

# 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 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

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### Parish Grouping Office Hours

When calling the parish offices, please call **402-843-2345**

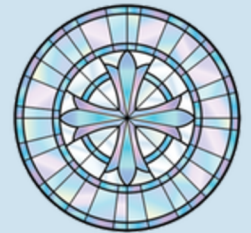
(This will give you an option to connect to a priest in the event of emergency)

### 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.



Rejoice in the  
Lord always;  
again I say,  
rejoice.  
Phil 4:4




### *Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday*

The priests are wearing rose or pink this weekend and we hear shouts of gladness and rejoicing throughout the readings. Let us be reminded of the power of the season, that we are connected with the presence of our Savior!

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 15	<p><b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>                      1:30 PM ~ OCIA with Fr. Frank.                      St. Francis, Neligh Church basement. Anyone is welcome!  <b>Penance Service, 3:00 pm SFN &amp; 5:00 pm SBE</b></p>
Tues Dec 17	<p><b>Parish Offices closed for Staff Advent Retreat</b>  <b>Baptism Class ~ 7:00 PM.</b>                      Ministry Room in the Elgin Convent. To register,                      please contact Dave &amp; Gwen Beckman: 402-843-8137.</p> 
Wed Dec 18	<p>Youth Group in Ewing @ St. Dominic's Hall ~ 6:00 PM                      Pope John PK-12 Christmas Concert ~ 7:00 PM                      OLT CCD Class 7:00-8:00 PM                      Youth Group in Tilden 7:00-8:00 PM @ OLT Hall                      Albion PRE - Follow Schedule</p>
Thurs Dec 19	SBE Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
Sat Dec 21	<i>Winter begins!</i>
Sun Dec 22	<p>1:30 PM ~ OCIA with Fr. Frank.                      St. Francis, Neligh Church basement. Anyone is welcome!  <b>Penance Service 3:00 pm STC</b></p>
Tues Dec 24	<p><i>Christmas Eve</i>                      Parish Offices closed</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Merry Christmas!</i></p> 
Wed Dec 25	<p><i>Christmas Day</i>                      Parish Offices closed</p>

### Youth Group for grades 7-12!

All 7-12 graders are welcome to attend any & all youth groups! Students ~ please go to whichever youth groups work for you. We just want you to join us & grow in FAITH!

-  **Youth Group in Ewing**  
**Wednesday, December 18 6:00 pm at St. Dominic's Hall**
-  **Youth Group in Tilden**  
**Every Wednesday 7:00-8:00 PM at Our Lady Mt. Carmel Hall**
-  **Eucharistic Adoration & Youth Group**  
**January 5th at St. Boniface Church in Elgin starting with Eucharistic Praise at 6:00 pm followed by Youth Group at 7:00. ~Supper Provided!**

Bible Stories



Children welcome!

### St. Theresa's Confirmation Class will be hosting a Bible Stories for Kids night.

All young children are welcome to come listen to the Confirmation Class students read Bible stories and ask/answer questions. St. Theresa's Hall, Clearwater  
 Sunday, December 22nd - 5:00 - 6:30 pm  
*We will also serve Christmas cookies!*



## What does grief look like in preparation for the holidays?

It looks a little different for everyone ... and that's ok. Be patient with yourself as you prepare for Christmas and time spent with others. Grief does not follow a schedule, and it has a real contrast with the *joy* of the season. There is certainly no time limit on grief, and everyone navigates it at their own unique pace. It is ok to feel joyful and happy; and it is ok to feel sad. Here are a few things to consider and think about leading up to Christmas:

- Plan ahead. Consider what you would like to do or not do for the holidays. Communicate this to your family to help them know what you are thinking leading up to family gatherings.
- Give yourself permission to say no. If you do not feel up to accepting an invitation, it is ok for you to say, "No, not at this time." or "No, I'm not quite ready."
- Honor your loved one by placing a candle next to their photo, setting a place for them at the dinner table, or placing a 'memory stocking/memory box', where you and others can write down treasured memories. Then pick a time to read them together.
- Engage in prayer and attend Mass to deepen your relationship with God. Ask Him for help, strength, and comfort. Being nourished by the Eucharist is your lifeline to Christ.
- Tell about your grief during Confession. Bringing our grief to light in Confession has great power. When we give Jesus access to the deepest, most painful parts of our hearts, He can give great comfort and healing.
- Reach out to a trusted family member or friend to confide in and share your grief. Don't look for someone who wants to 'fix it', rather than someone who will sit with you and listen. If you do not have a supportive person, please, reach out to our Priests or Deacons. They can be a listening presence to you.
- Talk to your kids about the holidays. It can be confusing for children when holidays can be both happy and sad after a death. Let them know it is okay to enjoy the holiday, and it is okay to be sad. Let children know they have freedom to talk about their loved one who has passed on, even if it brings tears. When we share our thoughts and feelings, they do not feel as heavy as when we keep them to ourselves. Giving expression to our grief is helpful.

