

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021



LENT IS COMING

We're about to begin the Church season of Lent together. I think that we want to be aware in these 40 days of two competing tensions that we can experience.

Lent as a way of being. Lent is a time for us to experience time with God. We can clear away different things that can serve as distractions from letting God be present to us. We are invited to make moments of silence within our days, even within our liturgies, to let God speak to us. We can be busy in routines, surrounded by noise, or overwhelmed by tasks or deadlines. Lent is about taking time for what is most important. It is a time of "retreat" for us as a parish.

Lent as a way of acting in love. There are many things that we can do during the season of Lent. We can give alms, making a Rice Bowl gift to help someone else. Sometimes we choose to pray the rosary as a family, to participate in the Stations of the Cross, to stop by the Church for a moment of prayer, or to participate in Holy Week liturgies. We can give something up as a type of fasting... it lets us say "Jesus, I love you more than ___." We can also do something that gives priority to our spiritual lives. This Lent, several in our parishes have been looking to form small groups, seeking to pray better and to pray together. If you've been looking for an opportunity like this, you can reach out to the Elgin office (402-843-2345) and we will work to get you connected.

Mass times for Ash Wednesday (February 17)

- ❖ 6:30 AM – St. John's Deloit
- ❖ 6:30 AM – St. John's Petersburg
- ❖ 8:15 AM – St. Boniface Elgin
- ❖ 5:00 PM – St. Theresa of Avila Clearwater
- ❖ 7:00 PM – St. Peter's Ewing
- ❖ 7:00 PM – St. Bonaventure Raeville

Fasting Regulations

- ❖ Fasting
 - Those **between the ages of 18 and 59** are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
 - This consists of 1 full meal and 2 smaller meals during the day, without snacks.
 - If one cannot for health reasons, they are exempt.
- ❖ Abstinence from Meat
 - Those **age 14 and older** are required to not eat meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.

FROM POPE FRANCIS' 2020 LENTEN MESSAGE

"The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favorable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God's unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. 2 Cor 5:21), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, "turning of God against himself" (*Deus Caritas Est*, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. Mt 5:43-48)."

"The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who "spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new" (Acts 17:21). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media."

While this season is always a challenge, I pray and hope this season is full of graces for you.

Peace,

St. Boniface Elgin

Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

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| Sunday (29 Env) | \$2,543.00 |
| 4 in 1 Collection | \$90.00 |
| Seminary | \$300.00 |
| Christmas | \$100.00 |
| P.I.E. (Partners in Education) | \$250.00 |
| Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 32 | |
| Budgeted Total | \$138,039.36 |
| Actual Total | \$138,836.97 |
| Amount Ahead | \$797.61 |

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, 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, John Jamieson, Dave Schrad, Gary Preister, Pat Evans, Pat Starman, John King, John Wolinski, Janet Sorenson, Edith Finkral, Bob Heying, Eric Heithoff, Donna Mackel, Judy Stiemle, Gene Heithoff, Cliff Burger, Brian Mack, Peter Ives, Rita Ring, Anonymous. [Please let us know if name can be removed by calling 843-2345.]

ELGIN PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

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



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 | (Kluthe-Payne) |
| Fridays | CIRCLE 5 | (Pelster-Schrage) |
| Saturdays | CIRCLE 6 | (Schueths-Zwingman) |

*** In addition to keeping the church and rectory walkways and parking lots clear, please remember in front of the convent, SRectory, Sisters home, and entirely around the gym.

Let's show our pride and keep everyone safe!

St. Boniface Altar Society will meet this Monday, February 15th at 7:00 pm in the Convent Meeting Room. All ladies are invited to attend the meeting.



Looking for something extra this Lenten season? Join us for SoulCore!

SoulCore pairs prayer with exercises such as push ups, planks, and sit ups. We will meet Sundays from 5:00-5:30 pm in the St. Boniface Gym Lobby on Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 7, March 14 and March 21. Come to one or all the sessions. Bring a large towel or exercise mat. For more information go to soulcore.com. **Questions? Anna Meis 402-843-8893.**



St. Boniface Gym Keys

If you have been a youth sports coach in the past and no longer serve as one, could it be that you still have a gym key? The key would have "A7" on it. We would appreciate your returning it, as new youth coaches are in need of a key. Please return to the St. Boniface Parish Office. Thank!



