

# 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019



## BORN IN A BARN...PLACED IN A MANGER

I'm definitely excited that Christmas is almost here!! We celebrate Jesus' birthday and God coming to dwell with us. Our Christmas carols celebrate the events that took place and invite our imaginations into the Christmas place in Bethlehem...even when our parenting skills might suggest that the Little Drummer Boy not play his drum near the newborn baby!

As we get closer and closer to Christmas, it's good to think about us approaching the manger... approaching God where he was born in time. Jesus wasn't born in the best rated hospital; he wasn't even born into a 5-star hotel. God becoming man... Jesus being born... this is a descension or lowering of himself. God is unlimited... he is infinite. Human beings are limited... even our best can get tired, weary, and sore. Jesus' being born, being 100% God and 100% man, meant that he chose to limit himself to the dependent and helpless capacities of an infant.

## BEING TRULY HUMAN... AND TRULY GOD...

As God chooses to limit himself and to be born in time, God makes himself very vulnerable with us. Jesus, even being the Son of God, would probably have woken his parents up in the night hungry. Jesus as a toddler would have needed to be potty trained. Jesus would say his first words, take his first

steps. As a moment of pure imagination and speculation, I think about the fact that I can never successfully argue with a regular two or three-year-old who is convinced that they are right... how could I have a conversation with the Son of God, who would actually be right!?! Jesus would have lost his baby teeth, one by one. Jesus would have had a growth spurt. Jesus may have had acne. Jesus' voice would have changed and deepened. As he grew, Jesus' shoes would get too small and he would need bigger clothes. Jesus never stops being God, but Jesus' humanity is just as real. And because Jesus' humanity is real, Jesus doesn't understand us just from the outside. He doesn't just read about these 'humans' in a book, but Jesus can relate to our own experiences because he had real experiences like ours. As God, he knows our inmost thoughts. He can understand us the way that we want to be understood. Being human, he has his own experiential knowledge as well.

## APPROACHING OUR GOD IN THE MANGER

Jesus was born to be our Savior. Many Christmas carols proclaim, "Christ our savior is born!" One way that we can enter into this time is to approach the manger-bed of Jesus. It is the place of God's humility. We can let our own guards down and offer our God our lives... the things going well and the areas of struggle. Jesus can hold us in love and understanding.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING SOON!!

I think that we're going to make it to Advent's finish line of Christmas just fine. Here are our Christmas Mass times:

Christmas Eve, December 24: 4:00 pm (SBR- Raeville)  
Christmas Eve, December 24, 4:00 pm (SPE- Ewing)  
Christmas Eve, 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, 10:00 am (STC-Clearwater)  
Christmas Day, December 25: 10:00 am (SBE- Elgin)

Please consider a gift to your parish at Christmas, and remember if you wish to make a year-end contribution, it must dated and postmarked by December 31.

Merry Christmas with great gratitude!



## 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](mailto:jmnorman@archomaha.org)

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

Email: [kwvogel@archomaha.org](mailto: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](http://www.stbonparishes.com)

Monday 1pm-4pm

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

Friday 9am-12pm

Michele Reicks [mreicks@stbonparishes.com](mailto:mreicks@stbonparishes.com)

Linda Moser [lmoser@stbonparishes.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 7pm (summer)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:lmoser@stbonparishes.com)

(AND) [mreicks@stbonparishes.com](mailto:mreicks@stbonparishes.com)

**COMBINED Monthly Calendar: 3<sup>rd</sup> TUES / Mo.**

**We have two websites currently, but will soon be transitioning to just <https://cppnebraska.org/> (<https://stbonparishes.com/> is the one that will go away) 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.picrusaders.org](http://www.picrusaders.org)

**St. Michael School- Albion (Preschool-8)**

Lisa Schumacher, Principal Website: [www.stmichael.esu7.org](http://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 Diane Scholl 402-386-5256.

