

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

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020



BAPTISM AND MISSION FOR JESUS

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was 30 years old and about to begin his public ministry. For Jesus, baptism is a public affirmation of his identity as the beloved Son of God. The Holy Spirit manifests itself as a dove descending on Jesus and the voice of the Father is heard. The identity of Jesus is announced to the world. Now Jesus begins his public ministry with his proclamation of the Good News and the working of miracles.

BAPTISM AND MISSION FOR US

The Sacrament of Baptism for us is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church and the first of the sacraments of initiation. By baptism, we become Christian. We are “claimed by Christ” and marked as his own. Each sacrament is an expression of God’s love for us, but baptism is a special and unrepeatable experience. In baptism, God calls us his beloved son or his beloved daughter. Baptism gives us this identity from God, and he calls us ‘beloved’.

Our identity is based on our relationship with God. Being a beloved daughter or son is **who we are**. We are called to faithfully live from this identity, and this determines our mission, which is **what we are meant to do**. We each have a role to play in God’s work of salvation. It’s a family project, involving all of God’s sons and daughters.

WINTER PROJECTS AND PLANNING

January gives priests a brief reprieve between the busier Advent and Christmas seasons and the Lent and Easter seasons. During this time, we finish the year-end tasks from December, we look to plan the next round of maintenance projects, and we start the budget planning processes for the 2020-2021 fiscal/academic years. It also gives me a short time of R&R next week from Jan 13-17.

Each place has its own projects and expenses:

- St. John’s in Petersburg is finishing work on a handicap accessible bathroom for the church. There’s been work done on the boiler in the rectory and in Werner Hall.
- St. Boniface in Elgin is needing to fix gutter problems and water damage in the church. There’s more info in the bulletin on this, with a challenge grant.
- St. Theresa’s in Clearwater has been working on its lights. There’s also a gutter on the north side that had an ice jam in the weather before Christmas.
- St. Bonaventure’s in Raeville is scheduling water drainage work and placement of crushed concrete leading into the cemetery. They are also reviewing a bigger project of maintenance work needed for the frames of the stained glass windows.
- St. Peter’s in Ewing is looking to get the church exterior repainted in the spring.
- Rural St. John’s (Deloit) is needing to replace some gutter work on the church.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

We continue to prepare for the consecration to the Holy Family on Feb 1-2. During this time of preparation, we are invited to think about what we are consecrating. We are meant to bring our joys and hopes, our challenges and disappointments, our fears and apprehensions, and our love and care for each person in our family. Naming what those things are, reflecting and thinking through them, and describing those realities helps us be aware of what we are dedicating and offering to the Lord.

Peace,

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 Hoefler jhoefler@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. Bonaventure Parish: Linda Moser 843-2345

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

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

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

St. Boniface Parish: Deacon Dennis Wiehn, 402-843-5808

St. Bonaventure Parish: Joan Stuhr, 402-843-0485

St. John the Baptist, Petersburg: Rotating, so please see Liturgical Schedule in bulletin.

FIRST FRIDAYS, after morning Mass, Father Vogel will bring Communion to the homebound if you call the office the day before, 402-843-2345.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON

Send to lmoser@stbonparishes.com

(AND) mreicks@stbonparishes.com

COMBINED Monthly Calendar: 3rd TUES / Mo.

Our parishes currently have two websites:

