

# 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

Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022



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 the Archdiocese of Omaha celebrates newly ordained priests on this first weekend in June. This time is a moment of reflection, hope, joy, renewal, and rededication. It's hard for me to think that I've now completed 9 years of priestly service... and beginning my 10th year... my third as pastor of our grouping and my fifth as pastor of the northern three parishes. Nine years between my first mass picture and today certainly shows a few more gray hairs!



THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRIESTS AND LAITY

With ordinations on June 4th, 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.

REFLECTIONS ON A PRIESTLY HEART

On the evening before I was ordained a priest on June 1, 2013, Archbishop Lucas gave a homily at the pre-ordination prayer service on Mary...because it was the Feast of the Visitation.

He reflected that Mary was able to be who she was made and meant to be by not exalting herself. One translation of Mary's hymn of praise in the Magnificat begins with "My soul magnifies the Lord..." Mary is such a big deal to us as a people of faith because she magnifies the one who is so much greater than any single one of us.

The challenge was to consider what we choose our own hearts and souls to magnify... do we magnify ourselves or something else or do we magnify the Lord? In whichever vocation we receive as our own, where we are meant to be is where we most magnify the Lord. Thank you being a continued part of my experience of priestly ministry. Please pray for me and for all priests for our ongoing faithfulness, and please pray for our newly ordained priests Fr. Brett Jamrog and Fr. Minh Tran!

Peace,

## St. Boniface Elgin

### Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday (34 Env)	\$1,735.00
Children's Collection	\$14.00
Ascension Holy Day	\$2,427.30
Cemetery Care	\$690.00
Pennies from Heaven	\$5.28
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 47	
Budgeted Total	\$207,353.19
Actual Total	\$210,693.32
Amount Ahead	\$3,340.13

**St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure: Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Jolene Lichty, Terry Dinslage, Dave Shrader, Chris Stargel, Adam Kester, Matt Golden, John King, Janet Sorenson, Barb Ziegler, Judy Stiemle, Vicky Kolterman, Cheri Schwager, Dominic Cullenward, Charlotte Cullenward, Infant Graham Sayers, Al Haines, Lucy Knievel, Gary Hamik, Scott Preister, Juli Patrowsky, Jan Dozler, Marcia Redler, Jim Camp, Al Schmid, Darrell Getzfred, Patricia Wilkinson. **Parishioners:** Neil Childers, Marie Cheatam, Loretta Zegers, Pat Evans, Donna Mackel, Gene Heithoff, Anonymous, Juan Hofer, Gloria Lordemann, Marin Schindler, Chris Baum, LaVerne Hofer. George Childers, Gladys Bauer. **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



**NOTE: Flowers and memorials that you left at our cemetery for Memorial Day, will need to be removed by Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Only flowers that are in the built-in vases or attached to the stone can remain on graves.**



Thank you to the St. Boniface Cemetery Committee for their work last fall and this spring, improving the southeast corner of the cemetery. The trees were removed as they were growing into the bunker and also into the roadway, plus new vinyl fencing panels were installed to 'hide' the bunker that dirt is dumped in. Thank you to Phil Starman, Bob Schiltmeyer, Bob Moser, Matt Beckman of the committee, and Kevin Dinslage, for your help.

### ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION

† June 13 †

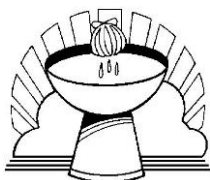
**Sr. Patricia Hoffman**

PO Box 219

Elgin, NE 68636-0219

**Show your appreciation & congratulations by sending a card.**

(Appreciation Cards available at Elgin Parish Office)



We welcome  
**Laina Lynn Borer**  
daughter of Jack & Taylor Borer  
who was baptized this  
weekend at St. Boniface Church

**Feast of St. Boniface June 5th**

## St. Bonaventure Raeville

### Financial Stewardship St. Bonaventure Raeville

Sunday Collection (11 Env.)	\$513.00
Children's Collection	\$16.75
Pennies from Heaven	\$7.00

Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 47

Budgeted Total	\$47,000.00
Actual Total	\$52,443.23
Amount Ahead	\$5,443.23

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



Please pray for the soul of St. Bonaventure parishioner, **Jerome Starman**, who passed away and whose funeral was Saturday. Jerome is the brother of parishioners Sylvester Staman and Mary Margaret Starman and an uncle to many from our parishes. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**NOTE: Flowers and memorials that you will be left at our cemetery for Memorial Day, will need to be removed by Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Only flowers that are in the built-in vases or attached to the stone can remain on graves. Thanks.**



**St. Bonaventure Parish will Mow  
Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

*Your help is greatly appreciated!*

### St. Bonaventure Parish "RAES OF SUNLIGHT"



St. Bonaventure Parishioners have recently received or will soon, a letter about the replacement of the old windows and frames with storm glass. Please contribute to the "Special Building Fund" which will help cover the cost of this project. You have a "Building Maintenance" envelope in your regular collection packet in June. All donations will go to this project. Thanks for helping keep our buildings in good shape.



*St. Bonaventure Parish appreciates the following memorials that were given in memory of Rudy Starman:*

**St. Bonaventure Maintenance Fund: \$1,000.00**

**St. Bonaventure Cemetery Fund: \$500.00**

*and St. Boniface Parish appreciates*

*the following memorials that were given to:*

**St. Boniface Elementary School: \$500.00**

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

Day	Date	Time	Events
Monday	June 6	7:30 pm	St. John's Deloit Rosary & Meditation ( <b>Note New Time for Summer</b> )
Tuesday	June 7	Noon	<b>Bulletin Deadline</b> for June 12 <sup>th</sup> Bulletin
Tuesday	June 7	6:00 pm	St. John's Petersburg Mowing of Cemetery (Last Names A-P)
Tuesday	June 7	7:30 pm	Elgin KC Meeting
Tuesday	June 7	8:00 pm	Neligh KC Meeting
Wednesday	June 8	-----	St. Bonaventure Mowing of Parish Grounds
Wednesday	June 8	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Friday	June 10	-----	Wedding Rehearsal at St. Boniface Church
Friday	June 10	-----	Wedding Rehearsal at St. Theresa's

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

#### Financial Stewardship

##### St. Peter's Ewing

May 29: \$780.00      Cemetery Fund: \$580.00  
Ascension: \$365.00

##### St. John's Deloit

May 29: \$1,188.00      Ascension: \$20.00  
St. Patrick's Cemetery: \$385.00  
St. Anthony Cemetery: \$10.00  
Pennies from Heaven: \$6.09

##### St. Theresa's

May 29: \$807.00  
Cemetery: \$470.00

#### FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

**St. Peter's:** Bob Walnofer, Nicki Dougherty, Kathi Retwisch, Sister Joseph, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick and Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel. (To start prayerline, call Lavonne Sisson 402-626-7755).

**St. John's:** Jason Ratzloff, Darlene Schueth (To start prayerline, call Jeanne Knievel 402-929-0847).

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



**St. John's Deloit Parish-** Please remove all flowers and decorations that you leave at St. Patrick's Cemetery for Memorial Day by June 7th. Thank you.

### St. John's Petersburg

#### Financial Stewardship

##### St. John's Petersburg

Adult: \$684.00      Loose: \$50.00  
Ascension Holy Day: \$637.00  
Child: \$2.00      Cemetery: \$1,270.00

**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 Cemetery Mowing Tuesday, June 7 (Last Names A-P)** will mow at 6 pm (rain date Thursday). Parishioners are encouraged to mow/trim at your convenience if the time is not compatible with your schedule.

### St. John's Petersburg



We ask that all flowers and decorations that you leave at St. John the Baptist Cemetery for Memorial Day be removed by June 13. Thank you.