**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](mailto: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](http://KofC.org/JoinUs)

**Tintern Retreat Center (Oakdale)** Cheryl Veik 402-776-2188 [tinternretreatcenter.com](http://tinternretreatcenter.com)

**Together, We Make Disciples**

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

Day	Date	Time	Events
Monday	December 23	9:00 am	<b>Early Bulletin Deadline</b> for the December 29 Bulletin Items
Monday	December 23	7:00 pm	St. Boniface Choir Practice
Tues/Wed.	Dec. 24-25	-----	Parish Office Closed
Thursday	December 26	1:00pm	Gun Raffle Ticket Stubs and Money DUE at Elgin Parish Office
Friday	December 27	Noon	<b>Early Bulletin Deadline</b> for January 5 <sup>th</sup> Bulletin items
Sunday	December 28	-----	Pennies from Heaven Containers at Elgin/Raeville/Petersburg Churches

## St. John's Petersburg

### Financial Stewardship- December 14

#### St. John's – Petersburg:

Adult: \$985.00  
 Loose: \$156.00 Children: \$1.00  
 Christmas Flowers- \$520.00 (Total)  
 Religious Retirement- \$323.00 (Total)

### St. John's Petersburg Snow Removal December: Families with Last Names S-Z (January: Families with Last Names A-R)

#### Can you Volunteer?

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 the Baptist Petersburg Parish Council will be held January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm (1 week later than usual).



*We thank all those who gave donations for Poinsettias in remembrance of their loved ones to beautify our churches for Christmas.*

### St. John the Baptist- Petersburg In Loving Memory of...

Kevin Michael Beckman	Jerry Borer
William Knust	Morrie & Dolly Henn
Maurice & Mary Louise Henn	Pete & Mildred Pelster
Leah Petsche	Jerome & Louise Camp
Bud Ketteler, Deb Wiseman & Bob Belgum	Larry Henn
Bernard, Delores & Julie Kuhlman	Gary Van Winkle
Wm & Luella Kerkman Family	Clem & Frances Luettel
Lawrence, Florence & Richard Luettel	Frank & Marge Seier
Jim Borer & Gerry Nissen	Jerome & Jim Beierman
Robert & Marie Schrage	Harold & Stella Stokes
Jim Preusser, Ken & Pat Schumacher	Peg Temme
Jerome & Betty Temme	Nancy Karges
Dec. Family Mem. of Scott & Kay Preister	Cliff Voss
Joe & Joyce Temme	Dec. Temme Family Members
Billy & Kayla Feeny	Kenneth & Patricia Schumacher
Alfred & Delores Metz	Joey Metz
Ray & Delores Thieman	Jeff Scholl
Ambrose Ausdemore	Leonard, Cecilia & Katherine Scholl
Joe & Joyce Temme	Mel & Claire Pelster
Stanley & Robert Simons	Lisa Allison
Kalin Henn	Erica Kerkman
Jerome Seier	Al & Millie Luettel
Donna Packard	Lawrence & Esther Petsche

### St. John's Petersburg Once a Month Club Tickets

**Purchase yours today** from 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 110<sup>th</sup> St., Petersburg, NE 68652. **Deadline is January 13,2020.**

### Pennies from Heaven

**Pennies from Heaven is an initiative started by The Vocation Committee to help raise funds for our parishes to directly support and foster religious vocations.** Pennies from Heaven containers will be at the entrances of Church the last full weekend of each month. Everyone is encouraged to "drop their spare change" in the container, as those donations do add up. In the near past these funds have been used to support seminarians from our area and from the Archdiocese, fund student vocation contests for students, Norfolk Serran Club dues, etc. Please continue to pray for Vocations as well.

--Teresa Heying, Vocation Committee

## St. Bonaventure Raeville

### Financial Stewardship- December 15

#### St. Bonaventure- Raeville

Sunday Collection (14 Env.)	\$1,171.00
Children's Collection	\$14.00
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	\$10.00
God's Portion	\$300.00
Christmas Flowers	\$120.00

Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 24	
Budgeted Total	\$24,000.00
Actual Total	\$25,096.52
Amount Ahead	\$1,096.52

### God's Portion & God's Acre

#### St. Bonaventure

Budgeted: \$13,000.00  
 Total to Date: **\$11,503.90**



**St. Bonaventure Parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion on Sundays but are unable to attend Mass, please call Joan Stuhr or leave a clear message at 402-843-0485.**



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### St. Bonaventure: In Loving Memory of...