Plans are being made for the **Pope John Development Dinner** to be held Palm Sunday, March 28th at Werner Hall in Petersburg. Tickets will be available beginning March 8th.



The Elgin KC's will have a "Carryout" FAT TUESDAY Fish Fry

on February 16th.

It will be held from 5-8 pm and be carry-out at the door only. Come to the main entrance of the KC hall then go up the ramp like a regular fish fry. You will pay at the top of the ramp. Tables will be set up with your ready meal (Adult size) of \$12.50. Menu: Breaded Fried Fish, Brew City Fries, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, and 2 Homemade Cookies. We hope to not have too much wait time or none at all. Then you will exit on the right side door where you came in. No need to call ahead. Thank you for your support of the Knights and their endless good works! **Additional Fish Frys by the Elgin Knights are scheduled for February 26 and March 26.**



St. Boniface Parishioners, if you do not see Christmas posted on your contribution

statement, please know that it was posted to your giving, however it was posted as Sunday Collection, so it is in that total on your statement.



St. Boniface Circle 3 households are asked to clean church this Thursday, at a time that works for you. The checklist will be on the back counter to check off.

Stations of the Cross this Friday evening will be held here in Elgin at 7:00pm. There will not be school stations this Friday.



St. Boniface Parish appreciates the following, given in loving memory of Joe Buelt Jr.:

St. Boniface Church: \$1,000.00

St. Boniface School Endowment: \$1,000.00

St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

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|----------|-----------------------|---------|
| 02-01-21 | JoAnn Dinslage | \$60.00 |
| 02-02-21 | Gene Selting | \$60.00 |
| 02-03-21 | Owen Cianciolo | \$60.00 |
| 02-04-21 | Mark & Julie Dwyer | \$60.00 |
| 02-05-21 | Alice Kallhoff | \$60.00 |
| 02-06-21 | Greg & Deb Tharnish | \$60.00 |
| 02-07-21 | Morgan Childers | \$75.00 |
| 02-08-21 | Will Schmidt | \$60.00 |
| 02-09-21 | Betty Kallhoff | \$60.00 |
| 02-10-21 | Jim & Irene Kearney | \$60.00 |
| 02-11-21 | Jim Kittelson | \$60.00 |
| 02-12-21 | Msgr. Robert Nienaber | \$60.00 |
| 02-13-21 | Mikaiah Hoefler | \$60.00 |
| 02-14-21 | Ann Simmons | \$75.00 |




Please pray for the soul of **Joe Ollendick**, of Arizona, who passed away February 3. Joe graduated from St. Boniface High School in 1953. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

This Week in Our Parishes.....

| Day | Date | Time | Events |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|--|
| Monday | February 15 | 11:00 am | St. Peter's Christian Mother's Meeting at St. Dominic's Hall |
| Monday | February 15 | 7:00 pm | Elgin Altar Society Meeting in Convent Meeting Room |
| Monday | February 15 | 7-8:00 pm | St. John's Rosary & Meditation/Private Prayer |
| Tuesday | February 16 | 5-8 pm | Elgin KC "Fat Tuesday" Fish Fry at KC Hall (Carry-Out Only) |
| Tuesday | February 16 | Noon | Bulletin Deadline for the February 21 Bulletin and March Calendar Items |
| Wednesday | February 17 | 9:30 am | Bible Study at St. Dominic's Hall in Ewing |
| Wednesday | February 17 | 5-5:30 | Confessions at St. Boniface Church |
| Wednesday | February 17 | ----- | No Religious Ed Classes this week at any Locations |
| Thursday | February 18 | 9-Noon | St. Peter's Ewing Adoration each week |
| Thursday | February 18 | Noon | SB/PJ Dismiss Early |
| Thursday | February 18 | ----- | St. Boniface Circle 3 Cleans Church (at a time that works for you) |
| Thursday | February 18 | 7:00pm | RCIA Class in Convent Ministry Room |
| Thursday | February 18 | 7:30 pm | St. John's Petersburg Parish Council Meeting |
| Friday | February 19 | 9:00 am | Stations of the Cross at St. John's Deloit (following Mass) |
| Friday | February 19 | ----- | No Daily Reflections from Fr. John today |
| Friday | February 19 | 5-7:30 pm | Albion KC Pre-Lenten Fish Fry (Curbside) |
| Friday | February 19 | 7:00 pm | Stations of the Cross at St. Boniface Elgin |
| Sunday | February 21 | 5-5:30 pm | "Soulcore" in St. Boniface Gym Lobby (Details inside) |

