG</b>	Christian Preister	Kevin Schumacher Keith Schumacher	<u>Money Counters:</u> Larry Pelster Myron Seier	-----	Lisa Schumacher	Guitar Group	Deacon John Starman
<b>Sunday</b> <b>DECEMBER 20</b> <b>8:00 am</b> <b>St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE</b>	Olivia Klein Aiden Klein	Tyler Reestman Martin Klein	<u>Rosary Leaders:</u> Mark & Carole Tharnish	-----	Mark Grundmayer	Joyce Reestman	Jake Grundmayer
<b>Sunday</b> <b>DECEMBER 20</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>St. Boniface - ELGIN</b>	Brooke Kinney	Dean Schrage Mark Schrage Paul Schrage Mike Brockhaus	-----	-----	Alan Reicks	Mark & Julie Dwyer	Pastor, Deacon Dennis, Betty Getzfred (if needed in basement)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>DECEMBER 20</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>St. Theresa's CLEARWATER</b>	Justice Blecher	Steve Hankla Kevin Rittscher	-----	-----	Tina Thiele-Blecher	Follow Schedule	John Moser
<b>Sunday</b> <b>DECEMBER 20</b> <b>11:30 am</b> <b>St. John's DELOIT</b>	Will Schmidt	Ron Funk	-----	-----	Angela Tagel	Follow Schedule	Diane Dicke

## St. Bonaventure Raeville



St. Bonaventure Parish is asking that if you attend church there, that you please use the south entrance only for the time being.

### PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

**St. Bonaventure:** Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-386-5350 or Diane Scholl 402-386-5256.

### Financial Stewardship St. Bonaventure- Raeville

Sunday Collection (11 Env.)	\$845.00
Holy Day	\$75.00
Christmas Flowers	\$130.00
God's Portion	\$1,000.00

Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 23

Budgeted Total	\$23,451.03
Actual Total	\$22,068.54
Amount Behind	(\$1,382.49)

### St. Bonaventure God's Portion / God's Acre

Budgeted: \$13,000.00 To Date: \$13,847.70

Donations of food or cash are being collected for the Albion Food Pantry. Please be generous during this time. A basket is located at the south entrance.



### We welcome Molly Claire Temme

daughter of  
Justin & Beth Temme  
who was baptized this weekend  
at St. Bonaventure Church



St. Bonaventure Parish appreciates the following memorial given

in loving memory of **Mel Selting.**

**St. Bonaventure Church \$1,200.00**

Mel graduated from St. John Berchman High School in 1945.

## GENERAL NEWS



The Religious Retirement Fund Collection was this weekend, December 13. Help show your appreciation for the Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives for so many years. You may use the envelope from packet and put in the regular collection.



makes a very nice gift!

We still have some frozen St. Bon's Thanksgiving Sausage (rings) available for sale, until we run out. Please call the Elgin Parish Office during regular hours if you wish to buy some. It sells for \$5.00 for a 1# pound package and

## GENERAL NEWS



**JANUARY Calendar Items**  
are due Monday, December 21  
by Noon

Please call Michele or Linda at 402-843-2345 or email [parish@cnpnebraska.org](mailto:parish@cnpnebraska.org).

Help your parish stay informed.

### AREA PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE:

**Sunday, December 13:** St. Peter's Ewing, 4:00 pm

**Sunday, December 13:** St. John's Deloit, 5:30 pm

**Sunday, December 13:** St. Theresa's Clearwater, 7:00 pm



### Christmas Mass Schedule

For this year only, due to decreased seating capacity because of Covid, there will be more

Christmas Masses offered.

God Bless, Fr. John & Fr. Vogel

Christmas Vigil, December 24: 3:00 pm (SJ Deloit)

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

Christmas Vigil, December 24, 5:00 pm (SP Ewing)

Christmas Vigil, December 24, 6:30 pm (SB Elgin)

Christmas Vigil, December 24, 7:00 pm (ST Clearwater)

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

Christmas Day, December 25, 8:00 am (SP Ewing)

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

Christmas Day, December 25, 10:00 am (ST Clearwater)

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

## ST. BONIFACE

# GUN RAFFLE

TO PURCHASE  
TICKETS, CONTACT:

**Chris Baum**  
402-649-9875

or  
**Brian Selting**  
402-843-8458

Tickets make  
great stocking  
stuffers!



**LEG HOWA  
HUNTER M1500  
WALNUT**  
BOLT ACTION RIFLE

**\$5.00  
PER CHANCE**

Only 1,000 tickets to be  
sold through December 26

Drawing Will Be Held On  
**December 29, 2020**

All State & Federal Laws Apply - Need not be present to win.

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



### Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards

Beautiful religious-based Christmas cards are available at Lordemann Insurance. Please stop in and visit with Steve or Eric, and they'll show you our assortment of cards.

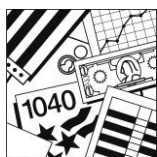


### New Mignery Cross arrived!

Reserve your new Mignery Cross, or for more information please contact Deb Pelster at 402-843-0163. Proceeds from the sale of crosses benefits Pope John High School. a picture of the bronze cross will be on [pjcrusaders.org](http://pjcrusaders.org). Thank you for your support!

## God's Portion

Each parishioner in our family of parishes is invited to participate in what we call our God's Portion collection. **We can never outdo God in generosity**, but we can sure do what we can to further the mission of Jesus right here in our parishes. We challenge everyone to pray about what sacrifice you can share with your parish, through the God's Portion collection. A day's wages, or an acre of corn, a portion of a windfall you didn't expect, that's up to you. Your sacrifice is greatly appreciated. This collection goes until December 31.



## Charitable Contributions Deduction Modifications

Taxpayers who do not otherwise elect to itemize deductions are allowed an above-the-line deduction in 2020 for up to \$300 for charitable contributions made in cash (not stock) to any qualifying Section 501(c)(3) public charity, excluding donor-advised funds. In addition, for individuals who itemize, the CARES Act temporarily increases limitations on deductions for charitable contributions made in 2020.

**Another reason to give to your favorite parish or school before December 31!**



### Lost and Found at St. Boniface Church

An Elkhorn Rural Public Power District coat with the name "Dave" on it. Also a gray fleece Columbia "Huskers" jacket. You can claim either one of these at the Elgin Parish Office.



## Scholarships for 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, and 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, 2021 and need to be sent to: Barb Wurdinger, 84542 564th Ave., Stanton, NE 68779. Applications received with a postmark after January 15<sup>th</sup> will not be considered.

## Bethlehem Revisited...Coming To You!



I hope that 2020 can be remembered as the seventh and the last time that we did Bethlehem Revisited. The first time was at Tekamah in 2003. Then it went to the edge of Omaha, Lindsay, Schuyler, Ewing and Homer area in 2013. I thought we were done, but God has been nudging me to do it one more time.

"Bethlehem Revisited" is more than a living nativity; it is an interactive experience of what that first Christmas was like. It has all the animals, including three camels. People play the part of the Wise Men, Shepherds, Shopkeepers and the Holy Family. Dollars can be changed into Bethlehem coins, so you can buy things from the marketplace, to take home.

It will be open in Newcastle, NE, in a building one block south of Main St., from 1:00-7:00 pm, on the two Sundays after Christmas. In the Spirit of St. Francis, we invite you to experience the true meaning of Christmas. Blessing in 2020 and beyond,

Fr. Jim Kramper