



# Catholic Parishes in Partnership

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Christmas is Almost Here!

December 20, 2020

— LIFE —  
will never be the same  
because there had never been  
**ANYONE LIKE YOU**  
ever in the world.

## LIFE... AND THE WORLD... WILL NEVER BE THE SAME

In the era of social distancing, I found time to watch the musical Hamilton on Disney+. One of the early convictions in the lyrics was that because of the efforts of the American Revolution, the world would never be the same. From our present, it is hard to imagine what our lives would have looked like if there never was an American Revolution or a United States.

In our experience of 2020, with COVID pandemic, temporarily closed church doors, storms, drought, canceled events, as well as ongoing health concerns, the world will never be the same. This year has insistently disrupted "normal." There will certainly be a new equilibrium... a new pattern or rhythm of life... but there is not a going back.

Even in this time of disruption, life events have still happened. People have been born, people have been baptized, people have lost their first teeth... and some have lost their last teeth, people have experienced reconciliation and communion... some for the first time, people have been confirmed in the Holy Spirit, people have graduated high school and college, people have gotten engaged and gotten married, people have gotten sick, people have gotten healthy, people have gotten older... my hair has more gray, and people have died and been buried... entrusted with our love and prayers on their journey to God.

## THE BIGGEST LIFE EVENT... EVER...

This year of 2020 counts the time from another event that changed the world. Our world changed forever at Christmas. The official way to denote the year is A.D. 2020. "AD" is actually a Latin abbreviation for Anno Domini, which means "In the year of Our Lord." Our calendars count time differently ever since Jesus came. We have 'B.C.' for Before Christ and 'A.D.' for In the year of Our Lord. What we are saying is that it is God's time... and God's reign. Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. It is the Hebrew way of describing the superlative... the Kingly-est and the Lordy-est.

Jesus came to save us. So it brings us to ask... what in 2020 is able to be saved or redeemed? The answer... EVERYTHING! For that, I am incredibly thankful and incredibly grateful.

## CHRISTMAS AND COVID

Like everything these days, we want to be clear about our Christmas worship framework.

- The 'General Dispensation' is still in effect. There is not an obligation under penalty of sin to attend.
- We will welcome everyone who shows up for our Christmas Masses.
  - REQUIRED: Seating will be every other pew with distancing between households
  - RECOMMENDED: Wear a face covering/mask
  - REQUIRED: When the church body is as full as our guidelines allow, you will be directed to overflow seating areas in the basement or church halls.
  - While some churches have an RSVP or signup to attend Christmas services, we are not using a reservation system.
- As your pastor, I strongly encourage if you are not attending services in person, find some way to honor and celebrate the Christmas feast. I want to make sure that everyone has a chance to be spiritually fed.
  - Remember... these are not obligatory... these are suggestions:
  - Watch the Livestream Mass from 4PM on Christmas Eve
  - Watch Midnight Mass with the Pope on EWTN
  - Watch Mass on TV NewsChannelNebraska or EWTN
  - Read the Christmas Story from the Bible
    - The Annunciation – Lk 1:26 – 38
    - Matthew's Account – Mt 1:18 – 25
    - Luke's Account – Lk 2: 1 – 20
    - The Wise Men – Mt 2: 1 – 12
- The '8 days' following Christmas are known as the Octave of Christmas. If you would like to attend on a less crowded day at Church, attending a daily Mass during the Octave is an extension of Christmas itself.

Christmas Eve/Day Masses 'up North': 3PM – SJD / 5PM – SPE / 7PM - STC / Midnight – SJD / 8AM – SPE / 10AM – STC  
Christmas Eve/Day Masses 'down South': 4PM – SBR / 6:30PM – SBE / 8AM – SJP / 10AM – SBE

Peace,

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

**Financial Stewardship**

**St. Peter's Ewing**

December 13: \$500.00  
 Holy Day: \$10.00  
 Christmas: \$10.00  
 Retirement: \$40.00  
 Building Fund: \$20.00

**St. John's Deloit**

December 13: \$1,634.90  
 Holy Day: \$25.00  
 Christmas Flowers: \$20.00  
 Christmas: \$25.00  
 Building Fund: \$1,228.55  
 God's Acre: \$300.00

