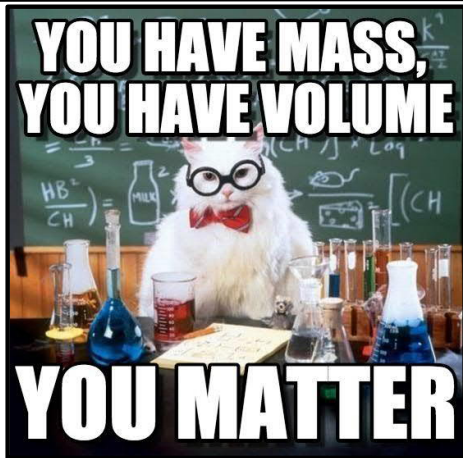


Catholic Parishes in Partnership

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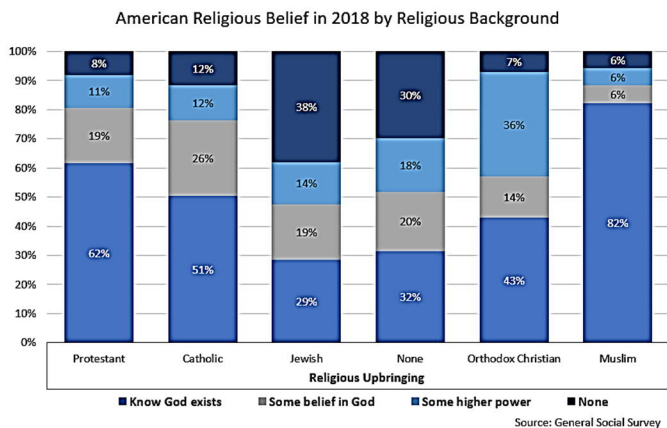
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (20th Week of Ordinary Time)

August 15, 2021



DATAPOINTS THAT GIVE US INFORMATION

A July 28 news analysis piece on The Pillar (pillarcatholic.com) by Brendan Hodge looked at the General Social Survey (GSS) of adults taken up in the United States since 1988. It helps us see cultural trends in 'religiosity' and belief in God. The analysis questions applied the research data was "How successful are we at passing on the faith to the next generation?" and "How does religious practice now impact what we would expect religious belief to look like in the future?"



In the 2018 GSS, of those adults who identified as having a Catholic upbringing, 58% said today they "Know God exists", 26% said today they had "Some belief in God", 12% said today they believed in "Some higher power", and 12% said today they have "No belief in God".

You might be wondering why I'm pulling up this data... When data is used in decision making, it is impersonal, measured, and objective. That really doesn't sound like faith. Faith is the belief and trust in a personal relationship between God and myself. Using external indicators is not going to identify the fullness of the internal reality in my heart called faith. Using external indicators is a way of speaking about more general trends. If we

take readings as an analogy, data asks if you can read a message in a (yes/no) way while the internal reality might be that reading may be enjoyable or difficult or challenging depending on one's internal reality. Sherry Weddell, author of Forming Intentional Disciples, says "Never accept a label in place of a story." This means that the data trends (or labels) we see are intended to be descriptive of our reality and context... but each data point collected has a corresponding story that defines/explains why a person is where they are at today.

		Religious Upbringing			
		Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	None
Current Religious Affiliation	Protestant	70%	11%	0%	24%
	Catholic	1%	57%	0%	2%
	Jewish	0%	0%	69%	0%
	None	26%	30%	31%	70%
	Other	3%	2%	0%	3%

Source: GSS, Americans born since 1980

This same 2018 survey shows for adult Americans born since 1980 that only 57% of those who identified a "Catholic upbringing" still identify themselves as "Catholics" and 30% identify themselves as "Nothing" today. We probably can think of family members and friends who have left the Catholic faith or have simply stopped coming. Because faith, faith practice, and free will are involved, there is no causal relationship. Faith outcomes are not guaranteed with the certainty that the laws of physics have. If I jump, gravity will make sure I stay grounded.

SUPPORTING PARENTS AND HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH

A strong principle of Catholic theology and life is the primary role of parents as educators of the faith. The faith community has a role in supporting parents in their vocation.

Despite the fact that there is no causal guarantee on the faith outcomes of the next generation, there are many intentional choices we can make for our families as households of faith. What we do and how we choose to live leaves a strong impression on the hearts of our kids. Our actions, our behaviors, our priorities, and our words form our families and our kids... This can sound impossible or scary. Remember, though, that God calls us to faithfulness and not to perfect execution.

This year, we want to live our faithfulness with intentionality.

