

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

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

Catholic Social Teaching Series: Common Good

Last week we introduced the bulletin series that Fr. John and I are presenting on Catholic Social Teaching, to help form our consciences for engaging in public life. The Church has a rich history of speaking upon such issues, a lot that I was unaware of until studying it in the seminary. Last week we mentioned four main principles: Human Dignity, Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. Human Dignity is the most foundational of these, but I am going to hold off speaking about that until next week. Today I want to consider the Common Good.

The common good is concern for “the whole individual and of all people.” Based on human dignity every individual person has certain rights that are to be defended. Along with rights, we have duties and responsibilities to each other, our families, and the larger society. Common good has to do with care for every individual person and the community that those individual persons together form.

All people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. This responsibility comes first from Scripture. The Church speaks of a “preferential option for the poor and vulnerable,” which means caring for those most in need ought to be at the top of the list when it comes to exercising Christian charity. We cannot become like the rich man in the parable who pretended not to know the beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

The responsibility to care for the common good, especially the poor, is shared by all as individuals, as well as by government. We can ask, what then does economic justice look like? Sometimes the debate is about capitalism vs socialism, with the latter seeming to become a popular idea again. Which one is best for society and for the poor? The Church recognizes that the answer is complex. Economics must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God’s creation. “If by ‘capitalism’ is meant an economic system which recognizes the fundamental and positive role of business, the market, private property and the resulting responsibility for the means of production, as well as free human creativity in the economic sector, then the answer is certainly in the affirmative.” The Church recognizes that a system of capitalism, free market, and private property can have positive impacts upon upholding human dignity and helping individuals rise out of poverty.

But there are also dangers that can arise out of capitalism if there is a lack of moral direction. While it is legitimate for businesses to seek profits, greed for more money at the exploitation of workers and consumers is immoral. (Money itself is not bad. The “love of money” is what the Scriptures consider evil (1 Timothy 6:10)). It was abuses of capitalism, such as the denial of just wages and unhealthy work environments, that led to the response of Karl Max’s philosophy in the late 1800s, and the implementation of his ideas through communism and socialism. Socialism replaces free markets and private property with communal ownership and centrally planned economies. That which is produced through work becomes the property of the State until it is redistributed to people based on their need. At first glance, socialism might seem to fit in well with care for the common good and the poor, since wealth is to be distributed according to everyone’s needs. (The promise of “free stuff” can also be quite tempting.) But in reality, history has shown “the remedy would prove worse than the sickness.”

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Instead, socialism “cannot be reconciled with the teachings of the Catholic Church because its concept of society itself is utterly foreign to Christian truth.” In the Catholic world-view, individual persons and the family are at the center of society, with the State meant to serve the needs of individual and families. Capitalism can exist in this framework, but socialism reverses this, with the State becoming the center, and individuals existing to serve the needs of the State. “Socialism considers the individual person simply as an element, a molecule within the social organism, so that the good of the individual is completely subordinated to the functioning of the socio-economic mechanism.”

While proposing to counter the greed of wealthy individuals or corporations, socialists propose a system where government has the power to take private property (goods, services, money) from anyone, as well as “encouraging the poor man’s envy of the rich.” (The kind of envy we see in the gospel parable today that led the tenants to enact violence against the landowner’s servants and son, so as to take by force what did not belong to them.) What ends up happening in socialism, is that those with power keep for themselves what has been seized, and any redistributed goods and services are inadequate to meet persons’ needs. The socialist system turns out to be a kind of State capitalism, where instead of rich individuals exploiting the poor, it is now government that does it. Historically such systems tend to take away other freedoms, like that of religious liberty. Far from helping the poor, often the poor are the most hurt. One should not create a system where the poor are exploited by forcing them to remain dependent upon those in power. “Helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work.” The desire should be to help everyone to the freedom and dignity of having control over their own lives.