**St. Theresa's**

December 13: \$1,505.00  
 Holy Day: \$40.00

**God's Portion / God's Acre**

St. Peter's Budgeted: \$5,000                      To Date: \$340.00  
 St. John's Deloit Budgeted: \$7,500                      To Date: \$2,910.00  
 St. Theresa's Budgeted: \$5,000                      To Date: \$490.00

**Can you help us meet our budgeted goal  
 by December 31'?**

**FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS**

**St. Peter's:** Andy Rotherham, Bob Walnofer, Nicki Dougherty, 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.  
**St. Theresa's:** Leo Starman, Nate Thiele, Regina Krebs and Adam Kester  
**St. John's:** Judy Kerkman, Keith Palmer, Darlene Schueth, Carl Ernesti and Georgine Funk

**PRAYER LINE REQUESTS**

**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



**We acknowledge and appreciate  
 the Memorial Gift of \$3,000.00  
 to St. Peter's Church  
 in memory of Mark and Joan Thramer**



**In honor of Pat and Janice McLain  
 "65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary we invite fellow  
 parishioners to send cards to:**

**Pat and Janice McLain  
 50018 846<sup>th</sup> Rd  
 Ewing, NE 68735**

They were married December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1955 in St. John's Church.

**Merry ★  
 Christmas**

**St. Bonaventure Raeville**



**St. Bonaventure Parish is asking that if you  
 attend church there, that you please use  
 the south entrance only for the time being.**

**PRAYER LINE REQUESTS**

**St. Bonaventure:** Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-386-5350  
 or Diane Scholl 402-386-5256.

**Financial Stewardship**

**St. Bonaventure- Raeville**

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Collection (16 Env.) | \$6,355.00 |
| Holy Day                    | \$10.00    |
| Christmas Flowers           | \$35.00    |
| Religious Retirement        | \$80.00    |

**Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 24**

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Budgeted Total | \$24,470.64 |
| Actual Total   | \$28,423.54 |
| Amount Ahead   | \$3,952.90  |

**St. Bonaventure God's Portion / God's Acre**

Budgeted: \$13,000.00                      To Date: \$13,847.70  
**Congratulations on meeting the goal!**

**Donations of food or cash are being  
 collected for the Albion Food Pantry. Please  
 be generous during this time. A basket is  
 located at the south entrance.**



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

**In Loving Memory of...**

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Joe & Lorraine Stuhr      | Joseph & Idella Lorenz      |
| Art & Margaret Kuester    | Military & Families         |
| Ben & Paula Starman       | Louis & Anna Beckman Family |
| William Starman           | Emily Reestman              |
| Cyril & Viola Pelster     | Don & Jim Feller            |
| Frank & Rose Stuhr Family | Fred & Fern Fangman Family  |
| Paysen Guthard            | Fr. Paul Fangman            |
| Harold & Helen Henn       | Willie Salber               |
| Henry & Mary Starman      | Paysen Ann Guthard          |
| Henry & Cecelia Scholl    | Clem & Frances Luettel      |



**Thank you to those who put up the  
 Nativity in St. Bonaventure Church. Your  
 help was much appreciated to beautify the  
 church for Christmas! And thank you to  
 those who have been doing extra cleaning!**



Please pray for the soul of **Erma (Bigge)  
 Eggerling** of Norfolk who passed away this  
 week. Erma is the sister-in-law of Dean  
 Henn and Joe Reestman, of our  
 parishes. May her soul and all the souls of  
 the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

# St. Boniface Elgin

## Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Sunday (59 Env)                        | \$8,698.00   |
| Religious Retirement                   | \$425.00     |
| Holy Day                               | \$100.00     |
| "P.I.E." (Partners in Education)       | \$1,750.00   |
| Christmas Flowers                      | \$90.00      |
| God's Portion                          | \$5,803.32   |
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| Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 24 |              |
| Budgeted Total                         | \$103,529.52 |
| Actual Total                           | \$109,907.40 |
| Amount Ahead                           | \$6,377.88   |

**St. Boniface God's Portion / God's Acre**  
 Budgeted: \$44,000.00 To Date: \$39,570.31  
*Can you help us meet our budgeted goal  
 by December 31<sup>s</sup>*

