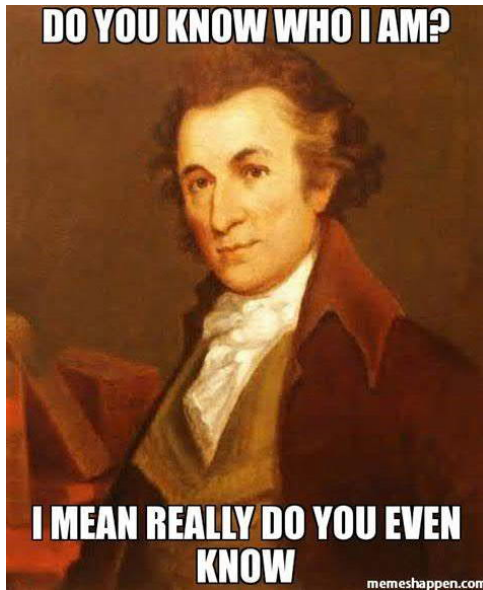


Catholic Parishes in Partnership

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter..... Memorial Day Weekend

May 24, 2020



WHILE THIS MEME PAINES ME...

It reminds me that we do need to take time for introductions. This summer we welcome both Zach Eischeid and Nick Paltz as seminarian interns and temporary additions to our parish staff. I'm borrowing extensively from their autobiographical information on the Archdiocese of Omaha website.

INTRODUCING ZACH EISCHEID



Hey! I'm Zach Eischeid. I grew up in Elgin, Nebraska and belong to the Saint Boniface Parish. I attended Saint Boniface Elementary and graduated from Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School. Saint Boniface Parish is a great place to learn about the Faith with our schools and to see so many parishioners helping each other and our parish in a myriad of ways.

My discernment has been around for as long as I can remember. Since I was a toddler, the priesthood always amazed me. However, around junior high, I kept pushing it to the back of my mind because I didn't want to be labeled as that "extra-religious guy." After graduating, I decided to attend Benedictine College to major in Theology. Towards the end of my first year at Benedictine, while at my sister's wedding dance, I oddly had a strong feeling about seminary. A month later, I attended the priest ordination while teaching Totus Tuus, and started weeping during the procession in the cathedral. This sign was big encouragement in finally putting my future in God's hands. As of now, I have completed my philosophy studies at St. John Vianney College Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN and am currently enrolled at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, MO for graduate studies in Theology. I have found seminary life to be

an encouraging and challenging experience. There is a real richness in our fraternal friendships, as we are all on the journey of striving to be what and who God wants us to be.

In my down time, I like playing any sport, especially basketball and baseball, jamming on the ukulele, listening to Christian rap, watching Nebraska football, and combating heresy.

For all those who might have thought about entering seminary, I encourage you to check it out and be open to it. Pray about it, talk to a priest, and give it a try. Pope Benedict XVI said of us youth, "You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." Remember that every priest and seminarian has gone through what you might be going through, having both moments of certainty and uncertainty in discernment.

INTRODUCING NICK PALTZ



Hello. My name is Nicholas Paltz and I am finishing my second year of studies at the St. John Vianney College Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. I am from the rural and very scenic village of St. Helena, Nebraska. My parents are Victor and Michelle Paltz, and I am the third child of five in my family. My home parish is Holy Family Parish of Cedar County.

I first felt the call of the vocation of the priesthood when I was in fourth grade. My pastor at the time, Fr. Eric Olsen, really showed me how big of an impact priests have on people. His intelligence, wit, humor, care, and his actions towards others made a strong impression on me. His witness as a priest made me start thinking about the priesthood. As I grew older, I saw that the priesthood had opportunities that I wanted in life from helping others, to teaching, to preaching, and to impacting people's lives. Another influence was my cousin, Fr. Jeremy Hans. He has been very impactful in my life. He was my confirmation sponsor, and he was the person I first asked for ongoing spiritual guidance and advice.

Seminary has been an enriching experience! I am surrounded by guys who are encouraging, helpful, challenging and friendly. The seminary has a welcoming brotherhood of deep and meaningful friendships. I've certainly grown a lot, laughed a lot, and found the time to be a huge blessing!