**Come one - Come All!** Please join us! Mark your calendars: **St. John's Parish Bazaar will be Sunday, September 4, 2022**

*It is time to sign up to donate for St. John's Bazaar Raffle.*

*Please contact Kathy Seier at 402-843-8805 to donate money or items for the Raffle.*



Our "Nice to the Knees" campaign for the new kneelers is currently in need of \$3,685.00 total to cover our cost. *Please mark your envelope "Kneelers" when making your donations.* Please consider donating \$175 to cover a pew (half row) or \$350 to cover the whole row. Thank you to all who have already donated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



We pray for the soul of **Gayle Olsen** of Albion, who passed away last week. Gayle is the mother of Jeri (Adam) Wies of St. John the Baptist parish. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### General News



**With meat prices steadily climbing,** our 6 Parish Vocation Committee is asking for your help in hamburger donations for the **Gratia** and **Legion of Joseph Youth Retreats** in July at Tintern. Any size donations towards these retreats will be greatly appreciated. Please contact call **Karen E. 402-843-5987** or [karensuzyq@hotmail.com](mailto:karensuzyq@hotmail.com) or text if you are wanting to help. Thanks!

# Mass Intentions for the week.....

Day	Date	Time	Location	Cele	Intentions
Monday	June 6	8:15 am	Elgin	DW	Communion Service
Tuesday	June 7	8:15 am	Elgin	KV	+Norbert & Mary Rose Beckman
Tuesday	June 7	8:30 am	Petersb.	JN	+Bud Ketteler *Rosary following
Wednesday	June 8	8:15 am	Elgin	KV	+Terry Henn *Rosary following
Wednesday	June 8	8:30 am	Clearw.	JN	+Joe & Doris Hedley
Thursday	June 9	8:30 am	Ewing	JN	+Dec. Members of Leo Spittler Family
Thursday	June 9	8:30 am	Raeville	KV	+Joe Klein Family
Friday	June 10	8:30 am	Deloit	JN	+Herman Nordhues
Friday	June 10	8:15 am	Elgin	KV	+Roman & Margie Baum
Saturday	June 11	2:00 pm	Elgin	KV	Wedding Ceremony of Brock Wiese/Sydney Kerkman
Saturday	June 11	2:30 pm	Clearw.	JN	Wedding Ceremony of Travis Rudloff/Brooke Bell
Saturday	June 11	5:30 pm	Ewing	JN	+Rita Funk
Saturday	June 11	7:00 pm	Petersb.	KV	+Jeff Scholl
Sunday	June 12	8:00 am	Raeville	KV	+Helen Henn
Sunday	June 12	10:00 am	Elgin	KV	+Jerome & Bernice Roth
Sunday	June 12	10:00 am	Clearw.	JN	+Orval & Delores Hankla
Sunday	June 12	11:30 am	Deloit	JN	For the People of Our Parishes

\*Rosary on Tuesdays following Petersburg Mass is for Vocations and for Our Priests