Mass Intentions for the week.....

| Location | Day | Date | Time | Intentions | |
|----------------|-----------|---------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| (SBE)Elgin | Monday | Feb. 15 | ----- | No Communion Service |  |
| (SBR) Raeville | Tuesday | Feb. 16 | 8:30 am | +Lisa Allison | |
| (SPE) Ewing | Tuesday | Feb. 16 | 8:30 am | +Joan Thramer | Ash Wednesday |
| (SJD) Deloit | Wednesday | Feb. 17 | <u>6:30 am</u> | +Bridget Dwyer | |
| (SJP) Peters. | Wednesday | Feb. 17 | <u>6:30 am</u> | +Helen Henn | Ash Wednesday |
| (SBE) Elgin | Wednesday | Feb. 17 | 8:15 am | +Ralph & Irene Getzfred | All School Mass Ash Wednesday |
| (STC) Clearw. | Wednesday | Feb. 17 | 5:00 pm | +David Pelster | Ash Wednesday |
| (SPE) Ewing | Wednesday | Feb. 17 | 7:00 pm | +Christopher Thramer | Ash Wednesday |
| (SBR) Raeville | Wednesday | Feb. 17 | 7:00 pm | +Joe & Lenore Bode | (Livestreamed) Ash Wednesday |
| (SBE) Elgin | Thursday | Feb. 18 | 7:20 am | +Jerry & Lita Tunink Family | |
| (SPE) Ewing | Thursday | Feb. 18 | 8:30 am | +Leonard Beckman | |
| (SBE) Elgin | Friday | Feb. 19 | 7:20 am | +Don, Shirley, Ed & Sharon Henkenius | |
| (SJD) Deloit | Friday | Feb. 19 | 8:30 am | +Floyd Henn & Cindy Bohaboj | |
| (SPE) Ewing | Saturday | Feb. 20 | 5:30 pm | +Jim & Jolyene Koenig | |
| (SJP) Peters. | Saturday | Feb. 20 | 7:00 pm | +Laurence & Mary Ketteler | |
| (SBR) Raeville | Sunday | Feb. 21 | 8:00 am | +Leonard Beckman | (Livestreamed) |
| (SBE) Elgin | Sunday | Feb. 21 | 10:00 am | +Russell Mitchell | |
| (STC) Clearw. | Sunday | Feb. 21 | 10:00 am | For the People of Our Parishes | |
| (SJD) Deloit | Sunday | Feb. 21 | 11:30 am | +Marvin Palmer & Brent Weikel | |

Livestream Sunday Mass is 8:00am <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



"Lent" is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God, and penance. In this way, we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our baptism."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Keep it simple this Lent

Add one thing of God that you haven't been doing lately in your routine. Because we are so busy, it is a good idea to not just pick an add-in, but to schedule a regular time when you put it on your calendar so you don't "forget". Ideas for add-ins are pretty much endless, but some include:

- **Go to Mass, in the middle of the week
- **Attend the Stations of the Cross as a family
- **Read a Gospel
- **Volunteer at a social ministry
- **Get up early to pray

Adding one or more positive activities will help deepen your prayer and spiritual life.