<https://stbonparishes.com/>

and cppnebraska.org. If parishes want event flyers, calendars, 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.picrusaders.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 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 Hoefler – including all funerals, events, receptions, and showers by calling 402-386-5580 or email jhoefler@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 Hoefler 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
Mon-Thurs	Jan. 13-16	-----	St. Bonaventure Reaville Cleans Church (All Help Appreciated)
Tuesday	January 14	Noon	Bulletin Deadline for January 19 th Bulletin Items
Wednesday	January 15	10:00 am	St. Peter's Ewing Bible Study at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing
Wednesday	January 15	3:45- 5:15 pm	Elementary CCD at St. Theresa's Hall
Wednesday	January 15	3:45-5:15 pm	Orchard CCD at Orchard Methodist Church
Wednesday	January 15	4-5:00 pm	Elementary Religious Ed. at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing
Wednesday	January 15	5-6 pm	Family Formation Student Only Class
Wednesday	January 15	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Wednesday	January 15	5:30 pm	St. John's Petersburg Altar Society Meeting at Werner Hall
Wednesday	January 15	7-8:15 pm	Youth Group at St. Theresa's Hall, Clearwater
Wednesday	January 15	7-8:15 pm	Jr High/High School Religious Ed at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing
Wednesday	January 15	6:00-7:00pm	Religious Ed (PRE) at Albion- Grades K-8
Wednesday	January 15	7:15-8:15am	Religious Ed (PRE) at Albion for Grades 9-12
Thursday	January 16	-----	St. Boniface Circle 5 & 6 Cleans Church (at a time that works for you)
Sat.-Sun.	January 18-19	-----	Knights of Columbus "One Rose, One Life" Collection following Communion
Saturday	January 18	11:30-Noon	Registration for St. John's Deloit Varmint Hunt/Gun Raffle (Calcutta-Noon)
Sunday	January 19	Noon-1pm	Animal Check-in for St. John's Deloit Varmint Hunt

St. John's Petersburg

Financial Stewardship

St. John's – Petersburg: January 5

Adult: \$1,665.00
 Loose: \$21.00
 Fuel: \$5.00
 First Offering: \$75.00
 Solemnity of Mary: \$150.00
 Christmas Total: \$19,876.00

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.

Last Chance to Purchase 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 110th St., Petersburg, NE 68652. Deadline is January 13, 2020.

St. John's Petersburg Snow Removal January: Families with Last Names A-R

UPCOMING MEETINGS

St. John's Altar Society Meeting, Petersburg will be held on Wednesday, January 15 at 5:30pm at Werner Hall.

St. John's Parish Council, Petersburg will meet Thursday, January 23 at 7:00pm.

St. Bonaventure Raeville

Financial Stewardship

St. Bonaventure- Raeville

Sunday Collection (13 Env.)	\$557.00
Children's Collection	\$15.00
Christmas	\$650.00
Holy Day (6 Env.)	\$160.00
Holy Day (Children's)	\$18.00

Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 27

Budgeted Total \$27,000.00

Actual Total \$28,162.04

Amount Ahead \$1,162.04

Thank you, St. Bonaventure for meeting your God's Acre goal!! Total Given: \$13,003.90



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.



St. Bonaventure General Church Cleaning Jan. 13-16.
With exception of 5:00-6:00 pm Tuesday as there is a baptism.

Help from all households is appreciated

**Only God knows
our true needs.**

--Saint Mother Teresa

Mass Intentions for the week.....

Location	Day	Date	Time	Cele.	Intentions
(SBE) Elgin	Monday	Jan. 13	-----		No Communion Service
(SJD) Deloit	Monday	Jan. 13	-----		No Mass
(SBR) Raeville	Tuesday	Jan. 14	8:30 am		+Mark Chicoine
(SBE) Elgin	Tuesday	Jan. 14	11:50 am		+Liv & Dec. PJ Alumni PJ NHS Induction Cele: Fr. Nields
(SPE) Ewing	Tuesday	Jan. 14	-----		No Mass
(SBE) Elgin	Wednesday	Jan. 15	8:15 am		+Dana Baum by SB 3rd/4th Grade
(STC) Clearw.	Wednesday	Jan. 15	-----		No Mass
(SJP) Peters.	Wednesday	Jan. 15	10:30 am	KV	+Florence Luettel
(SBE) Elgin	Thursday	Jan. 16	7:20 am		+Jim & Paul Eischeid
(SPE) Ewing	Thursday	Jan. 16	-----		No Mass
(SBE) Elgin	Friday	Jan. 17	7:20 am		+Jerry & Lita Tunink Family
(SJD) Deloit	Friday	Jan. 17	-----		No Mass
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	Jan. 18	5:30 pm	KV	+Jerry Rotherham
(SJP) Peters.	Saturday	Jan. 18	7:00 pm	JN	+Larry Henn
(SBR) Raeville	Sunday	Jan. 19	8:00 am	JN	Living Members of Our Parishes
(SBE) Elgin	Sunday	Jan. 19	10:00 am	JN	+Kalin Henn
(STC) Clearw.	Sunday	Jan. 19	10:00 am	KV	+Leonard Embree
(SJD) Deloit	Sunday	Jan. 19	11:30 am	KV	+Don & Shirley Henkenius

