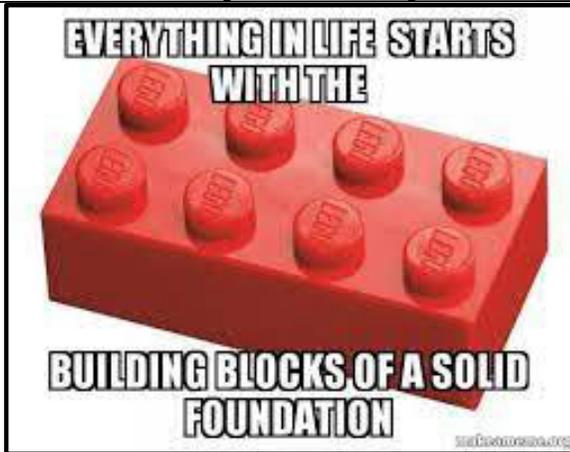


Catholic Parishes in Partnership

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

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021



AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD
This phrase (from Joshua 24:15) is a refrain that has been echoing in my prayer as things adjust and begin to get in gear for the fall. Many of the decisions that have come across my desk this summer are responses to a changing world around us... and what seems like an impossibly fast summer. As priests and spiritual fathers, we have looked for ways to support and strengthen you as our households of faith. Being a household of faith, being a family of faith is the building block from which our church communities are constructed.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRIESTS AND LAITY
Since August 4 is the feast day of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, I felt some reflecting on the priesthood would be fitting. Bishop George Thomas of Las Vegas described priests and the ministerial priesthood in this way:

“Through the service of the ordained minister, Christ himself is present to his Church as Head of his body, Shepherd of the flock, High Priest and Teacher of truth. This is what the Church means by saying that the priest acts *in persona Christi capitis* – in the person of Christ the head. This is the mysterious means by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads his Church.”

I believe very strongly that our priestly lives lived in celibate love gives us a great capacity and freedom to live and love from a heartfelt place of service. We are placed together as priests and people to help each other on the way to heaven.

Sometimes in theological discussions the more technical language of ministerial priesthood is used to describe priests and the common priesthood of the baptized is used to describe the laity. Acknowledging a “priestly role” for both priests and laity reminds us that we both have something to offer the Lord. Being laity, we offer the sacrifice of ourselves and our hearts. As ministerial priests, the sacrifice we offer on behalf of the People of God is the Mass. We are brought into that moment of Jesus’s salvation, and we receive Jesus himself in Holy Communion.

Bishop Thomas continues: “By virtue of their vocation and ordination, priests are set apart in the midst of God’s people, ordained to be of the service to the common priesthood [of the baptized]. In his [distinctive] way, Pope Francis told priests to go out “among their flocks” and know the people they serve “like shepherds living with the smell of sheep.” For us priests, there is a gift in relationship of knowing those we serve (better and better) and authentically being known by those we serve.

SUPPORTING PARENTS AND HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH
A strong principle of Catholic theology and life is the primary role parents have in raising children. The rite of Baptism prays that mothers and fathers will be both the first teachers of children in the way of faith and the best of teachers. Furthermore, our parish faith communities call on us to assist and support our neighbors as spiritual mothers and fathers as well.

To this end, we will be supporting the role of parents in our Northern parishes by transitioning to a family faith formation model for elementary religious education. We evaluated several options with the new school changing the students’ closeness to the churches. This model will have two instructional classes for students each month. One of those will be a Wednesday evening Mass, followed by class, for both students and parents. There is also a bundle/packet that goes home to help you engage in faith conversations as a family. We have added a part-time position to our six-parish staffing, and Becky Kerkman from Elgin will be supporting our programs as a Coordinator for Faith Formation.

In our increasingly secular and hostile world, the institution of the family is under attack, and the proper role of parents is often undermined or usurped. Evidence of that has been seen in the drafts of the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) proposed health standards. The NDE is going to adopt health standards for the state, and now is the time to engage and influence what they will look like. The drafts of proposed standards are published for a time of public comment. Draft 1 was steeped in gender ideology, taught students sexually charged language and ideas at questionably young ages, and exposed children to images that are fair to call pornographic. Public comment radically changed the proposed health standards before Draft 2 was published at the end of July. Draft 2 is better, but they still need work. I believe that the right response to the first set of proposed standards is righteous anger... I am asking you to not just vent your anger, but channel this righteous anger and engage this time of public comment to improve the standards by Draft 3. At this time, adoption of whatever the final health standards will be is optional to each public school district. The Catholic schools are exempt from these standards as non-public schools.

