

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 Most Holy Trinity

June 7, 2020



SOMETIMES WE WANT GOD TO GIVE US AN EXPLANATION

The 'problem' or the 'question' we sometimes ask is about how or why God acts in the way that he does... or in the way he appears to be acting. Sometimes we focus so closely on the question we want answered to our satisfaction that we miss how God is at work in our lives. God's work of salvation is about making us free, and sometimes we become the ones that imprison ourselves in our present moment.

THIS SUNDAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY... SO LET'S TALK ABOUT GOD

Sometimes people say of Trinity Sunday, "God is a mystery. What more can we say?" While the fact that God is a mystery is true, it doesn't mean that we can't know about him in some partial way. God is infinite, which means that he is unlimited. We as beings are finite, which means limited. So our understanding of the infinite and unlimited God is always limited by our 'finite-ness'. We have to acknowledge that we will only know God in a partial and incomplete way on this side of heaven.

At the same time, God wants us to know him and to be in relationship with him. God exists as Trinity. That means that God is One God in Three Persons...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus, the Son of God, was born into our world so that we might be saved by God's powerful love. Jesus brings us into God's story of salvation.

Jesus brings us into the Easter Mystery that we celebrated... the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

BAPTISM AS THE GIFT OF GOD'S LIFE WITHIN US

In our day, we first acknowledge the profound movement of God in bringing someone into the experience of Baptism. This is our first sacrament that we receive. We become changed by Baptism, as we allow ourselves to be claimed as a child of God. In Baptism, we receive both the forgiveness of Original Sin and of any personal sins we have committed. And as a fruit of this sacrament, the grace and presence of God lives in our very being. God dwells in our hearts.

Bringing someone into this life of grace is one of the best gifts that parents can offer to a newborn child. Learning the experience of God's grace and love and forgiveness allows us to live in the freedom of being a child of God. Sin is never more powerful than God's love...and God's love is what defines who we are. Everyone has dignity and value and worth because God gives it to all of us. No one is to be denied that dignity, because God's gives the same love and value to every human being at every moment of their lives.

LIVING AS COMMUNITIES OF FAITH IN OUR PRESENT DAY

We are starting to be able to gather within our church buildings again. This provides opportunities to receive communion and to worship in-person as parish families. There is still a General Dispensation in place, and there are many reasons why a person would choose not to come... you do not have to come during this time and it would be wise for some people to not come, especially if you have an underlying health condition or work in an environment with elderly or immune-compromised individuals. We have cleaning standards that we use. During the week, there are also fewer people in attendance at Mass. We are continuing to livestream experiences of worship as an aid to those who are staying home.

June 1st also brought new DHM (Directed Health Measures) for our areas. To clarify, we are treating all of our parish halls for all events including family reunions under the category of "Wedding and Funeral Reception Venues". Currently, that means that facility capacity is limited to 50%. Buffet lines are prohibited. Tables are limited to six people and must be placed 6ft apart. This is our required compliance with health directives and the law. This is how we have to proceed at this time.

Fr. Jh

St. Boniface Elgin

Financial Stewardship-St. Boniface-Elgin

Sunday (39 Env)	\$5,919.15
Ascension Holy Day	\$75.00
Sunday Collection as o	
Budgeted Total	\$207,353.19
Actual Total	\$194,034.22
Amount Behind	(\$13,318.97)

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 Hoefer, Joe Buelt, Karlene Moser, Cliff Burger, Brittany Waldrop, Brenda Papstein, Denise Jamieson, Chris Stargel, Gary Preister, Cammy (Dwyer) Abbey, Marlene Hoefer Hughes, Lawrence Borer, Larry Shavlik, Lyle Mackel, Clayton Dozler, Dave Pelster, Judy Zegers, Rose Wiehn, Mike Thiele, Evelyn Arehart, Gene Heithoff, Loretta Zegers. [Please let us know if name can be removed.]