Alphonse & Frances Klein	Eugene Klein
Ralph Klein	Norbert, Marjorie & Phyllis Bode
Willie Salber	Mary & Ed Anderson
Herb Mattner	Les Mattner
Florentine Mattner	Joe & Lorraine Stuhr
Joseph & Idella Lorenz	Art, Margaret & John Kuester
In Honor of Military and Their Families	Sharon Ross
Al & Irene Kluthe	Mrs. Clara Starman
Sandra Winn	Scott Karella
Ben & Paula Starman	William Starman
Louis & Anna Beckman	

# Mass Intentions for the Week.....

Location	Day	Date	Time	Cele.	Intentions	
(SBE) Elgin	Monday	Dec. 23	7:20 am		Communion Service	
(SJD) Deloit	Monday	Dec. 23	7:00 pm		+Bernadine Walnofer	
(SBR) Raeville	Tuesday	Dec. 24	4:00 pm	KV	+Paysen Ann Guthard	<b>Christmas Vigil</b>
(SPE) Ewing	Tuesday	Dec. 24	4:00 pm	JN	+Geraldine Bauer	<b>Christmas Vigil</b>
(STC) Clearw.	Tuesday	Dec. 24	6:00 pm	JN	Living Members of Our Parishes	
(SJD) Deloit	Wednesday	Dec. 25	12:00 am	JN	+Cindy Bohaboj & Floyd Henn	<b>Midnight Mass</b>
(SJP) Peters.	Wednesday	Dec. 25	8:00 am	KV	+Larry Henn	<b>Christmas Day</b>
(SBE) Elgin	Wednesday	Dec. 25	10:00 am	KV	+Fr. Kenneth Potts	<b>Christmas Day</b>
(STC) Clearw.	Wednesday	Dec. 25	10:00 am	JN	+Norbert & Peggy Schmitt	<b>Christmas Day</b>
(SBE) Elgin	Thursday	Dec. 26	-----		No Mass	
(SPE) Ewing	Thursday	Dec. 26	8:30 am	PM	+Frank & Bert Noffke	<b>[PM=Fr. Patrick Moser]</b>
(SJD) Deloit	Friday	Dec. 27	8:30 am	PM	+Cletus & Jean Muff	
(SBE) Elgin	Friday	Dec. 27	-----		No Mass	
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	Dec. 28	5:30 pm	JN	+Rita Funk	
(SJP) Peters.	Saturday	Dec. 28	7:00 pm	KV	+Lawrence & Rose Salber	
(SBR) Raeville	Sunday	Dec. 29	8:00 am	KV	+Fred & Fern Fangman Family	
(SBE) Elgin	Sunday	Dec. 29	10:00 am	KV	+Ron, Ray & Catherine Reestman	
(STC) Clearw.	Sunday	Dec. 29	10:00 am	JN	Living Members of Our Parishes	
(SJD) Deloit	Sunday	Dec. 29	11:30 am	JN	+Steven Schindler	