Date & Time	Location	Cel.	Intention	Notes
<b>MON DEC 16, 8:15 AM</b>	Elgin	DW		<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>TUES DEC 17, 8:30 AM</b>	*Tilden*	JN FB	· † Repose of the soul of Catherine Mohatt · † Repose of the souls of Joe and Margaret Mohatt	Staff Advent Retreat
<b>WED DEC 18, 8:15 AM</b>	Elgin	JN	· † Red & Evelyn Arehart	
<b>WED DEC 18, 8:30 AM</b>	Neligh	FB	Living & Deceased Members of the Blackburn Family	
<b>WED DEC 18, 9:30 AM</b>	Arbor Care	FB	· † Joan Sehi	
<b>WED DEC 18, 5:00 PM</b>	Elgin	JN		<b>Confessions</b>
<b>THURS DEC 19, 8:15 AM</b>	Elgin	JN	· † Donna Mackel	
<b>THURS DEC 19, 8:30 AM</b>	Neligh	FB	· † Dennis, DeAnne, Denise & Dani Ternus	
<b>FRI DEC 20, 8:15 AM</b>	Elgin	JN	· † Louis, June & Jerry Kerkman	All School Mass (4th grade plans)
<b>FRI DEC 20, 8:30 AM</b>	Neligh	FB	· † Bev Kallhoff	
<b>SAT DEC 21, 5:30 PM</b>	Tilden	FB	· † Louis & Eileen Johnson	
<b>SAT DEC 21, 5:30 PM</b>	Ewing	JN	· † Dec. Members of Leo Spittler Family	
<b>SUN DEC 22, 8:00 AM</b>	Petersburg	FB	· † Ruth Kerkman	
<b>SUN DEC 22, 8:00 AM</b>	Clearwater	JN	· † Elaine Panowicz	
<b>SUN DEC 22, 10:00 AM</b>	Elgin	FB	· † Delbert Salber	
<b>SUN DEC 22, 10:00 AM</b>	Neligh	JN	· For the People of Our Parishes	

**Private confessions 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass**

## **Ministry Schedule for December 21st & 22nd: 4th Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday 12/21/2024**

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

Altar Servers: Belle A., Michael K.

EMHC: Kathy Arens

Gift bearers: Dennis & Sandi Finley

Lector: Karen Funk

Ushers: Bruce Hoffman, Ed Nordby

### **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: Milo N., Hunter M.

EMHC: Stan Schapmann

Lector: Carney Black

Ushers: Phil Chvala, Eddie O'Brien

**Sunday 12/22/2024**

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

Altar Servers: Clarie K., Katelyn K.

EMHC: Tom Thiele

Gift bearers: Steve & Holly Thiele

Lector: Connie Cronin

Ushers: Tim Jr. Kester, Dean Thiele

**Sunday 12/22/2024**

### **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: Kenzie W., Kaci W.

Homebound: Kay Preister

Lector: Lynn Pelster

Money: Adam Wies, Jay Pelster

Music: Guitar Group

Ushers: Wally Scholl, Derek Stuhr

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

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

Altar Servers: Sydney N., Jacob N.

Gift bearers: Merle & Emily Borer

Greeters: Michelle Reicks, Eric Haselhorst

Mike & Connie Dvorak

Homebound: Jessica Niewohner, Skyler Meis

Lector: Alan Reicks | Music: Laura Ruge

Ushers: Craig Niewhoner, Terry Bauer,

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: Charlie C., Carter C.

EMHC: Kathy Sauser, Doris Ternus

Lector: Ron Gilg

Ushers: \*\*Troy Shabram \*\*Daryl Booth,

Dale Kallhoff, Randy Kallhoff

## Stewardship for Dec 7-8, 2024

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

### St. Johns, Petersburg

Sunday Offertory	\$5,023.95
Christmas	\$150
Christmas Flowers	\$225
Immaculate Conception	\$277
Catholic Charities	\$20
Retired Religious	\$210
Cemetery	\$100
Building Fund	\$50
Sunday ACH/EFT	\$220

### St. Bonaventure, Raeville

Sunday Offertory	\$640
Immaculate Conception	\$90
Building Fund	\$1,250.10
Retired Religious	\$65
Christmas Flowers	\$50
Sunday ACH/EFT	\$50

### St. Boniface, Elgin

Sunday Offertory	\$3,077.01
God's Portion	\$1,014.11
Immaculate Conception	\$1,042
Retired Religious	\$745
Christmas Flowers	\$125
Christmas	\$200
Building Fund	\$100
Sunday ACH/EFT	\$2,395
Sunday Online Giving	\$100



We pray for the soul of Lois K. Zegers.

Please keep the Zegers family, loved ones, and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

The funeral for Lois was Tuesday, December 10 at St. John the Baptist Church in Petersburg.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen*



### St. Bonaventure, Raeville

We will set up Christmas trees, lights, & manger following Mass on December 15th. All help is appreciated. *Thank you.*



### St. John's Petersburg Snow & Ice Removal

by last name:

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!



