



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

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 2022



St. Peter, Ewing
SATURDAY 5:30 PM



St. John the Baptist, Petersburg
SATURDAY 7:00 PM



St. Bonaventure, Raeville
SUNDAY 8:00 AM



St. Boniface, Elgin
SUNDAY 10:00 AM



St. Theresa, Clearwater
SUNDAY 10:00 AM



St. John the Baptist, Deloit
SUNDAY 11:30 AM

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St. Boniface Elgin

Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

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| Sunday (36 Env) | \$3,834.20 |
| Children's Collection | \$3.00 |
| Holy Day | \$250.00 |
| KC Respect Life | \$190.00 |
| Pennies from Heaven | \$15.48 |
| Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 31 | |
| Budgeted Total | \$136,764.87 |
| Actual Total | \$147,217.85 |
| Amount Ahead | \$10,452.98 |

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

Jolene Lichty, Terry Dinslage, Laurie Horn, Dave Shrader, Garrett Scholz, Chris Stargel, Adam Kester, Matt Golden, Pat Fredrickson, John King, Janet Sorenson, Barb Ziegler, Judy Stiemle, Leo Seger, Vicky Kolterman, Cheri Schwager, Dominic Cullenward, Charlotte Cullenward, Marlene Nepple, Pat Hruby, Darlene Stelling, Missy Moser, Infant Graham Sayers, Al Haines, Lucy Knievel, Gary Hamik, Shauna Gossman, Kellie Gossman, Anonymous, Scott Preister, Infant Elsie Hoefer, Juli Patrowsky. **Parishioners:** Neil Childers, Marie Cheatum, Loretta Zegers, Pat Evans, Donna Mackel, Gene Heithoff, Anonymous, Juan Hoefer, Gloria Lordemann, Kyle Warren, Marin Schindler.

Please let us know if name can be removed, 843-2345.

ELGIN PRAYER LINE REQUESTS St. Boniface: Call

Mary Jane Boes 402-843-2379 or JoAnn Beckman 402-843-6287



for health of
Marin Schindler

Sunday, February 13

1:00 pm
St. Boniface Church



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

| | 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) |

Please mark your calendars for your day.

There are scoops and brooms in the garage and the ice melt is inside the east entrance of church, and in the closet at the west entrance. We need to keep walkways, parking lots clear and in front of the church, rectory, convent, Sister's home, and entirely around the gym, for safety reasons. Please see weekly bulletin calendar and the school sports calendars to know what is going on in our buildings. Thanks!



St. Boniface Spring Benefit Auction Saturday, March 19, 2022 Elgin KC Hall Doors Open 5pm

Please keep in mind what your family or organization can give.

St. Boniface Altar Society Circle Worklist

(Households are asked to assist one another in these duties)

Clean Church: Circle 5 & 6 (Feb. 17 or when works for you)

Next Funeral: Circle 2 (Cir. 1 was Ron Connick)

Next Charity: Circle 2 (Cir. 6-1 are providing lunch/snacks February 8, OACCW Meeting at KC Hall)

Next Meeting: Wed. February 16th at 7:00pm (Note change)



Please Note: St. Boniface School Valentine Breakfast will not be held this year, as stated on the Wolfpack sports wall calendar.

Marin Schindler Benefit Fundraiser Saturday, February 26 in Elgin



...Seeking Silent/Live
Auction Items....

Organizers are looking for possible auction items and/or money to purchase items for the auctions. If you have an item or would like to help the fundraiser in another way, contact: Jerry Heithoff, 843-8815, Bob Schiltmeyer, 843-8398, or Ben Meis, 843-8892. Checks can be made out to Marin Schindler Fundraiser, % Anna Meis, to 83576 522 Ave, Elgin NE 68636. Prayers and your support of this fundraiser will give relief during this trying time of Marin's illness, and as she undergoes treatments for a rare histiocytic disorder.



Please pray for the soul of **Ron Connick** of Sutherland, who passed away this week. Ron is the husband of Diane (Bennett) and is the brother-in-law of Mary (Bill) Kaczor and Jolene (Paul) Schrage, of our parishes. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for the soul of **Martin Thorberg** of Elgin, who passed away this week. Martin is the step son-in-law of St. Boniface parishioner, Bulah Hofacker. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

This Week in Our Parishes.....