Liturgical Schedule for January 18-19, 2020

Weekend	Servers	Ushers	Greeters - SBE Rosary Ldrs- SBR \$\$ Counters-SJP	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	E.M.H.C. * to the sick (Elgin)
Saturday JANUARY 18 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING	Hudson Napier Keenan McAllister	Kevin Koenig Greg Thramer	-----	Aaron & Candi Hoke Family	Leanne Tomjack	Follow Schedule	Kathy Arens
Saturday JANUARY 18 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG	Katelyn Krohn Kaitey Schumacher	Vet Stuhr & 1 Volunteer	<u>Money Counters-</u> Randy Ketteler John Temme	-----	Ken Luettel	Guitar Group	Kay Preister & Matthew Starman <u>Homebound:</u> Jeanne Temme
Sunday JANUARY 19 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE	Emma Lordemann Riley Lordemann	Tyler Reestman Matt Sands	Mark & Carole Tharnish	Ken & Jo Schmitz	Mark Grundmayer	Joyce Reestman	Steve Lordemann
Sunday JANUARY 19 10:00 am St. Boniface ELGIN	Darby Carstens Michael Selting	Alan Reicks Terry Reicks Bob Schiltmeyer Jake Schindler	Alan & Michelle Reicks Family- W Ben & Anna Meis- N & S	Tom & Bonnie Hoefler	Ashley Niewohner	Mark & Julie Dwyer	<u>NO Precious Blood-</u> Pastor, Deacon, *Joe & *Connie Seier, *Alyssa Burenheide
Sunday JANUARY 19 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER	Joe Ahlers Kellen Mlnarik	Dick Kester Duane Kester	-----	Mark & Jaime Thiele	Tina Thiele- Blecher	Follow Schedule	John Thiele
Sunday JANUARY 19 11:30 a.m. St. John's DELOIT	Sharon Bartak Emily Mlnarik	Brent Schmidt Josh Mlnarik	-----	Gary & Mary Bartak Family	Angela Tagel	Follow Schedule	Marilyn Sehi

We appreciate your attentiveness to finding replacements when you are going to be gone

Financial Stewardship**St. Peter's Ewing**

January 1: \$148.00

January 5: \$535.00

Building Fund: \$50.00

St. John's Deloit

January 1: \$155.00

January 5: \$1,093.00

December 8: \$20.00

December 29: \$275.00

Christmas: \$50.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$20.00

Seminary: \$50.00

St. Theresa's

Sunday, January 5: \$1,835.00

Holy Day: \$421.00

Christmas: \$250.00

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 and Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel.

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

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



Taste of Italy with Father John Sunday, February 16th at 6pm

St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing

Serving: Salad, Garlic Breadsticks, Pasta in White Sauce, Plain Marinara or Grilled Sausage in Red Sauce, Dessert & Wine.

\$25 per person Limited tickets available and deadline to purchase is February 9th

Please call or text to reserve:

Lori Knapp 402-340-5164 or Sarah Keegan 402-660-2099.

Pro-Life Luncheon St. John Parish, Deloit Sunday, January 26

The meal, following the 11:30am Mass, is free, but to raise funds for Right-to-Life efforts there will be a raffle for 47 Gift Cards (variety of places and amounts).

Father Kramper already gathered 30 cards and 17 more are needed.

Do you have any to give?

If so, call Sue Burtwhistle at 402-485-2888.

More information next week!