## Liturgical Schedule for Christmas, December 24-25, 2019

Weekend	Servers	Ushers	Greeters - SBE Rosary Ldrs- SBR \$\$ Counters-SJP	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	E.M.H.C. * to the sick (Elgin)
<b>Tuesday DECEMBER 24 4:00 pm St. Bonaventure's RAEVILLE CHRISTMAS VIGIL</b>	Lexi Bode Kaiden Bode Reese Stuhr	Mark Grundmayer Jake Grundmayer Jerry Schrage Jerry Bode Bryan Bode	Ken & Joan Stuhr	Martin & Amy Klein Family	Brian Stuhr	Joyce Reestman	<u>Precious Blood</u> Pastor, Deacon Dennis, Paul Kuhlman, Clarissa Stuhr, Ken Stuhr, Joan Stuhr, Harlie Bode, Ken Bode
<b>Tuesday DECEMBER 24 4:00 pm St. Peter's EWING CHRISTMAS VIGIL</b>	Emily Nordby Allison Schrunk	Ed Nordby Greg Thramer	-----	Mike & Tammy Summers Family	Kathy Arens	Follow Schedule	Leanne Tomjack Bryce Summers
<b>Tuesday DECEMBER 24 6:00 pm St. Theresa's CLEARWATER CHRISTMAS VIGIL</b>	Cassidy Bearinger Irelyn Bearinger	Tom Thiele Scott Thiele	-----	Joe & Carol Thiele	Deb Schlecht	Follow Schedule	Koryn Koinzan
<b>Wednesday DECEMBER 25 12:00 am St. John-DELOIT CHRISTMAS Midnight Mass</b>	Sharon Bartak Emily Mlnarik	Jim Funk Dale Funk	-----	Doug & Beth Schueth	Jami Schmidt	Follow Schedule	Jeanne Knievel
<b>Wednesday DECEMBER 25 8:00 am St. John's PETERSBURG CHRISTMAS</b>	Gavin Stuhr Christian Preister	Bob Henn Wally Scholl	<u>Money</u> Counters Larry Pelster Dave Pieke Keith Schumacher	-----	Teresa Heying	Guitar Group	Jordan Temme Jane Thieman  <b>Note: No Communion to Homebound</b>
<b>Wednesday DECEMBER 25 10:00 am St. Boniface ELGIN CHRISTMAS</b>	Linus Borer Eliza Borer	Jerry Kallhoff Dave Kerkman Mike Kerkman Steve Kerkman	Alan & Michelle Reicks Family- W, N & S	Tom & Bonnie Hoefler	Linda Kerkman	St. Boniface Choir	<u>Precious Blood-</u> Pastor, Deacon, Jerry Heithoff, Luke Henn, Deb Beckman, Luke Beckman, Julie Schiltmeyer <b>No Communion to Sick</b>
<b>Wednesday DECEMBER 25 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER CHRISTMAS</b>	Trey Rittscher Keaton Thiele	Ron Thiele Luke Thiele	-----	Ron Thiele Family	Sonia Rittscher	Follow Schedule	Francis Hanzlik

# Liturgical Schedule for December 28-29, 2019

Weekend	Servers	Ushers	Greeters - SBE Rosary Ldrs- SBR \$\$ Counters-SJP	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	E.M.H.C. * to the sick (Elgin)
<b>Saturday DECEMBER 28 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING</b>	Rebecca Napier Riley Napier	Dan Koenig Denis Bergstrom	-----	Mike & Cheryl Thramer	Tim Larson	Follow Schedule	Helen Larson
<b>Saturday DECEMBER 28 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG</b>	Caden Stokes Cali Stokes	Kevin Schumacher & 1 Volunteer	<u>Money Counters</u> Keith Schumacher Jerry Faust	-----	Lisa Schumacher	Jeff, Jan & Rod	Teresa Heying Jane Thieman  <u>Homebound-</u> Rod Stuhr
<b>Sunday DECEMBER 29 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE</b>	Olivia Klein Aiden Klein	Mark Grundmayer Jerry Schrage	Fred & Mary Ann Fangman	Eric & Jenna Lordemann Family	Joan Stuhr	Joyce Reestman	Brian Stuhr
<b>Sunday DECEMBER 29 10:00 am St. Boniface ELGIN</b>	Gavin Kallhoff Jovie Vaisvilas	Vince Kallhoff Phil Kluthe Bob Koenig Jason Koenig	Ray & Peggy Payne- W Paul & Jolene Schrage- N & S	Steve & Rita Heithoff	Skylar Reestman	Mark & Julie Dwyer	<u>NO Precious Blood-</u> Pastor, Deacon, *Cheryl Veik, *Andrew Childers
<b>Sunday DECEMBER 29 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER</b>	Aislynn Kester Shaylie Kester	Jarod Bearinger Kevin Filsinger	-----	John & Patty Thiele	Tim Kester	Follow Schedule	Tom Thiele
<b>Sunday DECEMBER 29 11:30 a.m. St. John's DELOIT</b>	Noah Schmidt Alec Schindler	Paul Dicke Gary Bartak	-----	Allen & Kelsi Schueth Family	Lisa Mlnarik	Follow Schedule	Sonja Bartak