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Events</u> |
|------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Sunday | February 6 | 4:30 pm | Bible Study at St. Bonaventure's Hall |
| Monday | February 7 | 6:30 pm | St. John's Deloit Rosary & Meditation (Note time w/meeting to follow) |
| Monday | February 7 | 7:00 pm | St. John's Deloit Fish Fry Planning Meeting and Christian Mothers |
| Tuesday | February 8 | 10:30 am | OACCW Meeting at Elgin KC Hall (register 10am/Mass 11:30 am at Church) |
| Tuesday | February 8 | Noon | Bulletin Deadline for February 13 Bulletin |
| Wednesday | February 9 | 9:30 am | Bible Study at St. Dominic's Hall in Ewing |
| Wednesday | February 9 | 2:00/2:15 | PJ/SB Endowment Meetings at Pope John |
| Wednesday | February 9 | 5-5:30 pm | Confessions at St. Boniface Church (Fr. John) |
| Wednesday | February 9 | 5-6pm | South Family Formation Student-Only Class |
| Wednesday | February 9 | 6:00/7:15 | PRE Classes at St. Mike's Albion for St. John the Baptist Students |
| Wednesday | February 9 | 7-8:00 pm | North Family Formation Class/Fr. Talk "Theology of the Body"-Mass 6:30 STC |
| Sunday | February 13 | 1:00 pm | North Confirmation Class at St. Theresa's |
| Sunday | February 13 | 1:00 pm | Community Prayer for Marin Schindler's Health at St. Boniface Church |
| Sunday | February 13 | 4:30-6 pm | Bible Study at St. Bonaventure's Hall |

St. Peter's

Financial Stewardship

St. Peter's Ewing
January 30: \$730.00
Respect Life: \$50.00

St. John's Deloit
January 30: \$570.00
Respect Life: \$20.00
Seminary: \$20.00

St. Theresa's
January 30: \$1,259.00
Respect Life: \$20.00
Seminary: \$30.00
Home & Foreign Mission: \$50.00
College Ministry: \$15.00

FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

St. Peter's: Bob Walnofer, Nicki Dougherty, Donna Knapp, Anslee Ostergard, Kathi Retwisch, 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: Jason Ratzloff, Darlene Schueth and Carl Ernesti. (To start prayerline, call **Jeanne Knievel 402-929-0847**).

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

The St. John's Deloit Monday Evening Rosary will begin earlier this week, at 6:30 pm.



Following the 6:30 Rosary will be the Parish FISH FRY MEETING and the Christian Mothers Meeting at 7:00 pm. All parishioners are invited to make plans, share ideas and decide if there will be any changes. If you can't make it and want to share something please let the

committee know by calling Beth Schueth, Kathy Bartak, Elaine Kimes or Marilyn Sehi or any of the Men's Club members.

St. John's Fish Fry is March 25th



Please pray for the soul of **William L. 'Duke' Hobbs** of O'Neill, whose funeral was at St. Peter de Alcantara on January 31. Duke is the husband of Molly, and from our parishes: his sisters, Teena (John) Moser, Becky (Dan) Koenig, and Germaine (Todd) Bollwitt. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

St. Theresa's



St. Peter's Christian Mother's meeting on 2'S DAY, 2-22-22 at 2:00 at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing. We will begin with a Rosary for Gloria Dierks. Please come and join us.

CONTACT for St. Theresa's Hall Rental

Registrations for rental of the St. Theresa Hall can be made by contacting Deb Schlecht at 402-992-0160 and Angie Ahlers at 402-525-9355.

St. Bonaventure Raeville

Financial Stewardship-St. Bonaventure Raeville

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| Sunday Collection (12 Env.) | \$419.00 |
| Children's Collection | \$3.25 |
| Pennies from Heaven | \$14.09 |
| Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 31 | |
| Budgeted Total | \$31,000.00 |
| Actual Total | \$35,989.05 |
| Amount Ahead | \$4,989.05 |

Prayer Line Requests at St. Bonaventure: Call Mary Ann Fangman 402-843-6129 or Dianne Scholl 402-386-5256.