While the Church explicitly rejects socialism, it does not mean she whole-heartedly affirms every aspect of capitalism, as I already mentioned above. A final aspect of capitalism of which we must guard ourselves against is consumerism, the need to acquire things in greater and greater numbers, becoming slaves of our possessions. “It is not wrong to want to live better, what is wrong is a style of life...which wants ... enjoyment as an end itself.” Pope Francis has spoken of a kind of “throw away” culture, that ends up not only discarding old things for ever new ones, but also discards the needs of others because we want more for ourselves. “The main cause of poverty is an economic system that has canceled the person from the center and set money in its place; an economic system that excludes, always excludes ... and that creates the throw-away culture we live in. We are accustomed to seeing people discarded.”

Pope Francis challenges us to a change in lifestyle, to a simplicity of life “which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack.” This kind of joy and peace in simplicity is something we can often learn from the truly poor. To be poor in spirit, unattached from money and possessions, will make it easier to care for the common good of all.

Jr. Vogel

GENERAL NEWS

The 2020 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal is beginning in our parishes. The Annual Appeal supports the parishes, schools and ministries across the archdiocese. Now, more than ever, our experience as One Church invites us to recognize that everything we have is provided to deepen our faith and to bring us closer to Jesus and to one another. The financial goal for this year’s Annual Appeal is \$4,400,000 and each of the parish financial goals are listed below. As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to trust, to let go of fear and open our minds and hearts to God’s saving work. What is holding you back from sharing your gifts?

GOALS

St. John’s Deloit: \$6,900	St. Boniface: \$23,749
St. Peter’s: \$5,615	St. Bonaventure: \$4,430
St. Theresa’s: \$7,600	St. John’s Petersburg: \$5,120

CHANGES TO OUR CHURCH WORSHIP IN OCTOBER


- Beginning the weekend of October 3-4, there will be several logistical changes in using our worship spaces in Phase IV:
1. The ‘half’ of the church building on the ambo side of the church (where the readings happen) will be allowed to use every pew. Distancing is encouraged where possible.
 2. The other ‘half’ of the church building will continue to be seated every other pew with required distancing.
 3. For communion, both sides of the church will come forward using the side aisles to come forward and returning using the main aisle. Note: St. Theresa’s flow will be modified to the space.
 4. With the exception of St. Boniface in Elgin, all of the churches will return pew missalettes to their normal spots. St. Boniface’s books will be handled differently with Sunday books and school mass books.
- Please be respectful of our safety practices. It is important to remember that we have a type of co-responsibility in this. We have to look out for each other, especially the most vulnerable.

St. Boniface Elgin

Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin


Sunday (21 Env)	\$1,771.00
Insurance	\$100.00
P.I.E. (Partners in Education)	\$1,350.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 13	
Budgeted Total	\$56,078.49
Actual Total	\$60,461.69
Amount Ahead	\$4,383.20


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, Joe Buelt, Cliff Burger, Brittany Waldrop, Brenda Papstein, Denise Jamieson, Chris Stargel, Gary Preister, Cammy (Dwyer) Abbey, Lawrence Borer, Lyle Mackel, Loretta Zegers, Adam Kester, Lori Krause, Matt Golden, Karlene Moser, Gene Heithoff, Pat Fredrickson, Tracy Hoefler, Juan Hoefler, Eric Heithoff, Julie (Preusser) Bombeck, Sandy Kallhoff, Anonymous, Gladys Reicks. [Please let us know if name can be removed.]

 The Pope John Jr. Right-to-Life Group will host a LIFE CHAIN on Sunday, October 4, from 11:00 to noon on the sidewalk west of St. Boniface Church in Elgin. People of all ages are invited to attend and show prayerful support for all human life. Posters will be available. Social distancing must be observed. Face masks are highly recommended, but optional.

Small groups and committees using our St. Boniface parish facilities, such as the meeting room or ministry room in the convent are asked to please sanitize the area you used, following your gathering. Supplies will be available. *****The church basement is especially important!** Thank you!



 [Please note: on evenings where there is Family Formation, the convent will not be available for other uses, as the student classrooms will be located throughout the building, to provide proper distancing]. **Note also: The Ministry Room will now be used on Thursdays for RCIA.**

 Thank you to those who continue to donate their aluminum cans to St. Boniface School. The last load brought us \$219.51. The can cart is located southwest of Pope John School, in the parking lot and we ask that only aluminum cans are placed in there, and that bags are closed securely. Thank you to Paul Kuhlman, Joe Seier, Jim Getzfred and Dennis Wiehn who took care of this.