**You are asked to {please} find a replacement if you are not able to fulfill your ministry.**

## Formation of our Youth

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



#### St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

12-16-19	Ron & Linda Eischeid	\$60.00
12-17-19	Chelsea Preister <b>Pope Francis B-Day</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>
12-18-19	John & Cindy Temme	\$60.00
12-19-19	Kevin & Julie Barlow	\$80.00
12-20-19	Charlie Meis	\$60.00
12-21-19	Delores Brown	\$60.00
12-22-19	Parker Borer	\$75.00

**Thank you** to Bill & Phyllis Camp for donating the Children's Bulletin subscription again this year and making all the copies/folding, and to the anonymous donors who gave the case of colored paper for them! The children appreciate it so much!



**Thank you** to the Elgin Knights of Columbus for providing support for the Family Formation program and Father's presentation on "The Holy Family" last week. The refreshments were appreciated as well.

**Thank you** to the students of Pope John/St. Boniface Students, with Father Vogel, who led the Family Advent Adoration with Father Vogel this week.

#### **Walk for Life in Lincoln, January 18, 2020**

Please join the thousands who gather at the State Capital to stand and speak up for the unborn babies and their mothers. **A chartered bus sponsored by Norfolk Area Right to Life is reserved, \$10 per person. Leaving St Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk at 7 a.m. and returning about 5 p.m.** Contact Janice Christensen at 402-750-0625 by January 2 to reserve your seat. Visit: Nebraska Right to Life for details on this event.

# St. Boniface Elgin

## Financial Stewardship- December 15

### St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday Collection (49 Env.)	\$3,839.00
Children's Collection:	\$17.00
Religious Retirement	\$35.00
Christmas Flowers	\$75.00
God's Portion	\$450.00
"P.I.E." (Partners in Education)	\$250.00
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Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 24	
Budgeted Total	\$105,882.48
Actual Total	\$100,716.22
Amount Behind	(\$5,166.26)

**To meet goal for God's Acre/God's Portion**  
We need \$8,230 more in donations. Thanks!

**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, 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, John Moser, Gary Preister. **[Please let us know if name can be removed.]**

### \*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\*\*

#### 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	(Kluth-Payne)
Fridays	CIRCLE 5	(Pelster-Schrage)
Saturdays	CIRCLE 6	(Schueths-Zwingman)
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>ALL CIRCLES</b>	



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

*We love it when we have guests! Everyone is asked to please welcome more into your pew this Christmas season by moving in further if possible. Thanks!*



**Thank You!**

**Thank you to the family of Helen Neukirch** who gave monies in memory of their mother to be used for special items for the church. The new special lace altar cloth that was on the main altar on Christmas day came from these funds. Thank you to the anonymous friend who ordered the supplies and **Emily Borer** for sewing on the lace. It is beautiful.

**Thank you to the new Nativity Committee** for putting up the trees and nativity in St. Boniface Church last week, and to **Circles 6 and 1** who helped haul over all the supplies from the convent. A very sincere "Thank you" goes to **Cheryl Veik** for repairing and painting a very damaged Camel. Thank you for helping us out once again with broken pieces, at the drop of a hat. You are very talented. Our set is becoming very brittle and needs to be handled very carefully.