St. Bonaventure Spring Breakfast Sunday, March 6, 2022

****St. Bonaventure Raffle tickets are available from any St. Bonaventure parishioner or from the entrance of any of our six of our churches****

Mass Intentions for the week.....

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Cele</u> | <u>Intentions</u> |
|------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|---|
| Monday | February 7 | 7:20 am | Elgin | DW | Communion Service |
| Tuesday | February 8 | 8:15 am | Elgin | PN | Liv. & Dec. PJ Alumni by PJ 7th Grade; Cele: Fr. Nields |
| Tuesday | February 8 | 8:30 am | Petersb. | JN | +Roger Meis |
| Tuesday | February 8 | 11:30 am | Elgin | JK | For the Women of OACCW Celebr. Fr. Kramper (open to public) |
| Wednesday | February 9 | 8:15 am | Elgin | JN | +Ed & Eleanor Starman by SB 4th Gr. <i>Rosary to follow</i> |
| Wednesday | February 9 | <u>6:30 pm</u> | Clearw. | KV | +Paul & Charlotte Hoefer North Family Formation Mass |
| Thursday | February 10 | 8:30 am | Raeville | KV | Liv. & Dec. Mem of Blecha/Greitens Families |
| Thursday | February 10 | 8:30 am | Ewing | JN | +Jerry Rotherham |
| Friday | February 11 | 7:20 am | Elgin | KV | +Louise "Lucy" Ollendick |
| Friday | February 11 | 8:30 am | Deloit | JN | +Barb Scholl |
| Saturday | February 12 | 5:30 pm | Ewing | KV | For the People of Our Parishes |
| Saturday | February 12 | 7:00 pm | Petersb. | JN | +Ellen Stuhr |
| Sunday | February 13 | 8:00 am | Raeville | JN | +Floyd Henn & Cindy Bohaboj |
| Sunday | February 13 | 10:00 am | Elgin | JN | +Duane Childers |
| Sunday | February 13 | 10:00 am | Clearw. | KV | +Sam & Joan Stearns |
| Sunday | February 13 | 11:30 am | Deloit | KV | +Floyd Henn & Cindy Bohaboj |

**Rosary on Wednesdays following Elgin Mass is for Vocations and for Fr. John and Fr. Vogel*

Liturgical Schedule for Saturday-Sunday, February 12-13, 2022

| 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 FEBRUARY 12 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING | Emma Funk Jenna Funk | Kevin Schrunk Kevin Koenig | ----- | Ed & Mary Nordby Family | Pat Ruther | Follow Schedule | Carol Rotherham |
| Saturday FEBRUARY 12 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG | Kaitlyn Pelster Natalie Pelster | Scott Preister Family | <u>Money Counters:</u> Lynnette Seier John Temme | ----- | Ken Luettel | Alan & Jeanne Temme | Deacon John Starman To the Homebound: Deacon John Starman |
| Sunday FEBRUARY 13 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE | Lexi Bode Kaiden Bode | Jerry Schrage Spencer Heying | <u>Rosary Leaders</u> Mark & Carole Tharnish | Bill & Ginni Fangman | Joan Stuhr | Paul Kuhlman | Ken Bode |
| Sunday FEBRUARY 13 10:00 am St. Boniface ELGIN | Brooke Kinney Cecil Shavlik | Gary Dinslage Kevin Dinslage Bob Getzfred Dave Gossman | Gene Heithoff- W Bill & Teri Mescher- N & S | Tom & Patty Stoltz | Mary Jane Bauer | Laura Ruge | Pastor, Deacon Dennis, <u>To the Homebound:</u> *Luke Beckman *Sara Schindler |
| Sunday FEBRUARY 13 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER | Katelyn Kester Logan Kester | Jeff Schlecht Dean Thiele | ----- | Jerry & Sharon Stamp | Ed Moser | Follow Schedule | Tom Kester |
| Sunday FEBRUARY 13 11:30 am St. John's DELOIT | Sharon Bartak | Jim Funk Dale Funk | ----- | John & Jeanne Knievel | Angela Tagel | Follow Schedule | Sara Lemburg |

Thank you for your selfless ministry!

St. John's Petersburg

Financial Stewardship St. John's – Petersburg

Adult: \$1,155.00 Loose: \$105.00
Respect Life: \$10.00 Pennies from Heaven: \$20.10

NOTE: St. John's Parish Council will not meet in the month of February.