Peace,

St. Boniface Elgin

Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday (46 Env)	\$4,966.00
Children's Collection	\$4.00
Easter	\$20.00
Missionary	\$570.00
P.I.E. (Partners in Education)	\$6,125.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 5	
Budgeted Total	\$22,058.85
Actual Total	\$18,587.50
Amount Behind	(\$3,471.35)

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

Jolene Lichty, Terry Dinslage, Laurie Horn, Dave Shrader, Garrett Scholz, Denise Jamieson, Chris Stargel, Gary Preister, Adam Kester, Matt Golden, Pat Fredrickson, John Jamieson, John King, Janet Sorenson, Barb Ziegler, Judy Stiemle, Leo Seger, Vicky Kolferman, Cheri Schwager, Ken Kasselder, Jim Funk, Jackie Dwyer, Mrs. Kirby Hofer and unborn child, Dominic Cullenward, Charlotte Cullenward, Stephanie (Bode) Hanzel, Edith Finkral. **Parishioners:** Neil Childers, Sally Beckman, Marie Cheatum, Loretta Zegers, Pat Evans, Donna Mackel, Gene Heithoff, Kyle Warren, Karlene Moser, Doris Kluthe, Reola Pelster, Gloria Lordemann, Anonymous, Gary Arehart, Juan Hofer, Mel Heithoff, Pat Starman. **[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 School Calendar Lottery Winners:

08-02-21	Morgan Childers Walters	\$60.00
08-03-21	Larry & Julie Borer	\$60.00
08-04-21	Mark Dinslage	\$60.00
08-05-21	Dennis Suhr	\$60.00
08-06-21	Jessica & Austin Mitchell	\$60.00
08-07-21	Kaitlin Bachman	\$60.00
08-08-21	Fr. John Pietramale	\$75.00



Pope John/St. Boniface Lunch Program

According to the Nebraska Department of Education, all students will be receiving free lunches for the 2021-2022 school year. **However, all grade school students will be required to deposit \$20.00 in their account for morning milk.** We would like deposits by August 11th. Please, when mailing your payment, mark your envelope **Attn: Sandi, PJSB Lunch Program, P.O. Box 179, Elgin, NE 68636.** Please watch your back-to-school packet for information about forms. Although school meals will be provided at no cost, completion of the applications for free and reduced meals are important for other benefits for the school. Forms will be in the school packets. **Please mail these to Attn: Debbie Baum, PJSB Lunch Program, PO Box 179, Elgin, NE 68636.**

Please Sign Up Now... Sweet Corn Time!



The Food Committee is again asking for sweet corn for the Thanksgiving Bazaar. They are asking for it to be frozen in one gallon freezer bags. There is still a signup sheet in the back of St. Boniface Church this week, to mark down how many gallons you wish to donate. *If you cannot sign up at church but plan to freeze sweet corn, please call Emily Borer at 402-843-5350.* Thank you for your continued support of the Bazaar.



Please pray for the soul of **Daniel (Danny) Wiehn** of Iowa, who passed away last week. Danny is the uncle of Dennis (Rose) Wiehn and finished 8th grade at St. Boniface School in 1939 or 1940. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Mark your Calendars!

The St. Boniface Bazaar Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, August 11 at 7:00 pm.** Members will be receiving an agenda prior to the meeting.

Drivers Needed



Help Wanted - Bus Drivers!

Pope John/St. Boniface Schools is in need of part time drivers for the bus route and/or activities. Contact **Lisa Schumacher** at **Elgin Pope John/St. Boniface Schools** for more information: **402-843-5325** or Lschumacher@picrusaders.org



St. Boniface Thanksgiving Bazaar Raffle solicitors are wrapping up calls to raffle donors. You will be asked to give your solicitor the item or donation (before August 20), not the parish office. Thank you in advance to those who continue to give prizes! Anyone wishing to be a new donor, you are asked to contact Jim & Mary Baum, chairpersons at 402-843-5802.

DO GOOD THINGS IN SCHOOL

Find out how our Catholic schools will benefit your children for their lifetime.

GOING ON NOW

New Student Enrollment

Learn more at picrusaders.org/enroll

faith for life, academics for success

402-843-5325 | 303 Remington Street | Elgin



**PJ/SB Schools
Parent/Student Open House**
Tuesday, August 10
6:30 pm
at School Library
(with grill out to follow)



St. Boniface Altar Society will meet **Monday, August 16 at 7:00 pm** in the **Convent Meeting Room.** All ladies are invited to attend.