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

Jolene Lichty, Larry Braband, Terry Dinslage, Cheri (Schindler) Cavanagh, Laurie Horn, Dave Shrader, Bob Redler, Garrett Scholz, Neil Childers, Sally Beckman, Marie Cheatum, Joe Buelt, Cliff Burger, Brittney 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, Pat Fredrickson, Tracy Hoefler, Juan Hoefler, Eric Heithoff, John Jamieson, Dave Schrad, Pat Evans, Pat Starman, John King, John Wolinski, Galen Keas, Janet Sorenson, Edith Finkral, Connie Nelson, Bob Heying, Gene Heithoff. **[Please let us know if name can be removed.]**

### ELGIN PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

**St. Boniface:** Call Mary Jane Boes 402-843-2379 or JoAnn Beckman 402-843-6287.

### St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

|          |                         |         |
|----------|-------------------------|---------|
| 12-14-20 | Carol Funk              | \$60.00 |
| 12-15-20 | Daniel Lorenz           | \$60.00 |
| 12-16-20 | Connie Seier            | \$60.00 |
| 12-17-20 | Lesley Johnson          | \$60.00 |
| 12-18-20 | Scott & Stephanie Stuhr | \$60.00 |
| 12-19-20 | Steve Lodge             | \$60.00 |
| 12-20-20 | Julie Jochum            | \$75.00 |



## St. Boniface Men's Circle Schedule for SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL for Parish Grounds

| Sundays    | ALL CIRCLES |                     |
|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Mondays    | CIRCLE 1    | (Arehart-Buelt)     |
| Tuesdays   | CIRCLE 2    | (Busteed-Getzfred)  |
| Wednesdays | CIRCLE 3    | (Gossman-Kinney)    |
| Thursdays  | CIRCLE 4    | (Klute-Payne)       |
| Fridays    | CIRCLE 5    | (Pelster-Schrage)   |
| Saturdays  | CIRCLE 6    | (Schueths-Zwingman) |

**Please mark your calendars for your day.**

**St. Boniface Men's Circle members and leaders are asked to please keep in mind the snow removal schedule.** If you have experience running a bobcat, please feel free to use it as it is in the church garage. There are scoops and brooms in the garage and the ice melt is inside the east entrance of church, and in the closet in the west entrance. We need to keep walkways, parking lots clear and in front of the convent, Sisters home, and entirely around the gym, for safety reasons.



## Gun Raffle 3 Days Left!

St. Boniface Men are asked to please return your Gun Raffle tickets and money prior to Christmas. If it's too late to mail to Chris Baum, then please place in a collection container at St. Boniface or St. Bonaventure in designated envelope, when you attend Christmas Mass, or place in the mail slot on the inside wooden door of the Elgin Parish Office entrance prior to that. **All profits go to the 2020 Bazaar so help us out if you can!** Thank you.

**Tickets also sold at Parish Office Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, Dec. 22-23. They make great Stocking Stuffers.**

*Thank you to the Nativity Committee for putting up the trees and nativity in St. Boniface Church last week, and to Circles 6 who helped haul over all the supplies from the convent.*



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

### In Loving Memory of...

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| Gene Boes                              | John & Mark Schindler    |
| Mel, Cheri & Nancy Mueller             | Rollie Reicks            |
| Mary Eischeid                          | Stephanie Eischeid       |
| Louis, June & Jerry Kerkman            | Mary Jane Henn           |
| Dick, Mona & Dean Veik                 | Billy Seier              |
| Tony Schiltmeyer                       | Shari Schiltmeyer        |
| Kalin Henn                             | Ray & Catherine Reestman |
| Ed & Eleanor Starman                   | Herman & Joan Starman    |
| Leonard & Alvin Hoefler                | Frank & Adeline Meis     |
| Al & Mary Helen Schrage                | Melvin Warren            |
| John Schindler                         | Norbert Beckman          |
| Arnold & Mary Ann Thiele               | Louis Heithoff           |
| Gerald & Julia Zegers                  | Harold & Lucille Benda   |
| Emil & Henrietta Bigge Family          | Paul & Rose Hoefler      |
| Sylvester & Ada Henn                   | Louis Heithoff           |
| Ray Schrage                            | Dick Beckman             |
| LaVern & LuVerna Jochum                | Linda Dinslage           |
| William & Catherine Brown Family       |                          |
| Dec. Members of Ralph & Irene Getzfred |                          |



**Elgin Parish Office will be Closed December 24-25**  
*(Early Bulletin deadline is Monday Noon next two weeks.)*



**The next Baptism Class is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Room in the convent.** In order to have your child baptized, it is necessary for you to attend this class if you are a first-time parent, a parishioner recently registered, or if it has been over three years since you last attended the class. The next class will not be held for several months, so please keep this in mind. Please call Gwen Beckman at 402-843-2372 to register.