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



Please pray for the soul of **Tim Kohl** of Norfolk, who passed away last week. Tim is the brother of Shawn (Paul) Seier, of St. John the Baptist parish, Petersburg. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

St. John's Petersburg Snow Removal February: Families with Last Names R-Z

(Church, Hall, and Cemetery driveways).
**Please note that when we have a funeral the group assigned is also responsible for opening the Cemetery driveways.*



The pews at St. John the Baptist in Petersburg are beginning to show their age. The St. John's Altar Society has begun the project to cover our pew seats with a soft pad. If anyone would like to contribute funds to cover the cost of additional pew rows, please contact Teresa Heying at 402-843-6218; Jaci at 402-386-5580; or drop at check in the St. John's collection basket with your loved one's name or your family name who the donation is designated from. Cost of new pew cushions is \$375 for half a row and \$750 for a full row. Any help in donations large or small is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

St. John the Baptist (Petersburg) Parish offers the convenience of bimonthly or monthly AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS for your parish donations. There is NO monthly fee for parishioners to use the automatic withdrawal feature! If you are interested, please contact Jaci at 402-386-5580 or email her at jhoefer@archomaha.org

General News

St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

| | | |
|----------|---------------------|---------|
| 01-31-22 | Anton Shavlik | \$60.00 |
| 02-01-22 | Ben & Jaime Hupp | \$60.00 |
| 02-02-22 | Trevor Olp | \$60.00 |
| 02-03-22 | Laura Hemenway | \$60.00 |
| 02-04-22 | Kenny & Nancy Parks | \$60.00 |
| 02-05-22 | Ina Kittelson | \$60.00 |
| 02-06-22 | Jim Lauridsen Kids | \$75.00 |

General News



Elgin Knights of Columbus Fish Frys:
Tuesday, March 1 (Fat Tuesday)
Friday, March 11
Friday, April 8

St. John's, Deloit Fish Fry:
Friday, March 25, 2022

The Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) will hold it's next meeting for all our Catholic women this Tuesday, February 8, 2022 in Elgin, NE. Location at the KC Hall, 117 S. 2nd St. Elgin, NE. NO Executive Meeting from 9-10 as usual. Registration begins at 10am, Meeting 10:30 and Mass at 11:30 am at St. Boniface Church, Elgin, followed by OACCW Meeting from 1-3:00 pm. **All Ladies are invited to attend the day of fellowship, Spiritual Nourishment and Blessings.** Contact Mary Lux at 402-841-4016 for questions.

Upcoming TEC Weekends

(Teens Encounter Christ)

March 19-21, 2022 at Glad Tidings, Bloomfield

July 15-17, 2022 at Tintern Retreat Center

Weekends are specifically designed for those currently juniors and seniors in high school to age 23. Retreat fee is \$75. To register, please pick up an application form at the Elgin Parish Office or by calling them, in the entrance of St. Boniface Church or the Pope John Office. If you have questions, please contact Terry Reicks, 402-741-0165.

Retreat in Preparation for Lent, February 12, one-day retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Sister Colette Baldwin, RSM*. Lent is often thought of as a time of "giving up" but what it really is about is "discovering" our relationship with Jesus and what that relationship could really be. We will look at blocks to the relationship, what we can do about them and changing our idea of Lent from giving up candy and desserts to why the church asks us to journey with Jesus during these 40 days. – Social distancing and wearing a mask is recommended. Program fee: \$35. Lunch is available at the Center for \$ 12.08 (includes tax). Register at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

Lifeline 1-800-273-8255



The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



People helping people. That's what giving to hospice care is all about. If you have a passion for caring for others, and if you're looking for a way to make a difference in people's lives, consider becoming a hospice volunteer. Aseracare Hospice is in need of hospice volunteers to provide support and companionship to hospice patients and their families **in the Elgin area.** The free training would be in the Butte area; you do not need to travel to O'Neill for this. For more information, please contact Kaye at 402-316-4884.