We welcome
Klayton Gene Schindler
son of
Kevin & Marin Schindler
who was baptized this
weekend at St. Boniface Church

St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

09-28-20	Randy Mitchell	\$60.00
09-29-20	Gene Heithoff	\$60.00
09-30-20	Lauren Seier	\$60.00
10-01-20	Philip Kluthe	\$60.00
10-02-20	Bob & Linda Moser	\$60.00
10-03-20	Connie Seier	\$60.00
10-04-20	Ashtyn, Skylar & Brooklyn Meis	\$75.00



If you are willing to help at the St. Boniface Bazaar, but didn't sign your name to the survey, please contact Julie Borer at 402-843-5528 and leave a message. More info elsewhere in bulletin.



See your favorite St. Boniface School Student to purchase your 2021 Lottery Calendars!

365 drawings
\$25,000 to be given away in 2021!!



We pray for the soul of **Howard H. Thille** of Dalles, Oregon and **Alice Wood** of Creighton, NE. who passed away. Howard is the brother of Doris (Allan) Kluthe, and Alice is the grandmother of Gina (Michael) Moser, of St. Boniface Parish. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

St. Bonaventure Raeville

Financial Stewardship St. Bonaventure- Raeville

Sunday Collection (10 Env.)	\$945.00
Insurance	\$50.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 13	
Budgeted Total	\$13,354.93
Actual Total	\$12,427.50
Amount Behind	(\$827.43)



We pray for the soul of **Raymond Monitor** of White Bear, Minnesota who passed away last week. Raymond is the father of Chris (Mark) Grundmayer, of St. Bonaventure Parish. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

The will of God
will never take you
where the Grace of God
will not protect you.

This Week in Our Parishes.....

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	October 4	11am-Noon	LIFE CHAIN west of St. Boniface Church by Pope John Junior Right to Life
Sunday	October 4	2-3 pm	LIFE CHAIN in front of L Bar B Steakhouse in Clearwater, NE
Sunday	October 4	5:00 pm	Cabaret Fundraiser at KC Hall (adv. tickets) Open:5/Dinner:6/Show:7pm
Tuesday	October 6	Noon	Deadline: October 11 Bulletin Items
Tuesday	October 6	6:00 pm	St. Peter's Christian Mother's Meeting at St. Dominic's Hall
Tuesday	October 6	7:30 pm	Elgin KC Meeting
Tuesday	October 6	8:00 pm	Neligh KC Meeting
Wednesday	October 7	10:00 am	Bible Study at St. Dominic's Hall in Ewing
Wednesday	October 7	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Wednesday	October 7	-----	Religious Ed (PRE) Class at Albion (6-7 /7:15-8:15pm)
Thursday	October 8	7:00pm	RCIA Class in Convent Ministry Room
Sunday	October 11-18	-----	St. Boniface Pre-Sale Thanksgiving Sausage Sign-up Sheets (St. Bon.Church)

Mass Intentions for the week..... All Masses are Public

Location	Day	Date	Time	Intentions
(SBE) Elgin	Monday	October 5	7:20 am	Communion Service
(SBR) Raeville	Tuesday	October 6	8:30 am	+Betty Vaisvilas
(SPE) Ewing	Tuesday	October 6	-----	No Mass
(SBE) Elgin	Wednesday	October 7	8:15 am	+Roman & Margie Baum by SB 3rd/4th Grade
(STC) Clearw.	Wednesday	October 7	-----	No Mass
(SJP) Peters.	Wednesday	October 7	-----	No Mass
(SBE) Elgin	Thursday	October 8	8:15 am	Liv. & Dec. PJ Alumni by PJ Jr. Right to Life; Cele: Fr. Nields
(SPE) Ewing	Thursday	October 8	-----	No Mass
(SBE) Elgin	Friday	October 9	7:20 am	+Don, Shirley, Ed & Sharon Henkenius
(SJD) Deloit	Friday	October 9	-----	No Mass
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	October 10	1:00 pm	Funeral for Joan Thramer
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	October 10	5:30 pm	For the People of Our Parishes
(SJP) Peters.	Saturday	October 10	7:00 pm	+Jeff Scholl
(SBR) Raeville	Sunday	October 11	8:00 am	+Joe & Lorraine Stuhr (Livestreamed)
(SBE) Elgin	Sunday	October 11	10:00 am	+Gene Boes
(STC) Clearw.	Sunday	October 11	10:00 am	+Harold, Lucille & Joe Kester
(SJD) Deloit	Sunday	October 11	11:30 am	+Vince & Marie Thiele