This Week in Our Parishes.....

Day	Date	Time	Events
Sunday	August 8	2-3:30 pm	Zoom Training for EMHC/Lectors (Pre-registered only)
Monday	August 9	8:00 pm	St. John's Rosary & Meditation
Tuesday	August 10	Noon	Bulletin Deadline for the August 15 Bulletin
Tuesday	August 10	6:30 pm	PJ/SB Student/Parents Back to School Open House/Grill Out
Wednesday	August 11	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Wednesday	August 11	7:00 pm	St. Boniface Bazaar Meeting in Convent/Parish Council to follow
Thursday	August 12	1:00 pm	SB/PJ First Day of School (Dismiss early)
Friday	August 13	6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal at St. Boniface Church

St. Peter's

Financial Stewardship

St. Peter's Ewing

August 1: \$852.00 Assumption: \$40.00
Building Fund: \$30.00

St. John's Deloit

August 1: \$1,216.00 Assumption: \$20.00
Building Fund: \$30.00

St. Theresa's

August 1: \$1,844.00

St. Theresa's

St. John's Deloit



**Congratulations to
Jordan & Kate (Thiele) Mueller
who were married
at St. Theresa's Clearwater
this weekend**

St. Bonaventure Raeville

Financial Stewardship St. Bonaventure Raeville

Sunday Collection (15 Env.)	\$1,342.00
Children's Collection	\$5.75
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 58	
Budgeted Total	\$5,000.00
Actual Total	\$5,490.00
Amount Ahead	\$490.00

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

FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

St. Peter's: Andy Rotherham, Bob Walnofer, George Wright, Nicki Dougherty, Donna Knapp, Ansee Ostergard, Kathi Retwisch, Steve Koenig, Butch Sojka, Sister Joseph, Jeanette Tomjack, Sharon Ward, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick and Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel. **(To start prayerline, call Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755)**

St. John's: Jim Funk, Pat McLain, Jason Ratzloff, Keith Palmer, Darlene Schueth and Carl Ernesti. **(To start prayerline, call Jeanne Knievel 402-929-0847)**

St. Theresa's: Olivia Anderson, Leo Starman, Nate Thiele and Adam Kester. **(To start prayerline, call Teresa Kester 402-750-0262)**



Please pray for the soul of infant **Nova Ann Young** of Ewing who passed away last week. Nova is the granddaughter of Greg & Carm Thramer, and great granddaughter of

Yvonne Thramer, all of St. Peter's Parish. Nova is the daughter of Scott & Tori (Thramer) Young. Pray please pray for the soul of **Nila Schrunk** of Ewing who passed away recently. Nila is the mother of St. Peter's parishioners Kevin (Lisa) Schrunk. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.



Please pray for the soul of **Betty Mannlein** of Albion who passed away this week. Betty is the sister of St. Bonaventure parishioner Reola Pelster and is the aunt and cousin of many parishioners in our family of parishes. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

General News



Coffee and Rolls will be served after Mass on August 22nd at St. Theresa's Church.



St. John's Deloit Christian Mother's will have a worklist in the back of church. This is a sign up sheet for events that occur during the upcoming year. It is required to sign up for 2 events throughout the year. Thank you!



**We Welcome
Harper Thramer
daughter of
Nic Thramer & Samantha Barber
who was baptized this week
at St. Peter's Ewing**



"Partners in Education" is an effort to supplement the portion of St. Boniface Elementary School tuition that some families are unable to provide for a variety of reasons. All donations and recipients are strictly anonymous. If you would like to give something for this worthwhile cause, please mail to St. Boniface School PIE Fund, PO Box B, Elgin Nebraska. No amount too small! You make a difference!

Stop CSE in Nebraska

Join this informational meeting as Former Marine, Matt Inns exposes the truth regarding the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) proposed health standards that include Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and Critical Race Theory (CRT). **It will be held Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 pm at the KC Hall, Elgin, NE.** More information about these topics can be found at www.protectnebraskachildren.org.

Mass Intentions for the week.....