In my free time, I enjoy reading, watching old tv shows from the 60s and 70s, watching comedy or sci-fi movies, video, board, and card games, listening to some jazz or classical music, playing my instruments, eating, rooting for my favorite sports teams, and hanging out with my friends.

PLEASE HELP ME WELCOME ZACH AND NICK THIS SUMMER!!!

Peace,

St. Boniface Elgin

Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday (48 Env)	\$4,478.20
"P.I.E." (Partners in Education)	\$250.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 45	
Budgeted Total	\$198,529.65
Actual Total	\$186,037.19
Amount Behind	(\$12,492.46)

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

Jolene Lichty, Larry Braband, Roger & Jan Sorenson, Terry Dinslage, Cheri (Schindler) Cavanagh, Laurie Horn, Dave Shrader, Bob Redler, Garrett Scholz, Alfreda Pelster, Neil Childers, Sally Beckman, Marie Cheatum, Charlotte Hoefler, Joe Buelt, Karlene Moser, Cliff Burger, Brittany Waldrop, Brenda Papstein, Jacquelyn Brugman, Denise Jamieson, Chris Stargel, Gary Preister, Cammy (Dwyer) Abbey, Marlene Hoefler Hughes, Lawrence Borer, Larry Shavlik, Lyle Mackel, Gayle Zegers, Clayton Dozler, Dave Pelster, Judy Zegers, Rose Wiehn, Louis Heithoff, Mike Thiele, Evelyn Arehart, Gene Heithoff. **[Please let us know if name can be removed.]**

St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

05-18-20	Charlotte & Nora Hays	\$60.00
05-19-20	Helen Borer (Omaha)	\$60.00
05-20-20	Tammy Howell	\$60.00
05-21-20	Fr. Gerald Gonderinger Ascension	\$100.00
05-22-20	Alberta Sieler	\$60.00
05-23-20	Leroy & Linda Kerkman	\$60.00
05-24-20	Marin Schindler	\$60.00

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES



June 1, 2013
June 4, 2011

Father John Norman
Father Kevin Vogel

Fr John Norman
PO Box 37
Ewing, NE 68735

Fr. Kevin Vogel
PO Box B
Elgin, NE 68636



Show your appreciation by sending a card to them, thanking them for all they have been doing for us, especially to keep us connected during this time.

We do have Priest Appreciation Cards at the Elgin Parish Office.



St. Boniface Cemetery:

Let's keep our consecrated grounds beautiful and keep everyone safe.

Flowers and memorials will need to be removed by Monday, June 1. Only flowers in the built-in vases or attached to the stone can remain on the graves after this date. The popular solar lights and other memorials with wires stuck into the ground are a hazard for mowing. Your cooperation is appreciated.

St. Peter's

St. Theresa's

St. John's Deloit

Financial Stewardship

St. Peter's Ewing

May 10: \$560.00
Building Fund: \$50.00

St. John's Deloit

May 10: \$390.00
Rice Bowl: \$50.00

St. Theresa's

May 10: \$1,615.00

FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS:

St. Peter's: Anslee Ostergard, Kathi Rethwisch, 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: Leo Starman, Nate Thiele, Regina Krebs

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



Congratulations to
**Travis & Logan (Connot)
Kerkman**

who were married at
**St. John's Deloit
this weekend.**



St. Peter's Christian Mothers have
awarded **Scholarships to their 2020
graduates-** Katie Hawk, Ashley

Koenig, Liz Nordby and Tiana Thramer.

Congratulations! We wish you the Best!

Please Note: St. Boniface Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.

St. Bonaventure Raeville

Financial Stewardship

St. Bonaventure- Raeville

Sunday Collection (8 Env.)	\$995.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 45	
Budgeted Total	\$45,000.00
Actual Total	\$42,751.04
Amount Behind	(\$2,248.96)



St. Bonaventure will be Mowing their parish grounds this Wednesday, May 27th

St. Bonaventure Cemetery:

Let's keep our cemetery beautiful and safe

Flowers and memorials that you will be leaving at our cemetery for Memorial Day, will need to be removed by Monday, June 1. Only flowers in the built-in vases or attached to the stone can remain on the graves after this date. The popular solar lights and other memorials with wires stuck into the ground are a hazard for mowing. Your cooperation is appreciated.