*We thank all those who gave donations for Poinsettias and Decorations in remembrance of their loved ones to beautify our churches.*

### St. Boniface- Elgin: In Loving Memory of...

Al & Mary Helen Schrage	Melvin Warren
Fr. Kenneth Potts	Dana Baum
Joseph & Angela Eischeid	Roman & Margie Baum
Stephanie & Mary Eischeid	Leonard & Alvin Hoefer
Ed & Eleanor Starman	Herman & Joan Starman
Rollie Reicks	Lawrence & Irene Ridder
Paul, Judith & Faith Moser	Dennis & Marilyn Miller
Frank & Helen Dinslage	Duane & Lyle Dinslage
Dale & Angie Liekhus	Delbert Niewohner
Tony Schiltmeyer	Norbert Beckman
Mark & John Schindler	Mom & Dad
Joe Yosten & Myra Heithoff	Joe & Angela Eischeid
Louis, June & Jerry Kerkman	Linda Dinslage
Toby & LaVerna Jochum	Joe & Theresa Knievel
John J. Dvorak	Frank & Adeline Meis
Dick, Mona & Dean Veik & Billy Seier	
William, Catherine, Sheila & Paul Brown	
Ralph, Irene, Larry & Diane Getzfred	



*With Sympathy*

We pray for the souls of St. Boniface Parishioner **Margaret Dozler, Bridget Dwyer** of Indiana, and **Matt Cameron** of Yankton who passed away this week. Margaret is the grandmother of Stephanie (Scott) Stuhr, Kristen (Jay) Evans and Alex (Lauren) Kinney and sister-in-law of Thomas Meis and Georgine Funk, all of our parishes. Bridget Dwyer is the sister of St. Boniface Parishioners Patricia (Vincent) Spieker and Mike (Mary Alice) Dwyer and niece of Linda Buelt and Joe Buelt of our parishes. Matt Cameron is the grandson of Marie Cheatum and nephew of Jan (Denis) Henn, of our parishes. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.



*Welcome To our Church*

**Congratulations to Jaydalynn Chessmore** daughter of **Cassandra Chessmore** who joined the Catholic Faith and received First Communion this weekend at St. Boniface Church!

**Thank you to Clarissa Stuhr** for working with Jaydalynn to bring her to this point in her faith life.

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

**Financial Stewardship**

**St. Peter's- Ewing**

Dec. 15 (Sunday)- \$742.00  
 Religious Retirement- \$10.00

**St. Theresa's- Clearwater**

December 15 (Sunday)- \$1,101.00  
 Religious Retirement- \$20.00  
 Holy Day- \$20.00

**St. John's- Deloit**

Dec. 15 (Sunday)- \$1,422.00  
 Holy Day- \$1.00  
 Religious Retirement- \$51.00

**PRAY FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS**

**St. Peter's:** Steve Koenig, 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 will be collecting Baby Jesus gifts at our Christmas Masses to be donated to Birthright in Norfolk.**

Items most needed this year are diapers (sizes 4 and 5), baby wipes, shampoo, baby wash and lotion, and size 18 mo. winter clothes for boys. They also appreciate cash donations so that they can purchase diapers as needed. Thank you for your generosity!

**Bible Study at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing, NE** will be held on Wednesdays, January 8-February 19 at 10:00 am.

**St. Peter's Christian Mothers Meeting** will be held January 8, 2020 at 12:00 noon at St. Dominic's Hall.

**General News**

**Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Masses**

December 31: 5:30 pm St. Peter's, Ewing  
 December 31: 5:30 pm St. John's, Petersburg  
 January 1: 9:00 am St. Bonaventure, Raeville  
 January 1: 10:00 am St. Theresa's, Clearwater

**Elgin Parish Office will be Closed December 24-25**  
*(Early Bulletin deadline is Monday 9am)*  
 Thank you and Merry Christmas

**General News**



**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, **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.

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**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 ministry 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. **SIGN UP TODAY:** From your cell phone, you can send a text message to 84576 and enter 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

At that time it will also ask for your email. If you only have email, you can just let us know your name and email address by emailing to [parish@cppnebraska.org](mailto:parish@cppnebraska.org) and we will sign you up.