Liturgical Schedule for Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

| Weekend | Servers (Mask optional) | Ushers (Please Wear Mask) | \$\$ Counters-SJP Greeters - SBE Rosary Ldrs- SBR | Lector | Music | E.M.H.C. (All will wear Masks) |
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| Wednesday FEBRUARY 17 6:30 am St. John's DELOIT Ash Wednesday | ----- | Volunteers Needed | ----- | Volunteers Needed | | |
| Wednesday FEBRUARY 17 6:30 am St. John's PETERSBURG Ash Wednesday | Please Volunteer | Please Volunteer | ----- | Please Volunteer | Please Volunteer | Deacon John Starman |
| Wednesday FEBRUARY 17 8:15 am St. Boniface ELGIN Ash Wednesday | Ash Wednesday All School Mass | | | | | |
| Wednesday FEBRUARY 17 5:00 pm St. Theresa's CLEARWATER Ash Wednesday | Volunteers Needed | | ----- | Volunteers Needed | | |
| Wednesday FEBRUARY 17 7:00 pm St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE Ash Wednesday | Reese Stuhr | Mark Grundmayer Jerry Schrage | <u>Rosary Leaders</u> Ken & Joan Stuhr | Eric Lordemann | Joyce Reestman | Jeanette Bode |
| Wednesday FEBRUARY 17 7:00 pm St. Peter's EWING Ash Wednesday | Volunteers Needed | | ----- | Volunteers Needed | | |

Liturgical Schedule for February 20-21, 2021

| Weekend | Servers (Mask optional) | Ushers (Please Wear Mask) | \$\$ Counters-SJP Greeters - SBE Rosary Ldrs- SBR | Lector | Music | E.M.H.C. (All will wear Masks) |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Saturday FEBRUARY 20 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING | Michael Koenig | Dan Koenig Greg Thramer | ----- | Kevin Koenig | Follow Schedule | Gina Koenig |
| Saturday FEBRUARY 20 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG | Kaitlyn Pelster Natalie Pelster | Gene Knust Devin Knust | <u>Money Counters:</u> Bob Heying David Pieke | Lisa Schumacher | Guitar Group | Deacon John Starman |
| Sunday FEBRUARY 21 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE | Olivia Klein Aiden Klein | Tyler Reestman Martin Klein | <u>Rosary Leaders:</u> Ken & Joyce Reestman | Tami Schrage | Paul Kuhlman | Harlie Bode |
| Sunday FEBRUARY 21 10:00 am St. Boniface - ELGIN | Darby Carstens Kami Carstens | Phil Kluthe Jason Koenig Bob Koenig Dave Linnaus | ----- | Alan Reicks | Deb Baum Becky Kerkman | Pastor, Deacon Dennis, Betty Getzfred (if needed in basement) |
| Sunday FEBRUARY 21 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER | Justice Blecher | Ted Mlnarik John Moser | ----- | Tina Thiele- Blecher | Follow Schedule | Kevin Filsinger |
| Sunday FEBRUARY 21 11:30 am St. John's DELOIT | Sharon Bartak | Paul Dicke Gary Bartak | ----- | John Knievel | Follow Schedule | Janette Kerkman |

USHERS Note: "Taking Up" collection resumes in each parish. No gifts brought forward yet.

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

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

February 7: \$1,546.00 Black & Indian: \$80.00
Home & Foreign: \$60.00 Easter Flowers: \$50.00
Building Fund: \$30.00

St. John's Deloit

February 7: \$750.00
Home & Foreign: \$51.00 Respect Life: \$75.00

St. Theresa's

February 7: \$1,303.00
Home & Foreign Mission: \$175.00

St John Baptist, Deloit will be continuing a Rosary and Meditation on Monday nights - February 15th @ 7:00-8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and go on your own time.



St. Peter's Christian Mothers will have a meeting this Monday, February 15, 2021 at 11:00 am at St. Dominic's Hall. All members are invited. We will social distance.

St. John's, Deloit Prayer line is being updated. Please check the signup sheet in the back of church at St. John's to update your information. The Sign up will last until February 21st. Any questions contact Jeanne Knievel at 485-2424.