GENERAL NEWS



Nebraska's Memorial Day Observance 2020
When: May 25th
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Where: veterans.nebraska.gov

As our state continues adhering to social distancing guidelines and limiting in-person gatherings to flatten the curve of COVID-19, we invite you to join us on Memorial Day by tuning in online. Join us virtually on Monday, May 25th, for Nebraska's *largest Memorial Day celebration with the fewest people present in the room.*

Coronavirus is like

"a stone that will make people stumble" (1 Peter 2:9)
... BUT, hardships and falls can also make us stronger. Ask each member of your family (who is old enough to talk) to name one benefit that enduring this pandemic has brought.

St. John's Petersburg

Financial Stewardship

St. John's – Petersburg:

Adult: \$1,124.00
Ascension: \$85.00
Utilities: \$50.00

St. John's Petersburg Parish Council will be held Thursday, May 28th at 7:30 pm at Werner Hall.

Looking ahead: Mowing of the Cemetery will be held Tuesday, June 2 (A-R).

NOTICE: St. John the Baptist Cemetery (Petersburg) flowers & decorations need to be removed by June 10th

St John's – Petersburg

Once a Month Club May Winners

Jerry & Carol Bode \$150.00
Troy Patzel \$100.00
Mike Grape \$100.00
Helen Larson \$75.00
Keith & Diane Schumacher \$50.00
David & Jean Fisher \$50.00
Tammy Nolan \$50.00
Keith & JoAnn Hemmer \$50.00
Dale Henn \$50.00
Jim & Sandy Krohn Grandkids \$50.00

A Special Prayer on Memorial Day



As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

This Week in Our Parishes.....

Day	Date	Time	Events
Monday	May 25		St. Boniface Gym Closed Elgin Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday	May 26	Noon	Bulletin Deadline for May 31 Bulletin Items and June Calendar Items
Wednesday	May 27	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church by Fr. John
Wednesday	May 27		St. Bonaventure- Raeville Mows Parish Grounds
Thursday	May 28	7:30 pm	Petersburg Parish Council Meeting
Friday	May 29		St. Boniface Parish Office Closed in Afternoon

There is Sunday evening 7:00-8:00pm. Project YM Live evening for Jr High/High School Youth <https://projectym.com/live/>.

Mass Intentions for the week..... (Celebrated at Private Mass)

Priest	Day	Date	Intentions
Fr. John	Monday	May 25	+Sam & Joan Stearns (Not Public or Not Livestreamed)
Fr. John	Tuesday	May 26	+Danny & Della Hoefer (Livestreamed at 8:30 am)
Fr. John	Wednesday	May 27	+Jean Goscha (Livestreamed at 8:30 am)
Fr. John	Thursday	May 28	+Rita Funk (Livestreamed at 8:30 am)
Fr. John	Friday	May 29	+Tillie & Louie Zweiner (Livestreamed at 8:30 am)

Public Weekend Masses will Resume next weekend, May 30-31 (Social Distancing will Apply)

Masses will also be Livestreamed on the Sunday for those who don't feel comfortable attending yet.

Location	Day	Date	Time	Cele.	Intentions
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	May 30	5:30 pm	JN	For the People of Our Parishes (Public Mass)
(SJP)Peters.	Saturday	May 30	7:30 pm	KV	+Bernard Kuhlman (Public Mass)
(SBR) Raeville	Sunday	May 31	8:00 am	KV	+Sally Meis (Public Mass and Livestreamed)
(SBE) Elgin	Sunday	May 31	10:00 am	KV	+Frank Kamphaus (Public Mass)
(STC) Clearw.	Sunday	May 31	10:00 am	JN	+Mary Ann Thiele (Public Mass and Livestreamed)
(SJD) Deloit	Sunday	May 31	11:30 am	JN	+Joe Knievel

Tuesday-Friday: Fr. Norman is offering a live streamed **Liturgy of the Word and Daily Reflections** at 10 am.