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

| Day       | Date        | Time      | Event   |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|---|
| Monday    | December 21 | Noon      | <b>Early</b> Calendar deadline for January events           |
| Monday    | December 21 | Noon      | <b>Early</b> Bulletin Deadline for the December 27 Bulletin |
| Wed-Sun   | Dec. 23-27  | -----     | SB Gym Closed (Moritorium)                                  |
| Wednesday | December 23 | 5-6:00 pm | Confessions at St. Boniface Church (Note Extended Time)     |
| Wednesday | December 23 | -----     | No Religious Ed/ No Bible Study                             |
| Thurs-Fri | Dec. 24-25  | -----     | Elgin Parish Office Closed                                  |
| Monday    | December 28 | Noon      | <b>Early</b> Bulletin Deadline for the January 3 Bulletin   |

## Mass Intentions for the week.....

| Location   | Day       | Date        | Time     | Intentions                     |                                     |
|--|-----------|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (SBE) Elgin  | Monday    | December 21 | 7:20 am  | Communion Service              |                                     |
| (SBR) Raeville   | Tuesday   | December 22 | 8:30 am  | +Fred & Fern Fangman           |                                     |
| (SPE) Ewing  | Tuesday   | December 22 | 8:30 am  | +Carol Rockey                  |                                     |
| (SBE) Elgin  | Wednesday | December 23 | 8:15 am  | +Ralph & Irene Getzfred Family |                                     |
| (STC) Clearw.  | Wednesday | December 23 | 8:30 am  | +Arnold & Mary Ann Thiele      |                                     |
| (SJP) Petersb.   | Wednesday | December 23 | 10:30 am | +Lawrence & Mary Ketteler      |                                     |
| (SJD) Deloit   | Thursday  | December 24 | 3:00 pm  | +Bernadine Walnofer            | <b>Christmas Vigil</b>              |
| (SBR) Raeville   | Thursday  | December 24 | 4:00 pm  | +Helen Henn                    | <b>Christmas Vigil (Livestream)</b> |
| (SPE) Ewing  | Thursday  | December 24 | 5:00 pm  | For The People of Our Parishes | <b>Christmas Vigil</b>              |
| (SBE) Elgin  | Thursday  | December 24 | 6:30 pm  | +Rollie Reicks                 | <b>Christmas Vigil</b>              |
| (STC) Clearw.  | Thursday  | December 24 | 7:00 pm  | +John, Jim & Michael Kuester   | <b>Christmas Vigil</b>              |
| (SJD) Deloit   | Friday    | December 25 | 12:00 am | +Floyd Henn & Cindy Bohaboj    | <b>Midnight Mass</b>                |
| (SPE) Ewing  | Friday    | December 25 | 8:00 am  | +Jerry Rotherham               | <b>Christmas Day</b>                |
| (SJP) Petersb.   | Friday    | December 25 | 8:00 am  | +Shannon & Olivia Temme        | <b>Christmas Day</b>                |
| (STC) Clearw.  | Friday    | December 25 | 10:00 am | +Orval & Delores Hankla        | <b>Christmas Day</b>                |
| (SBE) Elgin  | Friday    | December 25 | 10:00 am | +Ray & Catherine Reestman      | <b>Christmas Day</b>                |
| <b>(For Christmas Masses: If churches are full under Covid restrictions we have overflow seating arranged)</b> |           |             |          |                                |                                     |
| (SPE) Ewing  | Saturday  | December 26 | 5:30 pm  | +Joan Thramer                  |                                     |
| (SJP) Petersb.   | Saturday  | December 26 | 7:00 pm  | +Gene Boes                     |                                     |
| (SBR) Raeville   | Sunday    | December 27 | 8:00 am  | +Jerome & Elvira Grundmayer    | <b>(Livestreamed)</b>               |
| (SBE) Elgin  | Sunday    | December 27 | 10:00 am | +Fr. Kenneth Potts             |                                     |
| (STC) Clearw.  | Sunday    | December 27 | 10:00 am | For the People of our Parishes |                                     |
| (SJD) Deloit   | Sunday    | December 27 | 11:30 am | +Sam & Joan Stearns            |                                     |

Livestream Sunday Mass is 8:00am and Livestream Christmas Vigil 4pm can be found on

<https://www.facebook.com/cppnebraska/> and all our parish Facebook pages

Tuesday Only this week: Fr. Norman is offering a streamed Liturgy of the Word/Daily Reflections at 10 am.