**Upcoming family gatherings means accumulation of aluminum cans. Good news ~ you can donate them! Please place bags of aluminum cans on the trailer located at the southwest end of the Pope John parking lot. Thank you for your donations!**

### Attention High School Senior Catholic Girls!

**Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) 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. 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, Pauline Pelster**

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

# 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 Dec 7-8, 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	\$6,687
Christmas	\$40
Christmas Flowers	\$195
Immaculate Conception	\$1,005.50
God's Portion	\$2,052.86
Human Needs	\$ 79
Utilities	\$1,100
Retired Religious	\$875
Sunday Online Giving	\$695.98
SFN Building Fund	\$200
SPE Building Fund	\$100

**DONATE** ❤️

**St. Theresa's Confirmation Class** is in need of cash donations and/or items for a Christmas package service project. We will be decorating Christmas cookies and putting together care packages for the residents of the Neligh Care Home. Items that we are in need of are money, lotions, snacks (twinkies, cheetos, oatmeal cream pies, etc - nothing containing nuts), chapstick, body sprays, non-slip socks, scented soaps and sanitizers, butter, flour, sugar and eggs, and any Christmas cookie decorations (sprinkles, frosting, etc). Donations can be sent with any Confirmation student or left in the kitchen of St. Theresa's Hall marked *Confirmation Class* or the Summerland School Office or contact Taryl at 308-201-0149. Deadline is Wednesday, December 18th! Any donations would be greatly appreciated! *Thank you.*

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 monthly, or as needed, 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.



*We pray for the soul of Joan M. Kallhoff.*

Please keep the Kallhoff family, loved ones, and friends in your thoughts and prayers. The funeral for Joan was Saturday, December 14 at St. Boniface Church in Elgin.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

*May she rest in peace. Amen.*



**Kyle Snodgrass**  
(son of Marla & Roy Snodgrass) is a Seminarian in the Propaedeutic Program at the Saint Paul Seminary.

**Kyle Snodgrass**  
2260 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55105-1094

*Receiving support while in the Seminary is so important.  
Please keep Kyle, and all seminarians in your prayers!*

### **St. Francis, Neligh November Church Cleaning**

**Dec 19** Donna Vice, Tim Kallhoff, Pat Borer

**Dec 23** Mike (Bev) Seier, Leon Strong, Jennnifer Breurer

### **-St. Francis, Neligh USHERS REMINDER-**

Dec 24, 4:00 pm, Christmas Eve Mass at St. Francis.

USHERS— Please be at the church no later than 3:30 pm.

Additional seating will be needed for both the main seating area where possible and in the basement. TV and sound system will be on to accommodate any necessary overflow. Please help direct people accordingly and for those who go to the basement, please inform them that Communion will be brought to them. *Thank you!*

### **Annunciation Parish Prayer Line**

**Adam Kester, Roger Allen, Regina Krebs, Matt Belitz, Angela Hardisty, Betty Latham, Peg Kuester, Lyn Sheridan, George Ternus, Glen Grahler, 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, Rick Johnson, Craig Allemang**

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

## How are you preparing your heart this Advent?

### Here are some ideas:

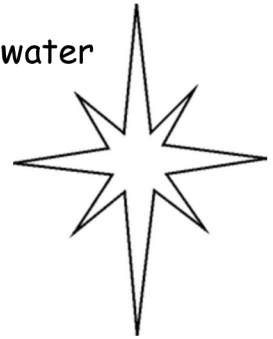
- Advent Rosary on Hallow: Pray25 Challenge (free 90-day subscription!)
- Pray with your family, letting each member state their personal intentions
- Tell someone you appreciate them, and tell them why
- Attend daily Mass when able
- Spend time in Adoration
- Take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Give someone a compliment each day
- Talk about the different names and titles of Jesus, and what they mean to you! (Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Almighty One, Deliverer, Immanuel, King of Kings, Redeemer.) What others can you think of?!

In this Season of Preparation ~ please take advantage of the upcoming Penance Services:

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



***Prepare the Way of The Lord  
with Advent Confessions***

### The Nativity of The Lord & New Year's Mass Schedule

#### **Christmas Eve, December 24**

**4:00 pm St. Francis, Neligh**

**4:00 pm St. Bonaventure, Raeville**

**6:00 pm St. Peters, Ewing**

**6:00 pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tilden**

#### **Christmas Day, December 25**

**8:00 am St. Therasas, Clearwater**

**8:00 am St. Johns, Petersburg**

**10:00 am St. Johns, Deloit**

**10:00 am St. Boniface, Elgin**

#### **New Years Eve, December 31**

**5:30 pm St. Peters, Ewing**

**5:30 pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tilden**

#### **New Years Day, January 1**

**8:00 am St. Therasas, Clearwater**

**8:00 am St. Johns, Petersburg**

**10:00 am St. Francis, Neligh**

**10:00 am, St. Boniface, Elgin**