We pray for the soul of St. Boniface Parishioner **Louis Heithoff**, who passed away this week. Louis is the husband of Darlene Heithoff and father of Steve (Rita) Heithoff, Calvin (Pam) Heithoff, Stan (Dorothy) Heithoff and Todd

(Melissa) Heithoff and brother of Lorene (John) Stuhr. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

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06-01-20	Kathy Sehi	\$60.00		
06-02-20	Denis & Jan Henn	\$60.00		
06-03-20	Larry Braband	\$60.00		
06-04-20	Gayle Zegers	\$60.00		
06-05-20	Bob & Teresa Heying	Feast of St. Boniface		
		\$80.00		
06-06-20	Ayden Furstenau	\$60.00		
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06-07-20	Carol Hastings	\$75.00		

St. Boniface Altar Society Circle Worklist

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

Clean Church: Circle 5 & 6- June 18th (Updated)

Kookie Klatch: Canceled

Next Funeral: Circle 5 (Circle 4 had Louie Heithoff)

Next Charity: Circle 6

Next Meeting: August 17, 2020

St. Boniface Ladies:



The Altar Society requests no outside salads or desserts be brought in for funerals until further notice. As we restructure our funeral dinners temporarily, due to Covid, we appreciate your cooperation.

Pans and bowls are overflowing!

the shelving unit at the east entrance of St. Boniface Church Basement. Please check to see if any are yours. *Unmarked containers from food brought to rectory for Father are also there.* PLEASE MARK YOUR CONTAINERS.





St. Boniface Parish wishes to say "Thank You" to Rachel Becker, who has been involved in our music ministry for the past the eight years, seven of which she was choir director. She provided music for much more than 'just' Sunday liturgies, including Family Formation, School Masses, and other special services. Always there with a "yes". No amount of appreciation can tell you what your talents have meant to our parish!! May God Bless and protect you and your family always.

ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION † June 13 †

Let's show our appreciation

Sr. Patricia Hoffman

PO Box 219 Elgin, NE 68636-0219

† 75th JUBILEE † Sister Leta Heese

Due to failing health, Sister Leta is unable to receive mail, so we ask that you remember her in your prayers instead.

(Watch on the St. Boniface Parish of Elgin Facebook page for a special recognition from School Sisters of St. Francis that shows photos of Sister Leta).

St. Bonaventure Raeville

Financial Stewardship St. Bonaventure- Raeville

Sunday Collection (11 Env.)	\$2,230.00
Ascension	\$5.00
<u>Easter</u>	\$200.00
Sunday Collection as of F	iscal Week 47
Budgeted Total	\$47,000.00
Actual Total	\$45,591.04

St. Bonaventure will be Mowing their parish grounds this

Amount Behind

Wednesday, June 10th



(\$1,408.96)



Congratulations to
Jerod & Mallory (Fangman) Pochop
who were married at
St. Bonaventure last weekend.

St. John's Petersburg

Financial Stewardship St. John's - Petersburg:

Adult: \$2,829.50 Loose: \$5.00 Easter: \$200.00

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



We are looking for replacements for Parish Officers- If interested or willing to fill the positions- Please call Father John at: 402-626-7605.

Looking Ahead: Cemetery Mowing-Tuesday, June 16th at 6:00 PM- Last names S-Z (Rain date June 18).

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

Financial Stewardship St. Peter's Ewing

May 24: \$40.00 Ascension: \$10.00 Vigil Lights: \$242.75

St. John's Deloit May 24: \$81.70

St. Theresa's May 24: Will Report Next Week

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, 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



Please pray for the two men from the Archdiocese of Omaha who were Ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 6.