Peace,

St. Boniface Elgin

Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday (28 Env)	\$1,916.00
Children's Collection	\$3.00
Easter	\$20.00
Missionary	\$100.00
God's Portion	\$571.96
P.I.E. (Partners in Education)	\$4,190.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 6	
Budgeted Total	\$26,470.62
Actual Total	\$20,503.50
Amount Behind	(\$5,967.12)

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 Kolterman, Cheri Schwager, Ken Kasselder, Jim Funk, Jackie Dwyer, Mrs. Kirby Hoefler and unborn child, Dominic Cullenward, Charlotte Cullenward, Stephanie (Bode) Hanzel, Edith Finkral, Mike Kinney. **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 Hoefler, Mel Heithoff, Pat Starman, Kurt Dinslage. **[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:

08-09-21	Julie Preister	\$60.00
08-10-21	Bart & Bobbie Moseman	\$60.00
08-11-21	Luke Henn	\$60.00
08-12-21	Mary Alice Dwyer	\$60.00
08-13-21	Tami & Jerry Schrage	\$60.00
08-14-21	Jerry & Jan Heithoff	\$60.00
08-15-21	Val Hightree Assumption of Mary	\$100.00

Pope John/St. Boniface Lunch Program

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 are in the school packets. **Please mail these to Attn: Debbie Baum, PJSB Lunch Program, PO Box 179, Elgin, NE 68636.**



St. Boniface School is continuing to save UPC's from any and all "Best Choice" products and Box Tops for Education labels. They can be given to any St. Boniface student or drop them in the box in the west entrance of St. Boniface Church or at the Elgin Parish Office. **Also, the new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.**

Go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com>



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



St. Boniface Thanksgiving Bazaar Raffle solicitors are wrapping up calls to raffle donors. You are asked to give your solicitor the item or donation (prior to Friday, 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.



St. Boniface Altar Society will meet this Monday, August 16 at 7:00 pm in the Convent Meeting Room. Important Fall topics to be discussed. All ladies are invited to attend.



Please pray for the soul **Jack Kunzman** of Albion, and **Rena Capler** of Elgin who passed away last week. Jack is the brother-in-law of Darlene Dozler and Rena is the great grandmother of Jovie Vaisvilas all of our parish. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Congratulations to **Kyle & Kenady (Kuhnel) Heithoff** who were married at St. Boniface this weekend



St. Boniface Circle 4 families will clean church this Thursday, August 19th. If everyone helps a little it won't take as long to get the job completed. Help your friends.

St. Bonaventure Raeville

Financial Stewardship St. Bonaventure Raeville

Sunday Collection (15 Env.)	\$1,411.00
Children's Collection	\$14.25
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 6	
Budgeted Total	\$6,000.00
Actual Total	\$6,901.00
Amount Ahead	\$901.00

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



St. Bonaventure Raeville will mow their parish grounds on Wednesday, August 18th. Your help is needed and very much appreciated.

This Week in Our Parishes.....

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Events</u>
Monday	August 16	7:00 pm	St. Boniface Altar Society Meeting at Convent
Monday	August 16	8:00 pm	St. John's Rosary & Meditation
Tuesday	August 17	Noon	Bulletin Deadline for the August 22 Bulletin/ September Calendar Items
Wednesday	August 18	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Wednesday	August 18	-----	Raeville Mows Parish Grounds
Wednesday	August 18	6:30 pm	Zoom Training for EMHC/Lectors (Pre-registered only)
Thursday	August 19	-----	St. Boniface Church Cleaning by Circle 4 (All Day)
Thursday	August 19	7:30 pm	St. John's Petersburg Parish Council Meeting
Friday	August 20	-----	Deadline for St. Boniface Church Raffle Donations
Sunday	August 22	11:00 am	St. Theresa's Coffee & Rolls (following 10 am Mass)

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

Financial Stewardship

St. Peter's Ewing

August 8: \$905.00
Mission: \$263.00

St. John's Deloit

August 8: \$1,549.00
Mission: \$544.00
Building Fund: \$20.00

St. Theresa's

August 1: \$1,789.00

FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

St. Peter's: Andy Rotherham, Bob Walnofer, George Wright, Nicki Dougherty, Donna Knapp, Anslee 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)



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!

General News



Please pray for the soul **Ellen Stuhr** of Albion, wife of Lawrence Stuhr sister to Susie Borer, Mary (Joe) Henn, Joe (Ev) Petsche, Lori (Bob) Henn, Chuck (Pat) Petsche, sister-in-law to Shirley Petsche, Ann Beckman, Betty (Lyle) Mackel, Helen (Tim) Larson and Ken Kerkman, all of our family of parishes. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

General News



"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!