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

St. Peter-Ewing: Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755
St. Theresa-Clearwater: Teresa Kester 402-750-0262
St. John the Baptist-Deloit: Jeanne Knievel 402-929-0847

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, Jeanette Tomjack, Sharon Ward, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick and Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel.

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

St. John's: Jason Ratzloff, Arlene Mather, Wrylen Dicke, Keith Palmer, Darlene Schueth and Carl Ernesti.

Save The Date

**St. John's Deloit
(Modified) Fish Fry
March 19th**

(More information will be available soon.)

Sons of Legion Clearwater will hold a Ash Wednesday Fish Fry on February 17th from 5-8 pm at the Legion Hall in Clearwater. Serving: Fish, Steak Fries, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw and Dessert. Eat in (social distance) or Carryouts. Free Will Donation.



St. Bonaventure Raeville

Financial Stewardship- St. Bonaventure- Raeville

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| Sunday Collection (9 Env.) | \$556.50 |
| Respect Life | \$55.00 |
| Home & Foreign Mission | \$125.00 |
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| Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 32 | |
| Budgeted Total | \$32,627.52 |
| Actual Total | \$34,395.04 |
| Amount Ahead | \$1,767.52 |

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

St. Bonaventure: Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-843-6129 or Diane Scholl 402-386-5256



St. Bonaventure Spring Raffle will be held March 7th in the Parish Hall after 8 am Mass. Coffee and rolls will be served. Thank you to all who are selling and purchasing raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are available in the back of all 6 parishes. If anyone needs more tickets, please call JoAnn Mattner (650-224-9378) or Joan Stuhr (402-843-0485).



St. Bonaventure Church cleaning will be held the week of March 22-27. It will be Group 2.

St. John's Petersburg

Financial Stewardship- St. John's - Petersburg

Adult: \$1,220.00 Loose: \$54.00
Fuel/Energy: \$220.00
Home & Foreign Mission: \$55.00

Saint John's Petersburg - Parish Council Meeting will be held Thursday, February 18 at 7:30pm.



We pray for the soul of **Tanner Pelster of Albion, NE**, who passed away last week. Tanner is the grandson of St. John the Baptist Petersburg parishioners Delmer & Pauline Pelster. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

**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.



February: Families with Last Names R-Z



Thank you to everyone who purchased and sold **Once A Month Club** tickets. Over 302 tickets were sold. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Once A Month Club St. John's Petersburg Winners - Jan 2021

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| \$150 | Jeff & Jan Temme |
| \$100 | Rick & Kim Fangman |
| \$75 | Steve Faust |
| \$75 | Ron Eischeid |
| \$50 | Daniel & Raedean Henn |
| \$50 | Larry Pelster Grandkids |
| \$50 | Robert Foss |
| \$50 | Myron Seier |
| \$50 | Ann Kurpgeweit |
| \$50 | Patrick Seier |



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 to your church. Reminder to take your contribution statement we gave you to your accountant.



All Six Parishes are encouraging donations at this time to our February 28th UTILITIES Collection. There is a special envelope in your packet for this.

The money donated will directly offset the gas, electric, water/sewer for our parishes. If each envelope holder gives something, this would make a great impact on our bills.



Next weekend is the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Proceeds from this collection help with evangelization efforts and ongoing pastoral work among our Native American and Black brothers and sisters here in our archdiocese and throughout the United States. There is an envelope in your packet.

Lenten prayer booklets and Rice Bowls are available in the back of every church, for you to take home, if you wish. Rice Bowls are turned in Good Friday.

Feed Your Soul with Prayer this Lent!



Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God. If you choose to throw yourself into this experience, we promise you that you will be surprised by what God can do in your life with just an email, a short video and an open heart. So this year, don't just sign up for BEST LENT EVER, have your best lent ever! Go to www.dynamiccatholic.com and sign up, then get videos to watch and reflect on.

NOTE: St. Boniface Parish Office has Bibles, Bible Indexes and Catechisms for sale, along with other religious articles.