## GENERAL NEWS



### Let's meet these goals by December 31. Archbishop's Annual Appeal

*Every gift, no matter how large or small makes a difference, and we are stronger when we work together as One Church.*

|                                 |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>St. Theresa's Clearwater</b> | Goal: \$7,600.00                |                      |
|                                 | Commitment to date: \$5,625.00  | <b>74% of goal</b>   |
| <b>St. John's Deloit</b>        | Goal: \$6,900.00                |                      |
|                                 | Commitment to date: \$4,475.00  | <b>64.9% of goal</b> |
| <b>St. Peter's Ewing</b>        | Goal: \$5,612.00                |                      |
|                                 | Commitment to date: \$2,794.00  | <b>49.8% of goal</b> |
| <b>St. Boniface Elgin</b>       | Goal: \$23,749.00               |                      |
|                                 | Commitment to date: \$17,704.00 | <b>74.5% of goal</b> |
| <b>St. Bonaventure Raeville</b> | Goal: \$4,428.00                |                      |
|                                 | Commitment to date: \$3,452.00  | <b>78% of goal</b>   |
| <b>St. John's Petersburg</b>    | Goal: \$5,119.00                |                      |
|                                 | Commitment to date: \$3,765.00  | <b>73.5% of goal</b> |

Mailing Envelopes are at the Parish Offices if you have misplaced yours



We still have a small amount of frozen St. Boniface's Thanksgiving Sausage (rings) available for sale, until we run out. Please call the Elgin Parish Office during regular hours if you wish to buy some. It sells for \$5.00 for a 1# pound package and makes a very nice gift!



**HOLIDAYS usually include ALUMINUM CANS!!** Thank you for keeping in mind St. Boniface School when recycling cans! 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. The last load brought us \$311.91. Thank you to Joe Seier, Dennis Wiehn and Jim Getzfred who took care of this.



**December 27**  
**EARLY Bulletin Deadline**  
**is Monday, December 21**

Please email Michele @ [mreicks@cppnebraska.org](mailto:mreicks@cppnebraska.org) or Linda @ [lmoser@cppnebraska.org](mailto:lmoser@cppnebraska.org)



## Charitable Contributions Deduction Modifications

Taxpayers who do not otherwise elect to itemize deductions are allowed an above-the-line deduction in 2020 for up to \$300 for charitable contributions made in cash (not stock) to any qualifying Section 501(c)(3) public charity, excluding donor-advised funds. In addition, for individuals who itemize, the CARES Act temporarily increases limitations on deductions for charitable contributions made in 2020.

**Another reason to give to your favorite parish or school before December 31!**

### Mailing Addresses

**St. Peter's, St. Theresa's, St. John's Deloit**  
PO Box 37 Ewing NE 68735

**St. John the Baptist Church**  
PO Box 608 Petersburg NE 68652

**St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure Churches,  
St. Boniface School**  
PO Box B Elgin NE 68636

**Pope John Central Catholic High School**  
PO Box 179 Elgin NE 68636

For online giving: <https://get.tithe.ly/>

**To receive an email each week with the church bulletin and a short message from the pastor, and to receive urgent cancellations**

...Please email us at [parish@cnpnebraska.org](mailto:parish@cnpnebraska.org), asking to join Flocknote.

## 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.



*Come & Experience*

## "Bethlehem Revisited"

December 27 and January 3

1:00 - 7:00 pm

Newcastle NE (1 block south of main street)

"Bethlehem Revisited" is more than a living nativity; it is an interactive experience of what that first Christmas was like. It has all the animals, including three camels. People play the part of the Wise Men, Shepherds, Shopkeepers and the Holy Family. Dollars can be changed into Bethlehem coins, so you can buy things from the marketplace, to take home.

**We invite you to experience the true meaning of Christmas.**

Blessing in 2020 and beyond!