Health Standard Meeting in Elgin

The public is invited to attend a program later this month in Elgin by former Marine and US Senate candidate Matt Innis. **It will be held Tuesday, August 24th at the KC Hall in Elgin.** Innis will share his views of proposed health standards by the Nebraska Department of Education that exposes the truth about Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and Critical Race Theory (CRT). Due to mature content of this presentation, only those over 18 are encouraged to attend. More information about these topics can be found at www.protectnebraskachildren.org.

Prayer for Rain



Almighty God, we are in need of rain.

We realize now, looking up into the clear blue sky above, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust

in You. We are sure that You know our needs, but You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and the rivers will sing Your praises and the hearts of men will be glad. Amen.



Thank you to those who continue to donate their aluminum cans to St. Boniface School. 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, (no pie tins, aluminum foil) and that bags are closed securely.

Mass Intentions for the week.....

Location	Day	Date	Time	Cele	Intentions
(SBE) Elgin	Monday	August 16	7:20 am		Communion Service
(SBR) Raeville	Tuesday	August 17	8:30 am		+Betty Vaisvilas
(SPE) Ewing	Tuesday	August 17	8:30 am		+Jerry Rotherham
(SBE) Elgin	Wednesday	August 18	8:15 am		+Jerry & Doris Rotert by SB 5th/6th Grade
(STC) Clearw.	Wednesday	August 18	8:30 am		+Arnold & Mary Ann Thiele
(SJP) Petersb.	Wednesday	August 18	10:30 am		+Shannon & Olivia Temme
(SBE) Elgin	Thursday	August 19	8:15 am	KV	+Jerry & Lita Tunink by PJ 9th/12th Gr. (Rosary follows)
(SPE) Ewing	Thursday	August 19	8:30 am		+Dec. Members of the Thramer Family
(SBE) Elgin	Friday	August 20	7:20 am		+Roman & Margie Baum
(SJD) Deloit	Friday	August 20	8:30 am		+Charles & Phyllis Bartak
(SPE) Ewing	Saturday	August 21	5:30 pm	KV	+Leo Hawk
(SJP) Petersb.	Saturday	August 21	7:00 pm	JN	+LaVern Nissen
(SBR) Raeville	Sunday	August 22	8:00 am	JN	+Helen Henn
(SBE) Elgin	Sunday	August 22	10:00 am	JN	+Jerry Borer/ Norbert Beckman
(STC) Clearw.	Sunday	August 22	10:00 am	KV	For the People of Our Parishes
(SJD) Deloit	Sunday	August 22	11:30 am	KV	+Sam & Joan Stearns

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

Liturgical Schedule for Sunday, August 21-22, 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 21 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING	Riley & Cooper Napier	Todd Bollwitt Aaron Hoke	-----	Mike & Tammy Summers	Pat Ruther	Follow Schedule	Greg Thramer
Saturday AUGUST 21 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG	Katelyn Krohn Kaitey Schumacher	Alan Faust Rick Pelster	<u>Money Counters</u> Jerry Faust Eric Petsche	-----	Teresa Heying	Guitar Group	Deacon John Starman
Sunday AUGUST 22 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE	Reese Stuhr Samantha Stuhr	Bryan Bode Jake Grundmayer	<u>Rosary Leaders</u> Ken & Joyce Reestman	Brian & Clarissa Stuhr Family	Joan Stuhr	Paul Kuhlman	Ken Bode
Sunday AUGUST 22 10:00 am St. Boniface ELGIN	Joseph McNally Juliana McNally	Bob Getzfred Dave Gossman Eric Haselhorst Jerry Heithoff	<u>Greeters</u> Gayle & Judy Zegers- W Scott & Deb Beckman- N & S	Eric & Callie Haselhorst Family	Jodine Meis	Laura Ruge	Pastor, Deacon Dennis To the Homebound: *Tyler & *Chelsi Childers *Betty Getzfred
Sunday AUGUST 22 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER	Maria Valesquez Lenora Kester	Jeff Schlecht Dean Thiele	-----	Casey & Lesley Flenniken	Tina Thiele- Blecher	Follow Schedule	Calissa Kester
Sunday AUGUST 22 11:30 am St. John's DELOIT	Cecelia Mlnarik	Jim Funk Dale Funk	-----	Marty & Janette Kerkman	Angela Tagel	Follow Schedule	Lisa Mlnarik



Calendar Items Needed

Does your parish have upcoming fundraisers?
Call the Elgin Office 843-2345 or by emailing
parish@cppnebraska.org.

September Calendar Items
are due by this Tuesday, August 17.