**Besides giving a general donation to your parish, or a Grain Donation there is another way to save taxes this time of year!**

**Why not save income tax on that minimum distribution** from your IRA, SIMPLE IRA, SEP IRA, or retirement plan account (when you reach age 70½) by donating some to your church?? Visit with your tax consultant or retirement representative before the end of the year and get in on this great tax savings.

**St. Boniface Spring Benefit Auction**  
**Saturday, March 14, 2020**  
**Elgin KC Hall**

Please remember the Auction when shopping for "deals" after Christmas.



**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: \$5,812.00  
**79% of goal**

**St. John's Deloit ....CONGRATULATIONS!**

Goal: \$6,045.00  
 Pledged to date: \$6,098.00  
**100.9% of goal**

**St. Peter's Ewing**

Goal: \$5,570.00  
 Pledged to date: \$2,874.00  
**51.6% of goal**

**St. Boniface Elgin**

Goal: \$23,283.00  
 Pledged to date: \$20,943.00  
**90% of goal**

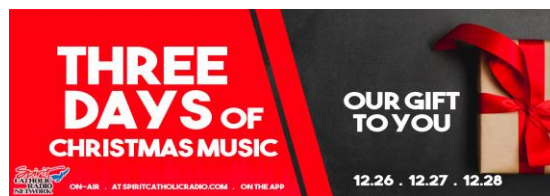
**St. Bonaventure Raeville**

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

**St. John's Petersburg**

Goal: \$5,740.00  
 Pledged to date: \$3,280.00  
**57.1% of goal**

**We are getting closer!!**



While other stations stop playing Christmas music on Dec. 25, Spirit Catholic Radio is just getting started! Make our Three Days of Christmas Music part of your family's Christmas traditions. Join us for three incredible days of fun and music on the air.

**Dec. 26, Dec. 27 and Dec. 28 from 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
 88.3 FM - Norfolk/Hartington/Yankton

Listen live: [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com)

Get our FREE app: [spiritcatholicradio.com/app](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/app)

**Upcoming CEC Weekends**

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming winter/spring weekends.

**Men's: January 24-26**

**Women's: February 14-16**

**Men's: February 28- March 1**

**Women's: March 27-29**



Toward the end of this month, please watch your mailbox for a packet of contribution envelopes for January-February, from OSV (Our Sunday Visitor). This will replace the 'box of envelopes' version most of our parishes have used prior.



The Committee for the Continuation of Pope John presents:

**"Emerald Isle"**

**Special 20th Anniversary**

**Edition of**

**"Evening With Friends"**

**Sunday, January 26th at KC Hall, Elgin**

Social Hour 5 pm • Dinner 6 pm

**Tickets Available after the New Year!**

Tickets are \$100 each and include Social Hour, Dinner, and the opportunity to win several prizes during the evening. Top prize is \$2,500.

**Please Join Us!**

For tickets (after the New Year) contact:

Brenda Meis [402-843-5401](tel:402-843-5401),  
 Julie Schiltmeyer [402-380-3177](tel:402-380-3177)  
 Jami Schmidt [402-679-7941](tel:402-679-7941)  
 or Pope John [402-843-5325](tel:402-843-5325)

**Gun Raffle 4 Days Left!**

Tickets also sold at Parish Office Monday Dec. 23.

They make great Stocking Stuffers.

***MEN Selling Tickets: Ticket Stubs / Money must be turned into Parish Office by 1:00 pm on December 26.***

**ST. BONIFACE GUN RAFFLE**

**\$5.00 PER CHANCE**

Only 1,000 tickets to be sold through December 26

REMINGTON 700 SPS TAC TAN 22TB 6.5C BOLT ACTION RIFLE

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, CONTACT:  
 Chris Baum 402-649-9875  
 or  
 Brian Selting 402-843-8458

You could be the new owner of this ...

Drawing Will Be Held On December 27, 2019

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