All livestreamed Masses are on <https://www.facebook.com/cppnebraska/> and all our Facebook pages

*** all Livestream can be viewed at the time it is live, or any time after that ***



Holy Water Fonts will remain empty, however, newly blessed Holy Water is available at all churches from the dispensers. Feel free to bring a small container from home and please use the spigot to fill your bottle, remembering that we do not want to contaminate the large container.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

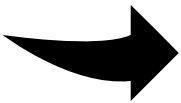
Pray the Rosary

Pope Francis is reminding the faithful that during the pandemic a powerful spiritual weapon is the Rosary. In a letter sent to the faithful, the Holy Father urges the praying of the Rosary during May, a month where families traditionally turn to the prayer and offer particular devotion to the Mother of God. If you need help getting started, there are small rosary guides in the west entrance of St. Boniface Church.



Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship.

Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.



Thank you for your continued support!

During this time...

Envelopes can be mailed to your parish office

(note: Elgin has a mail slot at office entrance)

Envelopes can be dropped at your local bank

Bank of Elgin, GPS Bank in Petersburg, The Tilden Bank in Clearwater, and Ewing Bank.

--Use this link to give online--

<https://cppnebraska.org/donate/>



- <https://www.facebook.com/cppnebraska/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/stbonparishes/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnpetersburg/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/stbonraeville/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterewing/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/sttheresa68726/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/RuralStJohns/>

Want to receive pertinent information in a timely manner from your parish? And the bulletin once a week?



In order to receive this free service, you can email parish@cppnebraska.org, asking to join Flocknote, or you can send a text of one of the following **keywords** to 84576, to join your parish mailing list.

- **68652** for St. John the Baptist in Petersburg
- **raeville** for St. Bonaventure in Raeville
- **elgin** for St. Boniface in Elgin
- **clearwater** for St. Theresa's in Clearwater
- **deloit** for St. John's Church of Deloit
- **ewing** for St. Peter de Alcantara in Ewing

Connect with Us by PHONE!



If you know of someone who does not have internet at home, we've been thinking about how our parish communications can reach them.

We are making the audio for our Facebook Live events like Mass and Reflections also available as a telephone conference call (in addition to the Facebook Live).

- **If someone is calling from a landline, there is a toll-free number one can use, +1-844-855-4444 ... then enter the access code 2033707# ...**
- If someone has a **cell phone**, and long distance charges will not apply, they can join by calling the phone number **+1-805-706-4216**
- Please note that it may feel a little goofy, there is guitar-based hold music if you beat me to the call... people joining in will be muted automatically but will be able to hear our broadcast.
- Events included are Tues – Fri at 8:30 AM Daily Mass w/ Fr. Vogel, 10:00 AM Reflection w/ Fr. John
- Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM w/ Fr. Vogel and 10:00 AM w/ Fr. John

EWTN is available on all Great Plains Channel 14. Televised Mass times on Sundays are 7am and 11am. EWTN brochures at the entrance of your church show all programing schedules. It's also on ewtn.com.

News Channel Nebraska televised Masses are at 8:10am daily (Great Plains Cable Channel 22).



Parents, please note that the following have been cancelled this summer:

- Totus Tuus**
- Gratia Girls Retreat**
- Legion of Joseph Boys Retreat**



Public Masses begin May 30-31

Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still in effect, for those who have concerns about attending.

Masses will still be available on Facebook.