St. John's Petersburg

Financial Stewardship St. John's – Petersburg

Adult \$520.00
Loose: \$17.00
Children: \$2.00
Maintenance: \$50.00

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

St. John's Petersburg Winners – August 2021

\$150 Larry Zegers
\$100 Paul & Brenda Kuhlman
\$75 Larry & Cathy Pelster
\$75 Delbert & Maureen Seier
\$50 Jan Schlichting
\$50 Helen Reicks
\$50 May Seier
\$50 Lori Pelster
\$50 Pat or Cheryl Veik
\$50 John Veik



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 complete meal, with dessert and 2 drink tickets for \$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>.

Last Day to order meal tickets is Wednesday, August 25 for our Parish Q125.

Spread the word, this would be a great time to connect with old friends.

Come celebrate the blessings of our parish!

NOTE: St. John's will not mow their cemetery until August 24 (Names R-Z)



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

Roast Beef & Sausage Dinner with all the fixings 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 the 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 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!

DONATIONS NEEDED
Can you help??

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 or 402-843-8460 or email jhenn526@gmail.com if you would like to donate something for the auction. Thank you!



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. Your help is appreciated!



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.



What's Seminarian Zach Eischeid been up to?

Zach just finished up a busy summer! He spent the first part of the summer working Totus Tuus around the Archdiocese and just finished a 30-day silent retreat.

He will spend this school year on a Pastoral Year at St. Bernadette in Bellevue, which will have him diving into some of the things he will do as a priest. If God continues to call Zach, he will have two final years of classes after this school year. He is set to be ordained into the priesthood during the summer of 2024.

We humbly ask for your continuous prayers in his studies and discernment. It's amazing the requirements he has to pass. Discernment is not just Zach listening to God, but also his spiritual directors and others at the seminary discerning Zach's calling. May God continue to give him all of the graces required to become a priest, if it is His Holy Will.

Address for Pastoral Year is:

**Zach Eischeid
St. Bernadette Parish
7600 S 42nd St
Bellevue NE 68147**

Please pray for an increase in vocations and for all seminarians discerning their call.



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. Pre-registration ONLY of \$25.00 payable to RNW Deanery due September 20th, 2021, mail to Ann Kurpgeweit, 50444 852 Rd. Ewing, NE 68735. The theme: "St. Joseph, Teach Us to Trust" with guest speaker Sharon Doran. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with 8:00 a.m. Rosary followed by Convention at 9:00 a.m. Registration forms are available in the back of all our churches or at the Elgin Parish Office. For more information call Karen Funk 402-626-7611.

Confirmation Preparation

The Sacrament of Confirmation for our parishes is scheduled to take place the fall of 2022. If you have a child currently in 9th, 10th or 11th grade you will be receiving a letter from our priests, as our Confirmation Classes will begin Sunday, September 12 in the northern end and Sunday, September 19 in the southern end.

Family Faith Formation

Family Formation (Grades K-6) begins Wednesday, September 1 on the southern end and Wednesday, September 15 on the northern end. On those evenings Mass celebrated at 6:30 pm and the class for the students (and Father's talk for parents) to follow from 7:00-8:00 pm. If you wish to send your child/children and are not already registered, please contact our Religious Education Coordinator, Becky Kerkman at 402-843-6043 or bkerkman@cppnebraska as soon as possible so materials can be ordered. Thank you to our catechists for the time they are putting in to be prepared!

Faith Formation for 7-12th graders in the northern tier to be announced.

Youth Ministry

Sunday Youth Group for 7-12th graders for St. Boniface and St. Bonaventure or anyone wishing to attend will begin on Sunday, September 26. Louise Schindler will once again serve as our coordinator. Sessions begin with Mass at 10:00am and go until 12:30 pm in the St. Boniface Convent. Call Louise Schindler, 843-5375, to register, or for questions. If you are attending Confirmation sessions this year, it is up to you if you wish to attend Sunday Youth Group as well.

Parish Religious Education (PRE) at St. Michael's Albion to be announced.

A COLLEGE PARENT'S PRAYER

God of life and love, you have given me this child to care for this little while. My heart is welled with joy and thanksgiving, anticipation and anxiety, amidst a longing to be together as we have been till now. These years of growing up have moved so quickly, so many things left undone, so much left unsaid, so much I still hope to give to my child who is taking this new step in the journey of life. Help us as we reshape our lives to reflect this new reality of college. Show us new ways to be present to each other in love and in trust. Give me patience and help me to remember that my child is establishing new routines in freedom, routines different from my routines. Calm my fears. Strengthen and protect my child in the midst of the challenges and temptations which surround all students. Grant greater courage that I myself may have had in standing for your truth against compromises of faith. Provide good friends and worthy confidants for my child during these college years. Help me to give support and confidence, to discern how I am needed now, and to pass on, in my love, a measure of the strength and courage you have given me in the gift of parenting. --Unknown