<u>Location</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cele</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
(SBE) Elgin	Monday	August 9	8:15 am		Communion Service
(SBR) Raeville	Tuesday	August 10	8:30 am		+Vera Dell & LaVern Stuhr & Philip Thiele
(SPE) Ewing	Tuesday	August 10	8:30 am		+Stanley, Liz & Jack Bartak
(SBE) Elgin	Wednesday	August 11	8:15 am		+Joyce Kallhoff
(SJP) Petersb.	Wednesday	August 11	10:30 am		+Gene Boes
(STC) Clearw.	Wednesday	August 11	8:30 am		+Jean Goscha
(SBE) Elgin	Thursday	August 12	8:15 am		+Jim & Paul Eischeid (Rosary to follow)
(SPE) Ewing	Thursday	August 12	8:30 am		Special Prayers (J.S.)
(SJD) Deloit	Friday	August 13	8:30 am		+Max, Darlene & Steve Schindler
(SBE) Elgin	Friday	August 13	7:20 am		+Wilfrid, Alfreda & Dave Pelster (note time change)
(SBE) Elgin	Saturday	August 14	2:00 pm		Wedding of Kyle Heithoff/Kenady Kuhnel
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	August 14	5:30 pm	KV	For the People of Our Parishes
(SJP) Petersb.	Saturday	August 14	7:00 pm	JN	+Harold & Helen Henn
(SBR) Raeville	Sunday	August 15	8:00 am	JN	+Kalin Henn
(SBE) Elgin	Sunday	August 15	10:00 am	JN	+Phillip & Mildred Pelster
(STC) Clearw.	Sunday	August 15	10:00 am	KV	+Harold, Lucille & Joe Kester
(SJD) Deloit	Sunday	August 15	11:30 am	KV	+Bernadine Walnofer

***Rosary on Thursdays for Vocations and for Fr. John and Fr. Vogel**

Note: Summer Daily Mass Schedule in Elgin changes back to 7:20 am on Friday, August 13, with the exception of school Masses.

Liturgical Schedule for Sunday, August 14-15, 2021

Weekend	Servers	Ushers	Greeters-Elg. Rosary Ldrs-Rae. Money Counters-Pet.	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	E.M.H.C. No Precious Blood *To the Homebound
Saturday AUGUST 14 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING	Charlee Wagner	Greg Thramer Ed Nordby	-----	Kevin & Lisa Schrunk Family	Tim Larson	Follow Schedule	Helen Larson
Saturday AUGUST 14 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG	Kaci & Karli Wies	Wally Scholl Larry Zegers	<u>Money Counters</u> David Pieke John Temme	-----	Cindy Temme	Alan & Jeanne Temme	Deacon John Starman
Sunday AUGUST 15 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE	Olivia Klein Raaf Klein	Tyler Reestman Martin Klein	<u>Rosary Leaders</u> Mark & Carole Tharnish	Craig & Gini Seier	Brian Stuhr	Joyce Reestman	Paul Kuhlman
Sunday AUGUST 15 10:00 am St. Boniface - ELGIN	Karson Kallhoff Landon Kallhoff	Dave Eischeid Ron Eischeid Travis Eischeid Bill Eischeid	<u>Greeters</u> Paul & Jolene Schrage- W Rick & Jan Starman- N & S	Gary Hoefler Duane Hoefler	Linda Kerkman	Deb Baum Becky Kerkman	Pastor, Deacon Dennis To the Homebound: *Liz Selting *Dave & *Janice Eischeid
Sunday AUGUST 15 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER	Bryce Rudloff Trey Rittscher	Chris Moser Kevin Rittscher	-----	Kevin & Celine Filsinger	Sonia Rittscher	Follow Schedule	Jennifer Kester
Sunday AUGUST 15 11:30 am St. John's DELOIT	Alec Schindler	Paul Dicke Gary Bartak	-----	Leonard & Judy Kerkman	Marilyn Sehi	Follow Schedule	Emily Mlnarik



**From now on, in the case of medical emergencies (or a death in the family),
use 402-578-0626 to directly connect to the Priest.**



St. John the Baptist Parish Q125

The Q125 Celebration for St. John's Parish in Petersburg will include an evening Mass and meal

Friday, September 3, 2021

5:00 PM - Evening Mass
6:00 PM - Social Hour 7:00 PM - Evening Meal
7:30 PM - Video Presentation

The Windsor Loin evening meal is ticketed at \$25. You can register and pay at the parish office, by calling 402-386-5580, or register and pay online at <https://cppnebraska.org/q125>
This would be a great time to connect with old friends.
Come celebrate the blessings of our parish!

St. John the Baptist Parish Bazaar

Sunday, September 5

at Werner Hall, 106 North 4th St.
Petersburg, NE

Serving: 11 a.m. to 1 pm

Meal in our air conditioned Werner Hall

Bazaar Dinner will be served from 11am- 1pm and the live auction will begin following the meal. There are several raffles including the Big Raffle, Quilt Raffle, and Gun Raffle. There will also be a social garden, games for the kids and more!