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

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: cppnebraska.org

Michele Reicks mreicks@cppnebraska.org

Linda Moser moser@cppnebraska.org

(office entrance is east side of Elgin rectory)

Modified Hours

Monday Closed

Tuesday-Friday 9am-Noon

(Use mail slot in East door to drop off donation envelopes)

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

Mailing Address: PO Box 608, Petersburg NE 68652

Parish Office Phone 402-386-5580

Modified Hours Wednesday 10:00 am-Noon (or by Appt)

Jaci Hoefler jhoefler@cppnebraska.org

Ewing Office (office entrance is front door of Ewing Rectory)

Mailing Address: PO Box 37, Ewing, NE 68735

Modified Hours: Thursday 9:00am – Noon

Helen Larson 402-626-7605

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Reconciliation before each weekend Mass

Wednesday: 5-5:30pm- Elgin

Private reconciliation by appointment always available

ADORATION SCHEDULE **Watch Bulletin for Schedule**

St. Peter's: Thursday- 9- Noon

Elgin: Day before First Friday, Each Month

St. John's-Deloit- Devotions on Mondays at 7pm (summer)

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND **Canceled for now**

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 in Elgin **Canceled for now**

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

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: is **TUESDAY NOON**

Send to moser@cppnebraska.org

(AND) mreicks@cppnebraska.org

COMBINED Monthly Calendar: 3rd TUES / Mo.

Our parishes now are migrating to one website soon: cppnebraska.org (but for now you can still find things also on: <https://stbonparishes.com/>)

If parishes want event flyers, calendars, etc. posted please email mreicks@cppnebraska.org

Group Facebook Page: cppnebraska.org
(each parish has their own Facebook page also)

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

Betty Getzfred, Principal 402-843-5325

Website: www.pjcrusaders.org

St. Michael School- Albion (Preschool-8)

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

Elgin Religious Education

Family Formation (Gr. K-6)

Cheryl Veik, Coordinator 402-843-8023

Elgin Sunday Youth Group (Gr. 7-12)

Louise Schindler, Sunday Youth Group 402-843-5375

Petersburg Religious Educ. (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 Mary Jane Boes 402-843-2379 or JoAnn Beckman 402-843-6287.

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: Carol Thiele 402-750-1777

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

Important Links <https://get.tithe.ly/> (online giving)
<https://flocknote.com/> (notification system)



Alleluia!

After 10 weeks without public liturgies, Public Celebrations of the Eucharist will resume May 30-31

***This situation is unprecedented for all of us, so please remember to be patient as priests, staff, and volunteers work through these challenging circumstances ***

- **The general dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation to participate in the Mass remains in place for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Omaha until further notice.** Anyone who is in an at-risk group or does not feel safe attending a public gathering should respectfully refrain from coming to Mass. Even with the best health practices and increased efforts to clean the Church, there is a risk of infection anytime a person enters a public space. Anyone who is sick or has recently been exposed to the coronavirus should refrain from attending a public Mass as it is an act of Christian charity to safeguard the health of others. **The archdiocese specifically encourages those to remain at home:**
 - The Elderly
 - People with underlying medical conditions
 - Family members who live with elderly people or those who are at risk
 - People who have access to those at risk in nursing institutions
 - People who have upper respiratory or flu like symptoms
 - People who live with someone with upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms
 - People with COVID-19 or live with someone with COVID-19
 - People who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- **Even after the general dispensation is ended, all those who are encourage remain dispensed from the Sunday obligation.**
- **We will continue to provide livestream Mass on Sunday through Facebook Live on our Facebook page for those who do not feel comfortable coming to Mass at this time at <https://facebook.com/cppnebraska>.**
 - Fr. Vogel will livestream Mass on Sunday at 8:00 AM
 - Fr. John will livestream Mass on Sunday at 10:00 AM

Once we have been able to resume Sunday liturgies, we will then review and restart a daily Mass schedule.