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

Livestream of 8:00 am Sunday Mass is on our Facebook Pages

Tuesday- Friday: Fr. Norman is offering a streamed **Liturgy of the Word and Daily Reflections** at 10 am.
All livestream can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/cppnebraska/> and all our parish Facebook pages

Liturgical Schedule for October 10-11, 2020

Weekend	Servers (Mask optional)	Ushers (Please Wear Mask)	SS Counters-SJP Greeters - SBE Rosary Ldrs- SBR	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	E.M.H.C. (All will wear Masks)
Saturday OCTOBER 10 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING	Preston Hoke	Aaron Hoke	-----	-----	Tim Larson	Follow Schedule	Helen Larson
Saturday OCTOBER 10 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG	Kaci Wies Karli Wies	Alan Faust Rick Pelster	<u>Money Counters:</u> Carol Luettel Hank Thieman	-----	Cindy Temme	Guitar Group	Deacon John Starman
Sunday OCTOBER 11 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE	Lexi Bode Kaiden Bode	Jerry Schrage Spencer Heying	<u>Rosary Leaders:</u> Fred & Mary Ann Fangman	-----	Ken Stuhr	Paul Kuhlman	Harlie Bode
Sunday OCTOBER 11 10:00 am St. Boniface - ELGIN	Linus Borer Eliza Borer	Dave Eischeid Ron Eischeid Travis Eischeid Bill Eischeid	-----	-----	Jodine Meis	Deb Baum Becky Kerkman	Deacon Dennis Terry Reicks (if needed in basement)
Sunday OCTOBER 11 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER	Logan Kester	Gary Thiele Mark Thiele	-----	-----	Carol Kester	Follow Schedule	Dianna Kester
Sunday OCTOBER 11 11:30 am St. John's DELOIT	Rachel Dierks	Marty Kerkman	-----	-----	Jami Schmidt	Follow Schedule	Sonja Bartak

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

September 27: \$861.00
 Building: \$22.43
 Vigil Lights (from all 3 parishes): \$628.72

St. John's Deloit

September 27: \$590.00
 Insurance: \$50.00
 Building: \$50.00

St. Theresa's

September 27: \$385.00



St. Peter's Christian Mothers meeting will be held this Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm at St. Dominic Hall, Ewing. We will start with a rosary for

Joan Thramer. Then will discuss the bazaar: yes, no, or something else, and take care of the usual business. Due to Covid, we will not have a lunch committee this month, and we will social distance.

St. Theresa's Sodality Dues/Donations \$50 (or more from each household). **Help us offset the cancelled Breakfast/Bake Sale/Raffle.** Money used is for monthly church cleaning, flowers for altar during holidays, updating decorations, archdiocesan dues and scholarships, etc. Please make check to St. Theresa's Sodality, mark envelope "Sodality Dues" and place in basket in church foyer. Thank you so much for your donation.

St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Clearwater is searching for someone interested in a flexible job that pays \$200 a month for weekly cleaning. The job requires 2 1/2-3 hours of weekly cleaning duties as well as several "as needed" duties. Weekly duties include (but not limited to) such tasks vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, gathering trash, dusting, and watering plants. The "as needed" tasks include (but aren't limited to) carpet and upholstery spot cleaning, mopping kitchen floor, and cleaning church items as well as seasonal cleaning. If you are interested in a job that allows for flexibility as to day of the week and time of the day, and you want to know more about specifics of the job, contact Carol Thiele (402-750-1777) or Sonia Rittscher (402-340-1084) or soniarittscher70@gmail.com. The position is available immediately.

FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

St. Peter's: George Wright, Donna Knapp, Anslee Ostergard, Kathi Retwisch, Steve Koenig, Butch Sojka, Sister Joseph, Mary Edwards, Jessica Hobbs, Jeanette Tomjack, Sharon Ward, Duaine Bollwitt, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick and Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel, Donna Knapp

St. Theresa's: Leo Starman, Nate Thiele, Regina Krebs and Adam Kester

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



Our annual LIFE CHAIN will be held on October 4, from 2-3 p.m. in front of the L Bar B Steakhouse in Clearwater. Please come to pray for one hour for an end to abortion in this country, and to be a silent witness for those defenseless babies who have no voice but ours. If you feel you cannot stand for the entire hour, feel free to bring a chair.

St. John's Petersburg**Financial Stewardship****St. John's – Petersburg:**

September 26: \$900.00
 Fuel: \$70.00
 Insurance: \$160.00
 New Bizarre Bazaar Donations: \$950.00
 (Grand Total \$7,750.00)

Please remember in your Prayers: Bert Ketteler and Julie (Preusser) Bombeck. (Please let Jaci know if you would like your name added or removed by calling the Petersburg Parish Office and; leaving a message at 402-386-5580 or email at jhoefer@archomaha.org.)

St. John's (Petersburg) Once A Month Club tickets are now on sale for 2021 for \$50.00 each, to purchase tickets please contact one of these sellers:

Carolyn Beckman	402-386-5209
Jerry Faust	402-843-8200
Bob Heying, Jr.	402-841-0565
Randy Ketteler	402-843-0343
Carol Luettel	402-741-2099
Larry Pelster	402-843-6663
David Pieke	402-920-1891
Lynnette Seier	402-843-8914
Myron Seier	402-843-8422
Clyde Stuhr	803-968-3941
John Temme	402-843-8688
Hank Thieman	402-447-4183



Thank you to our Raffle Chairs –Kevin & Lisa Schumacher and Gary & Kathy Seier for their hard work in organizing the Raffle. Thank you also to Fr. John Norman for making it possible to do the drawing on Facebook Live. Thank you to our Petersburg Quilters for their hard work on the beautiful Quilt. Thank you to each and every one of you who bought a ticket or donated to our Bizarre Bazaar Raffles. We truly appreciate your financial support.

Elgin United Methodist Church Annual FALL Ham & Turkey Dinner with dessert!

****CARRY OUT ONLY****

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Adults: \$12, Children(6-10): \$5, Under 5: FREE

To place your Carry-Out Order, call

2020 can't take away our Tradition....or your PIE.....!



**St. Boniface
96th Thanksgiving Day Bazaar
November 26, 2020**

CARRY-OUT ONLY!

Our Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner to go!

\$15.00 per adult-size carry-out meal

TEXT or CALL 402-370-9003 by Nov. 10th

w/ Name, Phone Number, Number of Meals and approx. time between
11 am - 1pm you would like to pick up from St. Boniface Gym.

If you indicated on bazaar survey how many you might want, you still need to PLACE ORDER with instructions above!

Limited number of meals, so order early!

{Homebound individuals in Elgin can receive a meal for \$12}

OUR FAMOUS SAUSAGE

Sausage Pre-Orders taken October 11 - 22

(for order pick-up on Saturday afternoon, November 21)

\$5.00 per 1 lb. Pkg of Rings or Patties

**To order: Sign up Oct. 11 - 18 in the back of St. Boniface Church
or TEXT /CALL Bonnie Hoefler 402-843-8296 by Oct. 22nd**

w/Name, Phone Number, Number of Packages and if want Rings or Patties

Very Limited Sausage available on Thanksgiving Day, so order now!

{All pre-orders must be picked up/paid for at designated date/time as we do not have freezer space; no deliveries}

BIG TICKET AND QUILT RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase soon!

Purchasing tickets will help us recoup some of the lost revenue!

****Each parish family will receive a packet of tickets, so please purchase from them****

Parishioners... Help us expand our ticket sales this year!



<https://www.facebook.com/stbonparishes>

If you are willing to help at the St. Boniface Bazaar, but didn't sign your name to the survey, please contact Julie Borer this week at 402-843-5528 and leave a message. Thank you!