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.** 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).**

CLOSING OUT! Please check out our selection! The Lighthouse Catholic CD's provides ongoing growth in our faith. And after you have listened, you have the opportunity to evangelize by sharing it with another. Ask the Holy Spirit to prompt you and He will inspire you to know who to share it with. We currently have more than 26 different titles and CD's to choose from at the west entrance of St. Boniface Church. We ask \$3.00 each to cover the cost. Envelopes are available for your donation which can be simply dropped in the collection on Sundays or brought to the Elgin Parish Office. *Allow Jesus to help you grow.*



*Let every detail
in our lives-
words, actions, whatever-
be done in the name of
the Master, Jesus,
thanking God the Father
every step of the way.*



Prayer For Healing

Heavenly Father, Your word says that we are healed by Your stripes, so I pray right now for divine healing. Please see the needs of Your children so that they may be restored to health and be healed. I pray against all illnesses right now, both mentally and physically. Father, we look to You as the source of our healing in Jesus' Name. I thank you in advance for the divine healing that which You have graced Your children. Continue to have Your way within our lives. Amen.

Tour of French Catholic Shrines with Fr. Frank Baumert October 1-12, 2022

This cross-country pilgrimage will include magnificent shrines and churches and learning about the lives of St. Bernadette, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Veronica and Zacchaeus, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Catherine Labourne. There is also a stop at the beaches in Normandy. See all of the details at www.pilgrimages.com/frbaumert. This trip is set up by 206Tours. Their web site is www.206Tours.com.



We Invite You... If you are attending Mass regularly at any of our parishes, we welcome you and invite you to register into the parish by emailing and asking for forms: parish@cppnebraska.org. **This includes recent college grads who moved back and newly married couples.**



Remember St. Boniface School is saving UPC's from any and all "Best Choice" products and Box Tops for Education labels. They can be dropped 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 receipts on the app, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com>. Best Choice will give our school 3 cents for each UPC clipped. Thank you for supporting our school!



We need your phone number! We are running into many instances where our parishioners are getting rid of their land lines. In these cases, we would be happy if you could let the parish office know your cell phone numbers so we can keep our records up to date. You can call or email us with your numbers! Thank you!

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

The Knights of Columbus Council #2411 is asking that you and your family attend and participate in a few events this February!

- **Council #2411's Family of the Month for December and January:** Our Worthy Family director Steve Kerkman has chosen two great families. For December, he has selected Mark and Carole Tharnish. Mark was Grand Knight for Grand Island Council #11363 before moving back to Elgin and stepping into the job as Worthy Grand Knight of our Council. Mark's quiet but strong leadership is much appreciated. For the month of January, Alan and Michelle Reicks were chosen. Alan is a Worthy Past Grand Knight of our Council and currently serves as our Community Director. He is also found giving a lot of his time to the Elgin community at large. Thanks to both of these couples for sharing their time and talent with our schools, our parish and our council. May God bless you for all you do!
- **Our council is sponsoring an event in February called NOVENA, 9 DAYS FOR LIFE.** It will begin after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Boniface on February 20th. A short prayer service will be held in the three southern parishes for nine consecutive days, culminating on February 28th. You're all invited to be a part of this Knights of Columbus program dedicated to the protection and sanctity of all human life. Please contact our Life Director Dennis Wiehn for more information.
- **There will be an ecumenical prayer service asking our Lord's healing and grace for Marin Schindler and her family.** The service will be held at St. Boniface Church on Sunday, February 13th, starting at 1:00 P.M. All are encouraged to attend.
- **THE MARIN SCHINDLER BENEFIT FUNDRAISER will be held on Saturday, February 26th, in Elgin.** Organizers are looking for possible auction items and/or cash donations to purchase items for the auction. If you have an item or would like to help the fundraiser in any other way, please contact Jerry Heithoff (843-8815), Bob Schiltmeyer (843-8398), or Ben Meis (843-8892). Checks can be made payable to **Marin Schindler Fundraiser**, % Anna Meis, 83576 522 Avenue, Elgin, NE 68636.
- **Don't forget to come join us at our FOURTH ANNUAL FAT TUESDAY EVENT on March 1st between the hours 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Elgin KC Hall.**

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 at 308-380-7883.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Pope Francis announced last spring that the topic of the October 2023 Synod of Bishops will be synodality in the Church. A synod is a meeting of bishop delegates from around the world invited to discuss a topic of theological or pastoral significance, in order to offer advice or counsel to the pope. Synodality is understood by Pope Francis to mean all members of the Church (clergy, laity, religious) participating in the evangelizing mission of the Church, journeying together as a community, prayerfully listening to one another in order to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit.