Rural St. John's Deloit 24 Hr. Varmint Hunt and Gun Raffle



Saturday, January 18: Registration

11:30am- Noon,

with Calcutta at Noon

Sunday, January 19: Animal Check in: Noon-1pm
(no exception)

*Each registered team member is automatically entered into a gun raffle for a Savage 6.5 Creedmoor Raffle
2 winners will be drawn!!!!*

Rules:

*2 person Team/\$60 Entry Fee

*Standard hunting rules apply

*No trapped animals or Road Kill

*Teams are responsible for asking permission to hunt

*Teams are responsible for required licenses/permits

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS

Point System

Bobcat- 20 pts

Coyote/Fox- 15 pts

Badger- 4pts

Raccoon-/Woodchuck- 3pts

Skunk/Oppossum- 2pts

Porcupine/Rabbit- 1pt.

Guaranteed Prizes:

First Place: \$300

Second Place: \$200

Third Place: \$100

Call or text Paul Bartak 402-340-4079, Jason Schindler 402-640-4144, or Chris Tagel 402-672-4823 for questions.

Sponsored by St. John's Men's Club.

Notice: Sunnybrook Cafe south of Ewing will be having their Chicken Dinner this Sunday, January 12. It will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month of February serving from 11:00am - 1:30pm.

Bible Study at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing, NE will be held on Wednesdays from now until February 19th. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Whoever is dependent on his or her money
or worries about it,
is truly a poor person.**

St. Boniface Elgin

Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday Collection (44 Env.)	\$4,659.33
Children's Collection:	\$47.25
P.I.E. (Partners in Education)	\$1,240.00
Christmas	\$2,650.00
Holy Day	\$2,076.00
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Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 27	
Budgeted Total	\$119,117.79
Actual Total	\$110,039.40
Amount Behind	(\$9,078.39)

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 Hofer, Joe Buelt, Helen Borer, Karlene Moser, Shelby Iburg, Loretta Zegers, Cliff Burger, Ruth Kerkman, Brittany Waldrop, Brenda Papstein, Jacquelyn Brugman, Larry Shavlik, Lynn Schueller, Mary Ann Starman, Denise Jamieson, Chris Stargel, Dezirae Wilkinson, Brian Loy, John Moser, Gary Preister. **[Please let us know if name can be removed.]**

WE NEED YOUR HELP

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)
Sundays	ALL CIRCLES	

We need to keep walkways and parking lots clear, for safety reasons **especially near handicap parking spots by church and east of the gym.**

St. Boniface Altar Society Worklist

All Household members encouraged to help.

Clean Church: Circle 5 – January 23rd

Kookie Klatch: Circle 3 at The Willows Jan. 18, 2:00 pm

Next Funeral: Circle 2 (Cir. 1 had Eve Kallhoff)

Next Charity: Circle 3

Next Meeting: Monday, January 20, 7:00 pm

***We are in need of a Vice President. Please call Emily Borer, 843-5350 if you have questions about what the positions entails.



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

Budgeted: \$44,000.00 To Date: \$39,821.87
Almost there!



Please pray for the soul of **Donna Payne** of Neligh, who passed away this week.

Donna is the sister of St. Boniface parishioner Percy Payne. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Parishioners,
Thank you for the financial gift in support of my formation. Also, thank you for the chance to serve at all the Christmas Masses. Know I am praying for you and the parish.
Have a Happy New Year!
God Bless,
Zach Eischeid



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

The committee is asking that you think about what you can give for the Parish Auction.
*** Parish and School groups/committees are also asked to contribute items or services ***



St. Boniface Parish appreciates the following memorials given in loving memory of **Margaret Dozler**

St. Boniface School Foster Tuition Fund: \$30.00

GENERAL



The Committee for the Continuation of Pope John presents **"Emerald Isle"** at the

Special 20th Anniversary Edition of

"Evening With Friends"

Sunday, January 26th

at Elgin KC Hall

Social Hour 5 pm • Dinner 6 pm

Tickets Available Now!