- Fr. Vogel will continue to livestream daily Masses at 8:30 AM, see the bulletin for schedule/location of Mass
- Fr. John will continue to livestream a "Liturgy of the Word" and Homily (Tuesday thru Friday at 10:00 AM)
- For those without internet, EWTN and News Channel Nebraska have televised Masses on their TV schedules.
- **Confession and the Sacrament of Reconciliation**
- St. Boniface's scheduled Wednesday Confession time from 5:00 – 5:30 PM will continue.
- Before the Saturday evening liturgies, and before Sunday Mass as possible, we will offer confessions.
- All other confession times will be made by appointment. Call the parish office.
- **Funerals and Burials**
 - Funeral Masses, community Wake Services and Burials – public health parameters are continuing to evolve and change. At a minimum, **social distancing must be observed.** Acceptable guidelines will be worked out between our parish office and funeral homes.
 - No Funeral Lunches or Meals are allowed before June 1.
- **Anointing of the Sick** Anointing of the Sick is available by calling the parish office
- **Visiting the Homebound**
 - We are not sending EMHCs or deacons to the homebound at this time.
 - If someone is homebound and is requesting a priest visit, they should call the parish office.
- **Weddings** are permitted, with social distancing and following public health guidelines.
- **Baptisms** are permitted, with social distancing and following public health guidelines. Baptisms in emergency circumstances (ie. in danger of death) are always permitted.
- **First Holy Communion** will be scheduled as we can.
- **Offices**
 - We are asking you to limit your visits to the Parish Offices during this time, and are strongly encouraging the use of our phone number 402-843-2345 and email: parish@cppnebraska.org.
- **Parish Giving and Contributions**
 - Please consider helping us "catch-up" with sacrificial giving.
 - If attending Mass, please drop envelope in any of the baskets at the entrance of church prior to Mass, as we are not allowed to pass the basket. If remaining at home, there are other options for giving available in our bulletin.
 - There will not be Children's Collection at Masses

How-to Guide for Returning to Mass

Social distancing must be practiced at all public Masses, if we wish to continue public Masses.

Families who live together can sit together, but should be spaced at least 6 feet from other families.

We do encourage those from the Southern Tier to attend Mass in the Southern Tier and those from the Northern Tier to attend Mass in the Northern Tier.

- Please allow the door to be opened for you. This limits the spread of germs.
- Please use the main entrance at your church as much as possible, unless the handicap entrance is needed.
- Hand Sanitizer will be made available at entrances.
- Parishioners are to be seated in the marked pews, with social distancing of six feet between households.
- After Mass, it is important that everyone **not stampede** out the door. Please allow space between households.

- **Children must stay with their families.**
- **Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask as a sign of Christian Charity to those around you.** (except children 3 and under)
- **For those receiving Holy Communion, the priest or EMHC will bring Holy Communion to you in your pew.**
- **Nothing will be passed from person-to-person. Contribution envelopes can be deposited in the entry ways.**
- **For public health reasons, groups should not gather and socialize** inside or outside of church buildings.

- This first couple of weeks, there will not be a published ministry schedule. If you are called and asked to help with something, please be honest if you feel comfortable doing so. We will only schedule you if you feel comfortable attending and assisting.
- We will not be scheduling altar servers at this time. We will ask people to help fill the necessary roles at this time.
- Gift Bearers will not be used at this time. In accord with public health policies, there will be no offertory, children's collection, or gifts brought forward.
- Priests, Deacons and EMHCs will be wearing masks and come to you, to distribute communion. Per archdiocesan policy, we cannot offer the Precious Blood at this time.
- For lectors: we will begin by having our seminarians and deacons serving as lectors for the first weeks.
- Music: We will have congregational singing at our Masses.
- Rosary Leaders can lead the rosary prior to Mass.
- Church Bulletins will be available in the pew in which you are seated. During the week, there will be bulletins available at the doors in case you didn't get one at Mass. There will not be Children's Bulletins available at church. We will seek to make them available through Flocknote.
- All Missals have been removed from the pews but if you have a Magnificat or missal at home you can bring it.
- Holy Water has been removed from the fonts. You may bring your holy water bottle from home and fill it with the spigot on the holy water receptacle in your church if you wish. There will be a few holy water bottles available in the main entrance each church for those who do not have one.
- When the church is at capacity based on social distancing, we can not admit any more people to our public worship.
- If our reduced church seating capacity is exceeded, then we will either direct you to alternate location or we will extend our church experience into our parking lots. Details will be forthcoming.
- Those who would be encouraged to avoid large gatherings for health reasons may feel more comfortable coming during the week with a smaller crowd size. This is acceptable both now and in the future, regardless of the general dispensation.
- Churches will be disinfected after each liturgy.