> Rev. Zachary Tucker Rev. Mauricio Tovar

GENERAL NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS **High School Graduates from our parishes**

Breanna Bartak daughter of Gary & Mary Bartak Lane Bartakson of Paul & Sonja Bartak Austin Bauerson of Terry & Mary Bauer Casidy Baumgartnerdaughter of Julie Baumgartner & Neil Baumgartner
Kierra Bearingerdaughter of Jarod & Tammy Bearinger
Hunter Charf son of Stacy & Danelle Charf
Gage Clifton son of Ben & DeAnna Clifton
MacKenzie Cunninghamdaughter of
Dan & Jen Cunningham
Brynn Dillydaughter of Doug & Shawn Dilly
Adam Dreger son of Gary & Denise Dreger
Kathryn Hawk daughter of Mike & Theresa Hawk
Cade Heithoff son of Todd & Melissa Heithoff
Luke Hennson of Denis & Jan Henn
Blake Huppson of Ben & Jamie Hupp
Tyler Huppson of Ted & Angie Hupp
Tyler Iburg son of John & Sherri Iburg
Kayce Kallhoffdaughter of Brent & Susan Kallhoff
James Kesterson of Duane & Jennifer Kester
Faith Kinneydaughter of Josh & Maria Kinney
Brooke Knievel daughter of Jerrell & Jennifer Knievel
Ashley Koenigdaughter of Kevin & Gina Koenig
Emily Kurpgeweit daughter of Kevin & Ann Kurpgeweit
Alyssa Moserdaughter of Chris & Sandy Moser
Elizabeth Nordby daughter of Ed & Mary Jo Nordby
Jaqueline Olivan daughter of Regino & Graciela Olivan
Emily Pelster daughter of Dean & Michelle Pelster Abby Reicks daughter of Doug & Jean Reicks
Sidney Stallbaumdaughter of Kent & Elaine Stallbaum
Chase Thiemanson of Scott & Val Thieman
Tiana Thramerdaughter of Greg & Carm Thramer
Haley Zegersdaughter of Mike & Kristin Zegers
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This Week in Our Parishes.....

Day	Date	Time	Events
Tuesday	June 9	Noon	Bulletin Deadline for June 14 Bulletin Items
Tuesday	June 9	7:30 pm	Elgin KC Meeting
Wednesday	June 10	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Thursday	June 11		Eucharistic Day of Prayer at St. Boniface Church
Wednesday	June 10		St. Bonaventure- Raeville Mows Parish Grounds

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......

Location	Day	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Intentions	
(SBE) Elgin	Tuesday	June 9	8:30 am	+Betty Vaisvilas	(Public & Livestreamed)
(SPE) Ewing	Tuesday	June 9	8:30 am	Thanksgiving for Our Blessings	(Public Mass)
(SBE) Elgin	Wednesday	June 10	8:30 am	+Ben & Jean Koenig	(Public & Livestreamed)
(STC) Clearw.	Wednesday	June 10	8:30 am	Priest Intention	(Public Mass)
(SJP) Peters.	Wednesday	June 10	10:30 am	+Larry Henn	(Public Mass)
(SBE) Elgin	Thursday	June 11	8:30 am	+Conrad Mack Family	(Public & Livestreamed)
					Eucharistic Day of Prayer Begins
(SPE) Ewing	Thursday	June 11	8:30 am	+Theresa Nielsen	(Public Mass)
(SBE) Elgin	Friday	June 12	8:30 am	+Sandy Lodge	(Public & Livestreamed)
					Eucharistic Day of Prayer Ends
(SJD) Deloit	Friday	June 12	8:30 am	+Cletus & Jean Muff	(Public Mass)
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	June 13	5:30 pm	For the People of Our Parishes	s (Public Mass)
(SJP) Peters.	Saturday	June 13	7:00 pm	+Jeff Scholl	(Public Mass)
(SBR) Raeville	Sunday	June 14	8:00 am	+George Pelster	(Public Mass Livestreamed)
(SBE) Elgin	Sunday	June 14	10:00 am	+Ray & Leora Dinslage	(Public Mass)
(STC) Clearw.	Sunday	June 14	10:00 am	+Orval & Delores Hankla	(Public Mass Livestreamed)
(SJD) Deloit	Sunday	June 14	11:30 am	+Bernadine Walnofer	(Public Mass)

Public Weekend Masses and Public Daily Masses have Resumed (Social Distancing does apply and pews marked)
Masses will also be Livestreamed at 8 and 10 am on Sundays for those who don't feel comfortable attending yet.