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; contact:**

Brenda Meis 402-843-5401,
Julie Schiltmeyer 402-380-3177
Jami Schmidt 402-679-7941
or Pope John 402-843-5325

St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

12-30-19	Brain Stuhr	\$60.00
12-31-19	Harmon, Emery & Max Borer	\$60.00
01-01-20	Priscilla Blair Holy Day	\$100.00
01-02-20	Steve & Gloria Lordemann	\$60.00
01-03-20	Carter Selting	\$60.00
01-04-20	Kenny Jochum	\$60.00
01-05-20	Kaitlyn & Natalie Pelster	\$75.00
01-06-20	Bob & Teresa Heying	\$60.00
01-07-20	Cael Morris	\$60.00
01-08-20	Amy Klein	\$60.00
01-09-20	Sue Miller	\$60.00
01-10-20	Paxton Folkerts	\$60.00
01-11-20	Ron & Peg Wemhoff	\$60.00
01-12-20	Don & Lorraine Hightree	\$75.00

Note: If you or one of your family members won a raffle or a calendar lottery check, you are reminded to cash it in a timely manner. Thanks.



Clipping Pays Off!

Thank you to those who have been saving Box Tops for Education and Best Choice UPC symbols. We recently received \$375.00 from Box Tops alone!

2020 Youth Opportunities

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)

Fri.-Sun., **March 20-22** Glad Tidings, Crofton
 Fri. – Sun., **July 31-Aug. 2**, Tintern
 Second Semester High School Juniors to age 23.

Totus Tuus

May 30-June 5 at Elgin
June 7-12 at Ewing
 Upcoming Grades 1-12

Legion of Joseph

June 30 – July 1 at Tintern
 Boys Upcoming Grades 4-6

Gratia

July 21-22 at Tintern
 Girls Upcoming Grades 4-6



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HOLINESS IS A CHALLENGE for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners — and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

ATTENTION!

Parish Committees:

--please submit names of new officers or committee members to your local parish office or the Elgin Parish Office so our new database can stay current!

--if you need anything in regard to the parish databases, such as parish lists, labels, etc. please call your local parish office, or the Elgin Parish Office. Thank you.

Pro-Life Mass & Nebraska Walk for Life
Saturday, January 18th

Mass begins at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's in Downtown Lincoln (just north of the State Capitol).

The Walk immediately follows at 10 a.m. at the State Capitol.

The Spiritual Path: Setting Your Goals with God, January 24

– 25, retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Lisa Kelly, M.A. Do you have a plan to put your faith into action in 2020? Make this the year for you and God to walk your spiritual path together. This workshop gives you a process rooted in Ignatian Spirituality to review the past year, gather wisdom from it, listen for the callings of your heart, and articulate new goals for the coming year. Adapted from the best-selling life coaching program, *Best Year Yet*. This is a perfect retreat for couples or friends to do together to support each other throughout the year. Friday, 7:30 a.m. to Saturday, closing with a special dedication Mass at 4:00 p.m. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

Immaculée Ilibagiza, a Rwandan genocide survivor and New York times best-selling author

of *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Genocide* is scheduled to lead a two day retreat at Holy Trinity Church, Hartington, NE, April 3-4. Tickets are now on sale. **Immaculée's incredible story is one of faith, hope, love and forgiveness.** *She not only survived the genocide by hiding in a cramped bathroom with seven other women, but she was also able to forgive her tormentors and her family's murderers. In only 100 days members of the Hutu tribe in Rwanda slaughtered 800,000 Tutsis using only spears, clubs and machetes. Few Tutsis survived and Immaculée was one of the few. She credits her salvage to prayer and set of rosary beads given to her by her devout Catholic Father. Anger and resentment were eating her alive while she hid from the murderers in the bathroom. Instead of succumbing to the rage she felt, she instead turned to prayer.* You can reserve a spot for this retreat to be led by this remarkable Catholic woman by getting your tickets now. Tickets are \$57 for single, \$76 for one and guest. When: Friday, April 3: 5-9 pm, Saturday, April 4: 9-12:30 pm (Palm Sunday Weekend) Where: Holy Trinity Church, Hartington, NE For more information or to get tickets contact: Susan Kathol, 402-841-2079 skathol@hartel.net Jan Arens, 402-841-7202 jan.arens@restorixhealth.com.