Albion KC's are having their Fish Frys, every Friday throughout Lent, including Good Friday. To start out the season, we will be curb-side pickup. For \$10 you get Fish, French Fries or a Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Green Beans, a Dinner Roll, and Ice Cream! The drive up line will be from 5:00-7:30 p.m.



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@cppnebraska.org, asking to join Flocknote.



Our Family of Parishes is using one single website going forward:

<https://cppnebraska.org/>

If you've been going through stbonparishes.com you will be redirected to our new website. We suggest you log into our new website and tag it as a favorite so it is handy. There is a wealth of information on the new website and is continually be updated.

Due to Covid, we will not be having a special recognition of these couples at Mass this year.

Many blessings to them this year.

World Marriage Day

St. Boniface Parish Honored Couples who celebrate these anniversaries in 2021



10 Years: Jay & Kristen Evans, Andrew & Kristin Childers, Matt & Traci Beckman, Danny & Meghan Veik

25 Years: Ryan & Jessie Reestman

40 Years: Steve & Jane Niewohner, Rick & Jan Starman, Ron & JoAnn Beckman, Scott & Deb Beckman, Bob & Sue Schiltmeyer, Mark & Brenda Schrage

50 Years: George & Marge Childers, Duane & Janice Esau, Don & Vickie Moser

51 Years: Paul & Jolene Schrage

52 Years: Bob & Carole Getzfred, Mark & Margaret Jensen, Joe & Connie Seier,

53 Years: Bernie & Diane Kluthe, Duane & Sandy Kerkman, Marvin & Jodine Meis

55 Years: Vince & Sandy Kallhoff, Leonard & Judith Orlovski, Dennis & Rose Wiehn

56 Years: Ron & Linda Eischeid

57 Years: Phil & Barb Stuhr

58 Years: David & Juanita Benson

59 Years: James & Joan Childers, Allan & Doris Kluthe

60 Years: William & Phyllis Camp, Bob & Phyllis Tharnish

61 Years: Gayle & Judy Zegers, John & Lorene Stuhr

62 Years: Don & Donna Mackel, Dan & Raedean Henn, Lyle & Betty Mackel

63 Years: Bernadine & Eugene Coleman

65 Years: James & Shirley Meis

70 Years: Lee & Marie Smith (Longest Married)

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.

TAKING CONSIGNMENTS
**St. Boniface Spring
 Benefit Auction**

Sat. Evening, March 13, 2021

Elgin KC Hall First Bid: 5:30 pm

The KC Bar will be open! Altar Society will have food available!
 Covid-safe practices will be in place.



(Viewing of items all afternoon; some items will be cash and carry items will be available in the afternoon for those not able to be among others for the bidding in the evening. Possible silent auction as well!)

Wanted:

- **Consignment Items** -- Fair Commission Rates
(Minimum \$50 Value)
- **Homegrown/Handcrafted Goods**
(No Minimum Value Required)
- **Services or Fun Experiences**
- **Quality Items** (Minimum \$50 Value)

**What do you like to see at
 Auctions/or on the Exchanges?**

***Perhaps this would be something you
 could give, to draw interest to our
 Spring Benefit Auction***

Each household in the parish are encouraged to donate something. Men's circle leaders will be calling you!
 Families may group together for larger items. Each committees of the parish is being asked to contribute something, from its members. Please let the Auction Committee know what you are giving. All items will be tagged with donor's name.
 All items subject to committee's acceptance. Items can be picked up and stored. **Let's be creative!**

Please contact a committee member OR RETURN FORM below **by February 23**, to let them know what you can give or consign:

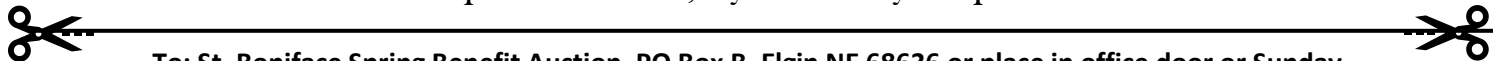
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| Matt Beckman | 402/843-6045 | Luke Beckman | 402/843-0598 |
| Craig & Jessica Niewohner | 402/843-2247 | Lee & Kara Shavlik | 402/843-8816 |
| Michael Moser | 402/843-0391 | Ted & JoAnn Baum | 402/843-8370 |
| Jay & Kristen Evans | 402/640-8622 | Jason Hoefler | 402/843-8054 |
| Macaib Hoefler | 402/843-0133 | Travis Eischeid | 402/843-6680 |
| Andy & Nicole Starman | 402/380-2153 | Ross Schindler | 402/843-0232 |