Tuesday-Friday: Fr. Norman is offering a 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 ***

Liturgical Ministers will going to start being scheduled in next week's bulletin, even though some of the tasks will still be taken care of by those that have already been doing them, so we have less people on our altars, and less who are around each other week to week. ****If you feel you cannot fulfil your ministry at this time, please call your parish office to let them know right away this week***



THANK YOU to those who helped make livestream liturgies possible during the 10 weeks we were unable

to hold public Masses. Livestream Masses will continue for now, but we want to take this time to thank those who have been, and continue to be, a blessing to us in their service and dedication!

Zach Eischeid Clarissa Stuhr Deacon John Starman Family

Logan Henn Rachel Becker Deacon Dennis Wiehn Luke Henn Mark & Julie Dwyer Michael Hynes

Knights News!



We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day.

~Taken from the Knights of Columbus website <u>www.kofc.org/joinus</u>

- <u>Council #2411's Family of the Month for April and May</u> are neighbors who live just south of Elgin. Our families are Dave and Tracy Hoefer and Gary and Bonnie Dinslage. Both men and their wives are still involved in the operation of and keeping the KC Hall financially viable so it can be used by our parish and the Elgin community at large. Thanks, and God bless you all for your service to the Knights of Columbus!
- <u>Our Council has</u> just been made aware that we have received the Supreme, State Award in the "Family" category for the Consecration to the Holy Family Program. If you remember, our six parishes participated in the program back in January and it culminated on the first weekend of February where all six parishes recited the Consecration Prayer together. The Supreme part of the award means we were asked to submit the application to Supreme and will go head to head with the other jurisdictions in the US and Canada. Thanks to all who helped make this program a prayerful experience for all who participated!
- The Global Wheelchair Mission, is a Supreme program Council 2411 will become involved in. If you would like to donate to this program, please read the program overview and contact Dave Kerkman if you would like to contribute or would like additional information. Since 2009, the Knights of Columbus has partnered with the American Wheelchair Mission and Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, under the umbrella of the Global Wheelchair Mission. This initiative provides aid to those who lack the freedom of mobility in our communities and around the world. Whether councils are presenting wheelchairs to local veterans and neighbors in need or donating funds to benefit those abroad, mobility brings with it independence and dignity. Obtained at discounted prices, these wheelchairs change the lives of their recipients. Working with the Global Wheelchair Mission is a perfect opportunity to put your faith into action and involve the entire community in the rewarding charitable work done by your council.

Please share with our Council ideas and thoughts you might have that would help us better serve individuals or organizations in our area. Share your suggestions with our Worthy Grand Knight, Dave Kerkman at 843-6373.

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/



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https://www.facebook.com/stbonraeville/
https://www.facebook.com/stpeterewing/
https://www.facebook.com/sttheresa68726/
https://www.facebook.com/RuralStJohns/

Want to receive <u>pertinent</u> Information in a timely manner from your parish? And the bulletin once a week?



- 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 canceled this summer:

Totus Tuus Gratia Girls Retreat Legion of Joseph Boys Retreat

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.

Public Masses began May 30

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 402-843-2253 St. Boniface Gym Phone 402-843-2249

Website: cppnebraska.org

Michele Reicks mreicks@cppnebraska.org Linda Moser lmoser@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

10:00 am-Noon (or by Appt) **Modified Hours** Wednesday Jaci Hoefer jhoefer@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 Imoser@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 Hoefer – including all funerals, events, receptions, and showers by calling 402-386-5580 or email jhoefer@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 Hoefer 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)



Public Celebrations of the Eucharist resumed May 30

***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:

- o The Elderly
- o People with underlying medical conditions
- o Family members who live with elderly people or those who are at risk
- o People who have access to those at risk in nursing institutions
- o People who have upper respiratory or flu like symptoms
- o People who live with someone with upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms
- o 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.
 - o 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 <u>encouraged</u> 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.