*And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased." MATTHEW 3:17*

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

Retrouvaille: February 14-16, 2020

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program, call 1-800-470-2230. Or check out the website at www.helpourmarriage.org, www.retrouvaille.org

Seminary Collection

The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with twenty-three men studying for the Priesthood. A second collection will be held this weekend January 12, 2020. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices and generous financial support. The seminary bill for our 23 seminarians during this academic year will be \$1,123,401.00. A successful seminary collection is critical to our efforts to form future priests of our Archdiocese. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and if you still wish to give, you may do so by placing your envelope in the regular collection next weekend.

Upcoming CEC Weekends

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming winter/spring weekends and call the Elgin Parish Office for more information.

Men's: January 24-26 Women's: February 14-16

Men's: February 28- March 1 Women's: March 27-29

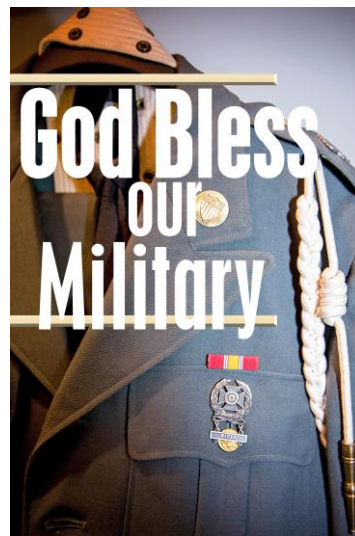
Hospitalizations

Reminder: when you or a family member is hospitalized or in the nursing home, please call Fr. Vogel at the Parish Office. Because of regulations, health care facilities will not call the parish, and we do not receive this news through other channels, so please arrange for a family member or friend to contact us should hospitalization or moves to other facilities occur.



Pope John Alumni & Elgin High Alumni Basketball/Volleyball Tournament January 24-25

The tournament begins Friday night at 7:00 pm at Elgin Public Gym and continues Saturday with basketball at Elgin Public Gym and volleyball at St. Boniface Gym. The tournament is open to all alumni members and their spouses as well as faculty. If you are interested in putting a team together or want more information, contact Tyler Reestman 402-843-0232, Ross Schindler 402-843-0209 or Justin Reestman 402-843-0210.



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 and we will sign you up.

“TAKE THE WATER AWAY”

Gutter Fund Drive

St. Boniface Catholic Church, Elgin



St. Boniface Church, Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019

*During the week of
Thanksgiving
more was happening
at St. Boniface Church
than just the preparation of
the Thanksgiving Bazaar....*

What Happened?

- Winter Storm Dorothy visited us with 6+ inches of snow on Tuesday, November 26.
- Two days following Thanksgiving we received heavy rain.
- Water migrated into our church from what they call an ice dam, which is a ridge of ice that forms at the edge of the roof and prevents melting snow and rain from draining off the roof. It backs up behind the dam and causes leaks and damage to walls, etc.
- We were not the only ones experiencing this....other churches in our Archdiocese had damage as well, according to our representative from The Catholic Mutual Group.

Where did the damage occur?

- Water migrated into the same area that received damaged from the improper installation of the roof and coating of gutters in the past decade.

What do we do now?

- The Maintenance Committee sought professional advice, obtained a bid for the lining of the gutters with the same material the roof is made from, and presented that to the parish Finance Committee. We have contracted with Walker Brother Roofing for \$17,000 to do the work. If we get a stretch of good weather, they plan to make it their priority this winter, in hopes of stopping the damage that is occurring. Insurance will cover a portion of the cost to repair, paint and stencil the damaged wall once it dries out, but not the gutter lining itself.

How can you help? St. Boniface Finance Committee is asking for your help to offset this unfortunate, unexpected cost. This is an immediate expense to prevent further damage. A generous donor will match half the cost, if we can raise the rest!

“TAKE THE WATER AWAY”

St. Boniface Gutter Fund

Goal: \$8,500.00