In preparation for the synod, the Holy Father has asked Catholics worldwide to share their experiences of participation in the life and mission of the Church. We have begun the diocesan phase of this consultation by holding listening sessions with some of our neighbors on the peripheries, including the incarcerated, homeless, migrants, refugees and the elderly. I now invite all of you to participate in the consultation with the wider Church that the pope desires.

Individuals thirteen and older are asked to respond to a series of questions online from February 5-28 at <https://archomaha.org/synod/>. You can also access the questions by using the QR code. A copy of this letter with the QR code is in today's bulletin. Those without internet access can ask for a printed copy of the questions from your parish. The questions should take you 5-10 minutes to complete. Feel free to share this link with family and friends living in the archdiocese, including those who may not be members of the Catholic Church.

In addition, pastors are encouraged to hold listening sessions with parish pastoral councils or other groups.

All that is received in our archdiocese, from the listening sessions and responses to the questions will be summarized later this spring, published on our synod website this summer, and forwarded to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. There it will become part of a national summary that will be forwarded to the Holy See. This worldwide consultation about the experience of the Church's life and mission is a daunting project. At the same time, Pope Francis is sincere in his hope that even this process of sharing will strengthen the bonds of our life in Christ. I encourage you to respond to the pope's invitation to participate.

With best wishes and prayers,



Most Reverend George J. Lucas
Archbishop of Omaha



COMPLETE THE
QUESTIONNAIRE

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

La primavera pasada el Papa Francisco anunció que el tema del Sínodo de los Obispos de octubre de 2023 será la sinodalidad en la Iglesia. Un sínodo es una reunión de obispos delegados de todo el mundo, invitados a discutir un tema de importancia teológica o pastoral, con el fin de ofrecer asesoramiento o consejo al Papa. El Papa Francisco entiende que la sinodalidad significa que todos los miembros de la Iglesia (clero, laicos, religiosos) que están participando en la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia, caminen juntos como comunidad, escuchándose unos a otros en oración para discernir la voz del Espíritu Santo.

En preparación para el sínodo, el Santo Padre ha pedido a los católicos de todo el mundo que compartan sus experiencias de participación en la vida y misión de la Iglesia. Hemos comenzado la fase diocesana de esta consulta realizando sesiones de escucha con algunos de nuestros prójimos en las periferias, incluidos los encarcelados, las personas sin hogar, los migrantes, los refugiados y los ancianos. Ahora los invito a todos a participar en lo que desea el Papa, una consulta con la Iglesia en general.

Se les pide a las personas de 13 años y mayores que del 5 al 28 de febrero respondan a una serie de preguntas en el siguiente enlace: <https://archomaha.org/synod/>. También puede acceder a las preguntas utilizando el código QR. Una copia de esta carta con el código QR se encuentra en el boletín de hoy. Quienes no tengan acceso a Internet pueden solicitar en su parroquia una copia impresa de las preguntas o también pueden ir de lunes a viernes de 8:30 am a 5:00 pm al Centro Pastoral Tepeyac ubicado en el 5301 S 36th St. Omaha para recibir ayuda. Le va a tomar de 5 a 10 minutos responderlas. Por favor, comparta este enlace con familiares y amigos que vivan en la arquidiócesis, incluidos aquellos que no sean miembros de la Iglesia Católica.

Además, se alienta a los párrocos a realizar sesiones de escucha con los consejos pastorales parroquiales u otros grupos.

En nuestra arquidiócesis, todo lo que se reciba de las sesiones de escucha y las respuestas a las preguntas, se hará un resumen durante la primavera, se publicará en nuestro sitio web del sínodo este verano y se enviará a la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Allí pasará a formar parte de un resumen nacional que será enviado a la Santa Sede. Esta consulta mundial sobre la experiencia de vida y misión de la Iglesia es un proyecto de enormes proporciones. Al mismo tiempo, el Papa Francisco es sincero en su esperanza de que también este proceso de compartir fortalezca los lazos de nuestra vida en Cristo. Los animo a responder al Papa su invitación a participar.

Con mis mejores deseos y oraciones



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