-- Fr. Jim Kramper

## Next Eucharistic Day of Prayer will be January 7

(Week later than usual due to Dec 31/Jan. 1 Holy Day)

The Vocation Committee will start putting the signup book for Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration in the back of St. Boniface Church. Please use the hand sanitizer before signing in. It is difficult to know which hours need more attention than others and if certain hours are being filled by its adorers. We all need to make sure we contact other adorers for our hour or a sub if we cannot make it for our time. *"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship."*-Venerable Fulton Sheen

\*\*According to the instruction [Redemptionis Sacramentum](#), issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments,

[138.] Still, the Most Holy Sacrament, when exposed, must never be left unattended even for the briefest space of time. It should therefore be arranged that at least some of the faithful always be present at fixed times, even if they take alternating turn.

**Financial Stewardship**

**St. John's – Petersburg:**

December 12: \$922.00 Loose: \$2.00  
Utilities: \$50.00

**St. John's Petersburg God's Portion / God's Acre**

Budgeted: \$6,500.00 To Date: \$3,425.00

*Can you help us meet our goal  
by December 31<sup>s</sup>*

**PRAYER LINE REQUESTS**

**St. John-Petersburg:** Call Kathy Koch 402-386-5481  
or Kelly Starman 402-386-5570

**LAST CHANCE To Purchase**

**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   |



**St. John's Petersburg  
Snow Removal Schedule:**

(for Church, Hall, and Cemetery driveways).

*\*Please note that when we have a funeral the group assigned is also responsible for opening the Cemetery driveways.*

**December: Families with Last Names R-Z**

**January: Families with Last Names A-P**



*We thank all those who gave donations for Poinsettias in remembrance of their loved ones to beautify St. John the Baptist Church for Christmas.*

**St. John the Baptist  
In Loving Memory of...**

|                                     |                             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Kevin Michael Beckman               | Jerry Borer                 |
| Morrie & Dolly Henn                 | Larry Henn                  |
| Bud Ketteler                        | Deb Wiseman                 |
| Bob Belgum                          | Delbert & Nora Henn         |
| LaVern Nissen                       | Ron Nissen                  |
| Jeff Scholl                         | Ambrose & Cecilia Ausdemore |
| Leonard, Cecilia & Katherine Scholl | Sharon & Lenora Scholl      |
| Julie Bombeck                       | Jim Preusser                |
| Ken & Pat Schumacher                | Clem & Frances Luettel      |
| Frank & Marge Seier                 | Joe & Joyce Temme           |
| Cliff Voss                          | Joe & Joyce Temme           |
| Mel & Claire Pelster                | Lisa Allison                |
| Stanley & Robert Simons             |                             |



**The Boone County Area Food Pantry** is in special need of cereal, canned meats/meals, toilet paper, and laundry detergent EVERY MONTH. Donations of all kinds are greatly appreciated and can be

left in the **west entrance** of St. John's Church or taken to the Food Pantry on Thursday afternoons from 2-4 pm.



**Here's to Christmas...**

- A Time of Remembering.
- A Time of Loving.
- A time of Giving.
- A Time of Believing.
- A Time of Gratitude.
- A Time to Slow Down.
- A Time to Simplify.
- A Time of Magic.
- A Time of Peace.

**JANUARY Calendar Items**

are due Monday, December 21  
by Noon

Please call Michele or Linda at 402-843-2345 or email [parish@cppnebraska.org](mailto:parish@cppnebraska.org).



**\*\*Thanks to all the officers and heads of the various parish groups for helping keep your parish informed\*\***



**Pope John Recycling Program**

Two recycle bins are placed on the north side of the garage next to the St. Boniface Gym. Papers/acceptable recyclables can be put in the bins whenever it is convenient for you.