Big Raffle

Once again the top prize is \$1,000 cash! Other top prizes include cash prizes of \$800, \$500, Milwaukee Super Sawzall with Battery & Charger, iRobot Roomba Vacuum, and many wonderful gift certificates from the surrounding areas. Total value of all prizes is \$7,000.

St. John Petersburg Parishioner packets for the big raffle & quilt raffle are located in the back of church. Please sell to friends & family. Cost is \$20/book (12 tickets) for big raffle and \$20/book for quilt raffle. Extra books are available at the St. John's Petersburg, Raeville & Elgin Church entrances or from committee members. Separate checks are needed for Big Raffle and Quilt Raffle ticket purchases.

Tickets/money should be turned in by August 29 by placing them in the collection basket or giving them to committee members or brought to the Raffle Table on the day of the Bazaar. Unsold tickets can be returned to the back of church at any time. Thanks!



Items or cash donations are needed for the St. John's Parish Bazaar Mini Auction coming up on Labor Day weekend! Please contact Gene and Theresa Knust 402-843-8862 or Dave and Jeanette Henn [402-843-8861](tel:402-843-8861) or 402-843-8460 or email jhenn526@gmail.com if you would like to donate something for the auction. Thank you!

Financial Stewardship

St. John's - Petersburg

Adult \$1,240.00

Loose/Plate \$42.00

Children \$2.00

Maintenance: \$125.00

Petersburg Prayer Line Requests for St. John the Baptist: Call Kathy Koch 402-386-5481 or Kelly Starman 402-386-5570.



Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please check the posters at the back of church to sign up to help at St. John's Bazaar & Parish Festival for Sunday, September 5th.



St. John's Petersburg is looking for 2 Endowment/Finance Committee Members, and WorkForce Bar members. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please call Jerry Faust at 402-843-8200 or Hank Thieman at 402-447-4183.

General News



The Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) Convention will be held at Divots Conference Center, 4200 West Norfolk Ave. in Norfolk on Monday, September 27th.

The cost is \$25 and the day includes light breakfast and lunch. We will celebrate Mass together and our keynote speaker is Sharon Doran of "Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study Ministries". Registration forms are available in the back of all our churches or at the Elgin Parish Office. The due date for registrations is September 20th. If you have any questions you can email Mary Lux (new address is ohnoluxs@gmail.com) or call (402)841-4016. Thank you!



Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start a new year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. I pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they don't have to face it alone. In Jesus' name, Amen.



With school being in session soon, please remind your teen drivers to be careful and slow down when driving on the streets surrounding our schools and our parishes.

Knights News!



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

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

A SAINT IN THE MAKING

Blessed Michael McGivney has an annual feast day of Aug. 13

On May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney and opening the way for his beatification. On Oct. 31, the Mass for Beatification was celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Conn. An Apostolic Letter was read from Pope Francis that declared Father McGivney would now have the title of Blessed Michael McGivney. He is the third priest born in the United States to be raised to this honor, and the first priest to be beatified who spent his whole priestly ministry in a US parish.

The pope's Apostolic Letter stated that Blessed Michael McGivney's "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance."

The Cause for Canonization for Father McGivney was opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1997, when he was given the title Servant of God. On March 15, 2008, his heroic virtue was recognized by Pope Benedict XVI, and Father McGivney was given the title Venerable Servant of God. This important step occurred after years of careful investigation of Father McGivney's life, spirituality and holiness by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The declaration of Venerable confirmed what those who knew him in life, and others who call upon him since his death, have believed about Father McGivney: He lived a life of heroic virtue with an extraordinary love of God and neighbor.

Having been raised to the honors of the altar, Blessed Michael McGivney has an annual feast day of Aug. 13, the day between his birthday (in 1852) and the day he passed into eternal life (in 1890). His cause has now entered the final phase toward canonization or sainthood. One more confirmed miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney is needed for him to be declared saint.

All Knights and their families, as well as all those devoted to Father McGivney, are asked to pray for his intercession in their daily needs, especially in cases of serious illness, and to report any favors and healings to the Guild. For more information on reporting favors or joining the Guild, please visit www.kofc.org

Please share with our Council ideas and thoughts you might have that would help us better serve individuals or organizations in our area. Share your suggestions with our Worthy Grand Knight, Mark Tharnish, (308) 380-7883.