Items promised for the Auction will need to be dropped off at the KC Hall

Friday, March 12 from 2:00 to 5:30 pm

Saturday: March 13 from Noon until start of auction at 5:30pm

Clip and Return, by February 23 please



To: St. Boniface Spring Benefit Auction, PO Box B, Elgin NE 68636 or place in office door or Sunday collection basket

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ALL PROCEEDS to ST. BONIFACE CHURCH



Ash Wednesday Masses, Feb. 17

- 6:30 am St. John's, Petersburg
- 6:30 am St. John's, Deloit
- 8:15 am St. Boniface, Elgin
- 5:00 pm St. Theresa's, Clearwater
- 7:00 pm St. Bonaventure's, Raeville (and livestream)
- 7:00 pm St. Peter's, Ewing

Stations of the Cross

Modifications of schedule will be shown in bulletin

Fridays Evenings 7:00 pm (Southern Tier)

- Feb. 19 St. Boniface, Elgin
- Feb. 26 St. Bonaventure, Raeville
- March 5 St. John's, Petersburg
- March 12 St. Boniface, Elgin
- March 19 St. Bonaventure's, Raeville
- March 26 St. John's, Petersburg

Mornings following daily Mass, approx. 9am, (Northern Tier)

- Tuesdays at St. Peter's, Ewing
- Wednesdays at St. Theresa's, Clearwater
- Fridays at St. John's, Deloit

Friday afternoons 3:00 pm (with St. Bon. Students)

- February 26 at St. Boniface, Elgin
- March 19 at St. Boniface, Elgin
- March 26 at St. Boniface, Elgin

Parish Penance Services

- Sunday, March 14, 4:00 pm at St. Peter's, Ewing
- Sunday, March 14, 5:30 pm at St. John's, Deloit
- Sunday, March 14, 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Clearwater
- Sunday, March 21, 5:00 pm at St. Boniface, Elgin

Individual Confessions

Wed. 5- 5:30 pm at St. Boniface, Elgin and prior to Weekend Masses

Adoration

- Each Thursday, St. Peter's, Ewing, 9am-Noon
- Thurs., March 4 at St. Boniface, Elgin - All Day

Online Reflection

- Each Tuesday at 10:00 am on <https://www.facebook.com/cppnebraska> (no reflection on Friday's during Lent)

SoulCore Sundays, Feb. 21 – Mar. 21 5:00-5:30 pm at St. Bon. Gym Lobby. Pairs prayer with core exercises. You are invited to attend one or all sessions.

Holy Week / Easter

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday, April 1

- 7:00 pm St. Theresa's, Clearwater
- 7:00 pm St. Bonaventure's, Raeville

Following the services adoration will be held at these churches.

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion Friday, April 2

- 3:00 pm St. John's, Deloit
- 7:00 pm St. Peter's, Ewing
- 7:00 pm St. John's, Petersburg

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3

- 8:30 pm St. Boniface, Elgin
- 8:30 pm St. John's, Deloit

**There will be no confessions prior to Mass.*

Easter Sunday Masses Sunday, April 4

- 8:00 am St. John's, Petersburg
- 8:00 am St. Peter's, Ewing
- 10:00 am St. Boniface, Elgin
- 10:00 am St. Theresa's, Clearwater
- 11:30 am St. John's, Deloit
- 11:30 am St. Bonaventure's, Raeville

**There will be no confessions prior to Mass.*

Fish Frys

Times and modifications will be listed in the weekly bulletin

Fat Tuesday, February 16 – Elgin KC's

Friday, February 26 – Elgin KC's

Friday, March 26 – St. John's Deloit pm

Feb. 12 and All Fridays during Lent - Albion KC Hall

Fasting Regulations:

Fasting - Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This consists of 1 full meal and 2 smaller meals during the day, without snacks. If one cannot for health reasons, they are exempt.