**Acceptable items are: Newspapers, office paper, phone books, paperback books, paper bags, cereal boxes, Kleenex boxes, pop & beer boxes, magazines, and mailings.** The bins are emptied on Wednesdays. If they are full when you come, please place your recyclables in the garage. **The list of unacceptable items includes plastic bags, string, metal, wire, aluminum cans, glass, styrofoam, trash, feed sacks, used pizza boxes and other boxes that contained prepared food, and CARDBOARD.** A full list of acceptable and unacceptable items is attached to the bins. Thanks to all who recycle. **Questions, Call Sister Pat (402.843.5461).**



**Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still in effect, for those who have concerns about attending.**  
8:00 am Sunday Mass is available on Facebook.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: is TUESDAY NOON**

Send to [Imoser@cppnebraska.org](mailto:Imoser@cppnebraska.org)  
(AND) [mreicks@cppnebraska.org](mailto:mreicks@cppnebraska.org)

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

**RELIGIOUS**

Fr. John Norman, Pastor PO Box 37 Ewing, NE 402-626-7605  
Email: [jmnorman@archomaha.org](mailto:jmnorman@archomaha.org)  
Fr. Kevin Vogel, Assoc. Pastor PO Box B- Elgin 402-843-2345  
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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](http://cppnebraska.org)

Michele Reicks [mreicks@cppnebraska.org](mailto:mreicks@cppnebraska.org)  
Linda Moser [Imoser@cppnebraska.org](mailto:Imoser@cppnebraska.org)  
(office entrance is east side of Elgin rectory)

**Modified Hours**

Monday Closed  
Tuesday-Friday 9am- 5pm  
(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 Hoefer [jhoefer@cppnebraska.org](mailto:jhoefer@cppnebraska.org)

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

Mailing Address: PO Box 37, Ewing, NE 68735  
Modified Hours: Tuesday & 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**

**St. Peter's:** Thursday- 9- Noon  
**Elgin:** Day before First Friday, Each Month (watch bulletin)

**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**

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](mailto:kelly_starman@yahoo.com).  
**St. Peter, St. John Deloit, St. Theresa's:** Helen Larson 402-626-7605.

If parishes want event flyers, calendars, etc. posted please email [mreicks@cppnebraska.org](mailto:mreicks@cppnebraska.org)  
**Group Facebook Page: [cppnebraska.org](http://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.picrusaders.org](http://www.picrusaders.org)

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

Lisa Schumacher, Principal Website: [www.stmichael.esu7.org](http://www.stmichael.esu7.org)

**Religious Education (in Elgin)**

**Family Formation (Gr. K-6)**  
Cheryl Veik, Coordinator 402-843-8023  
**Elgin Sunday Youth Group (Gr. 7-12)** Will start in October  
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 as Scheduled

**PRAYER LINE REQUESTS**

**St. Boniface:** Call Mary Jane Boes 402-843-2379 or JoAnn Beckman 402-843-6287.  
**St. John-Petersburg:** Call Kathy Koch 402-386-5481 or Kelly Starman 402-386-5570  
**St. Peter-Ewing:** Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755  
**St. Theresa-Clearwater:** Teresa Kester, 402-750-0262  
**St. John the Baptist-Deloit:** Jeannie Knievel 402-929-0847

**RENTAL REQUESTS**

**St. Bonaventure, Raeville Rectory or Hall:** Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-386-5350.  
**St. John's Rectory, Petersburg:** Call Mary Lu Larson 402-843-8420 or Jacque Luettel 402-843-8974.  
**St. John's Werner Hall, Petersburg events** all need to be scheduled through Jaci Hoefer – including all funerals, events, receptions, and showers by calling 402-386-5580 or email [jhoefer@archomaha.org](mailto:jhoefer@archomaha.org).  
**St. John's Rural Clearwater:** Sue Mlnarik 402-485-2428  
**St. Theresa's Clearwater:** 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](http://KofC.org/JoinUs)

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

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

# CHRISTMAS and December 26-27, 2020

| <b>Weekend</b>   | <b>Servers</b><br><i>(Mask is optional)</i> | <b>Ushers</b><br><i>(Please Wear Masks)</i>                                     | <b>Greeters-Elg.</b><br><b>Rosary Ldrs-Rae.</b><br><b>Money Count-Pet.</b> | <b>Lectors</b>  | <b>Music</b>            | <b>E.M.H.C.</b><br><b>(All will wear Masks)</b><br><b>No Precious Blood</b>         |
|--|---|---|--|-----------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 24 3:00 pm</b><br>St. John's DELOIT                                 | Sharon Bartak                               | Jason Schindler<br>Chris Tagel  | -----  | John Knievel    | Follow Schedule         | Jeanne Knievel  |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 24 4:00 pm</b><br>St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE<br><i>(Livestreamed)</i> | Reese Stuhr<br>Samantha Stuhr               | Mark Grundmayer<br>Jerry Schrage<br>Bryan Bode<br>Jake Grundmayer<br>Jerry Bode | Fred & Mary Ann<br>Fangman   | Brian Stuhr     | Joyce Reestman          | Pastor, Deacon Dennis, Lexi Bode, Harlie Bode,<br>Ken Bode (if needed for overflow) |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 24 5:00 pm</b><br>St. Peter's EWING                                 | Michael Koenig                              | Mike Thramer<br>Kevin Koenig  | -----  | Sierra Summers  | Follow Schedule         | Greg Thramer<br>Gina Koenig   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 24 6:30 pm</b><br>St. Boniface ELGIN                                | Linus Borer<br>Eliza Borer                  | Jack Borer<br>Merle Borer<br>Gary Dinslage<br>Kevin Dinslage                    | -----  | Luke Beckman    | Deb Baum                | Pastor, Andrew Childers<br>Tyler Childers (if needed in basement)                   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 24 7:00 pm</b><br>St. Theresa's CLEARWATER                          | Shaylie Kester<br>Aislynn Kester            | Joe Thiele<br>Dean Thiele   | -----  | Tim Kester Sr.  | Follow Schedule         | Duane Kester  |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 25 12 am Midn.</b><br>St. John's DELOIT                               | Noah Schmidt                                | Gregg Bartak<br>Brent Schmidt   | -----  | Jami Schmidt    | Follow Schedule         | Janette Kerkman   |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 25 8:00 am</b><br>St. Peter's EWING                                   | Hudson Napier                               | Greg Napier   | -----  | Karen Funk      | Follow Schedule         | Carol Rotherham   |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 25 8:00 am</b><br>St. John's PETERSBURG                               | Ella Fogleman<br>James Fogleman             | Vet Stuhr<br>Larry Zegers   | <u>Money Counters:</u><br>Randy Ketteler<br>Larry Pelster<br>Clyde Stuhr   | Cindy Temme     | Guitar Group            | Deacon John Starman   |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 25 10:00 am</b><br>St. Boniface ELGIN                                 | Brayden<br>Burenheide<br>Natalie Burenheide | Phil Starman<br>Mike Zegers<br>Andy Starman<br>Scott Beckman                    | -----  | Dave Beckman    | Mark & Julie Dwyer      | Pastor, JoAnn Beckman<br>Dave Eischeid (if needed in basement)                      |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 25 10:00 am</b><br>St. Theresa's CLEARWATER                           | Trey Rittscher<br>Ethan Kester              | Tom Thiele<br>Ron Thiele  | -----  | Sonia Rittscher | Follow Schedule         | Kevin Filsinger   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 26 5:30 pm</b><br>St. Peter's EWING                                 | Tessa Barlow                                | Kevin Schrunk   | -----  | Pat Ruther      | Follow Schedule         | Mark Tyrrell  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 26 7:00 pm</b><br>St. John's PETERSBURG                             | Kaitlyn Pelster<br>Natalie Pelster          | Duane Kuhlman<br>Dale Salber  | <u>Money Counters:</u><br>Carol Luettel<br>John Temme                      | Ken Luettel     | Jan, Jeff & Rod         | Deacon John Starman   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 27 8:00 am</b><br>St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE                            | Lexi Bode<br>Kaiden Bode                    | Bryan Bode<br>Jake Grundmayer   | <u>Rosary Leaders:</u><br>Ken & Joan Stuhr                                 | Joyce Pelster   | Paul Kuhlman            | Tami Schrage  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 27 10:00 am</b><br>St. Boniface ELGIN                                 | Jovie Vaisvilas                             | Terry Bauer, Chris Baum,<br>Jim Baum, Ted Baum                                  | -----  | Skylar Reestman | Deb Baum<br>Lindy Borer | Pastor, Deacon Dennis,<br>Gwen Beckman (if needed in basement)                      |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 27 10:00 am</b><br>St. Theresa's CLEARWATER                           | Julie Olivan                                | Jeff Schlecht<br>Francis Hanzlik  | -----  | Ed Moser        | Follow Schedule         | Teena Moser   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>DECEMBER 27 11:30 am</b><br>St. John's DELOIT                                  | Rachel Dierks                               | Chris Tagel   | -----  | Lisa Mlnarik    | Follow Schedule         | Marilyn Sehi  |

**\*Ushers Please be attentive to Seating Restrictions & overflow options**