Abstinence from Meat – Those age 14 and older are required to not eat meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.

What are the symbols of Lent and what is their meaning?

Lent is a forty-day penitential season spent in preparation for the highest holy days of our Christian faith, the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Over the centuries many symbols have evolved that represent key spiritual aspects of this holy season.

Ashes. In the Old Testament ashes represent death and sorrow for sins. Ashes and dust are synonymous. Our bodies are made of dust (Gen 2:7), and upon death they return to “dust and ashes” (Gen 18:17). Ashes serve as a stark reminder of human mortality which is a compelling reason to do penance. In biblical times, once people admitted their sins they covered themselves with sackcloth and ashes (Jer 6:26; 25:34; Dan 9:3; Jonah 3:6,10) as a public admission of guilt, a plea for God’s mercy, a promise to reform, and a pledge to resist future temptation. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from the burning of palms from previous Palm Sundays, the residue is crushed into a fine powder, and then applied to the forehead in the Sign of the Cross with one of two statements: “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel” (Mk 1:15) or “Remember you are dust and unto dust you will return” (Gen 3:19). Antiphon I on Ash Wednesday urges us: “Come back to the Lord with all your heart; leave the past in ashes.”

Violet. Violet is the liturgical color for the season of Lent, as well as the color of the stole worn by the priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Violet is a somber color which symbolizes mourning, suffering, humility, regret, and the willingness to do penance, particularly fasting. Violet’s association with suffering is based upon Jesus’ Passion when the soldiers clothed him in a purple cloak and tortured him (Mk 15:17-20; Jn 19:2-3).

Barren stones. Jesus went out into the desert where the landscape was parched and the surface covered with loose stones and almost no sand. The stones are a symbol of austerity and rigor, desolation and misery, severity and sadness. The devil used stones to tempt Jesus, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread” (Mt 4:3), but Jesus made them a symbol for overcoming temptation when he replied, “One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Mt 4:4; Dt 8:3).

Fish. A fish is a Lenten symbol for the obligation to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and to abstain from all flesh meat on every Friday in Lent.

Praying Hands. Praying hands represent prayer, the activity that ranks first among the other three traditional penitential practices: fasting, almsgiving, and works of charity. Prayer is the premier way to strengthen one’s relationship with God, and in so doing, to turn away from sin.

Incense. Incense is another symbol for prayer. The Psalmist wrote, “Let my prayer come like incense before you” (Ps 141:2); it was customary to burn incense in the Temple to worship God (Lk 1:9); and in John’s vision of heaven the elders were gathered around the throne of the Lamb, and “Each held bowls filled with incense which are the prayers of the holy ones” (Rev 5:8). As incense smoke curls upward in the air, may our prayers rise upward to God, and as the fragrant fumes have a pleasing aroma, so may the sincerity of our prayer be pleasing to God.

A Money Bag or Money Bags symbolize the Lenten penitential practice of almsgiving. It is “penitential” because it “covers a multitude of sins” (Sir 3:29). In fact, the archangel Gabriel, the great messenger for God, exhorted Tobit and his son Tobiah, “Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness. It is better to give alms than to store up gold, for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who give alms shall enjoy a full life” (Tob 12:8,9).

Pretzels. Pretzels had their origin in early Christian Lenten practice. “Because fat, eggs, and milk were forbidden during Lent, a special bread was made with dough consisting of only flour, salt, and water. These little breads were shaped in the form of arms crossed in prayer and were called *bracellae* (Latin, ‘little arms’). Among the Germans the Latin word became ‘bretzel.’ These pretzels were a common Lenten food throughout the Middle Ages in Europe and became an all year round snack, in its original shape, only in the 19th century” (Dues, G., *Catholic Customs and Traditions*, 76-77).