\*Rosary on Wednesdays following Elgin Mass is for Vocations and for Our Priests

## Liturgical Schedule for Saturday-Sunday, June 11-12, 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
<b>Saturday</b> JUNE 11 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING	Charlee Wagner Peyton Wagner	Bruce Hoffman Mike Thramer	-----	Dennis & Sandi Finley	Leanne Tomjack	Follow Schedule	Kathy Arens
<b>Saturday</b> JUNE 11 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG	Natalie Pelster Kaitey Schumacher	Gene Knust Devin Knust	Money Counters: Shirley Henn Carolyn Beckman	-----	Lisa Schumacher	Alan & Jeanne Temme	Deacon John Starman  <b>To the Homebound:</b> Jeanne Temme
<b>Sunday</b> JUNE 12 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE	Kaiden Bode Aiden Klein	Jerry Schrage Spencer Heying	Rosary Leaders Mark & Carole Tharnish	Mark & Chris Grundmayer	Tami Schrage	Paul Kuhlman	Mark Grundmayer
<b>Sunday</b> JUNE 12 10:00 am St. Boniface ELGIN	Michael Selting Carter Selting	Phil Kluthe Ryan Lodge Bob Koenig Dave Linnaus	Eric & Brenda Meis Family- W, N & S	Jay & Kristen Evans Family	Briley Eisheid	Mark & Julie Dwyer	Pastor, Deacon Dennis, To the Homebound: *Larry & *Julie Borer *Andrew Childers
<b>Sunday</b> JUNE 12 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER	Ayden & Jayde Bazelman	Kelly Kerkman Anthony Kester	-----	Justin & Sara Ahlers	Tina Thiele- Blecher	Follow Schedule	Koryn Koinzan
<b>Sunday</b> JUNE 12 11:30 am St. John's DELOIT	Sharon Bartak	Jim Funk Dale Funk	-----	Jim & Bev Funk	Kelsi Schueth	Follow Schedule	John Knievel



God never takes a vacation from us, so we shouldn't take a vacation from God. If you are traveling this summer, contact [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find churches and Mass times around the U.S. There are also app versions available for the iPhone and Android that are free.



**Father Vogel Farewell  
Open House/Luncheon**  
Sunday, June 26  
Elgin KC Hall  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
(note the earlier start time)

Parishioners from our family of six parishes, are invited to attend and extend Father your thanks and well wishes! A card basket will be available, and everyone is invited to write in his card a personal memory, specific gratefulness or prayer to be offered on his behalf, to make it special!



### Confirmation Retreat Forms Due

Confirmation candidates, please email your Confirmation retreat forms to [bkerkman@cppnebraska.org](mailto:bkerkman@cppnebraska.org) or mail to:

Becky Kerkman  
c/o Faith Formation  
Box B  
Elgin, NE 68636  
Thanks!

## JOURNEY OF FAITH

A Video Series by Fr. Vogel, with each topic less than 3 minutes can help educate yourself and is a valuable resource. Each week we will be highlighting some of the short videos available to listen to.

### Pastoral Planning Series of Videos

\*Planning Process Timeline, \*Family of Parishes Model, \*Planning Parameters, \*Sunday Mass Parameters, \*Sunday Mass Parish Stats, \*Weekday Mass Parameters, \*Weekday Mass Parish Stats, \*Priority of the Sacraments, \*Sacraments Parish Stats

These videos and Father John's letter can be found on our website at

<https://cppnebraska.org/planning>

Other resources include:

the Archdiocese <https://journeyoffaith.org> website



When looking for loved ones burial plots, go to the billion graves website at [www.billiongraves.com](http://www.billiongraves.com).

There you will be able to locate what cemetery your loved one is buried at

and a picture and location. **NOTE: As of this Memorial Day 2022, Fr. Vogel has taken a total of 382,000 photos in 730 cemeteries in 6 states.**



Women's Fellowship

## OACCW SPIRITUALITY DAY

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Sacred Heart Parish Center  
2301 W. Madison Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

All women are invited to the OACCW Spirituality Day on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, Norfolk, NE. Registration will begin at 9:30 am. The Program will start at 10 am and finish at 2:00 pm. Guest Speaker: Rev. John Broheimer, Pastor of St. Peter-Omaha, will present "The Seven Sorrows of Mary". Registration cost of \$10 includes coffee, rolls and lunch. Pre-registration not required. Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church. For information, contact Lauren Bopp 402-553-7163 or [Lnd32186@cox.net](mailto:Lnd32186@cox.net)



**Christian Cross Festival**  
Saturday, June 11, 2022  
3:00 pm- 11:00 pm

This summer will mark the 18th anniversary of the Christian Cross Festival that takes place at Skyview Lake, Norfolk. It is free and open to the public. Headlining entertainers scheduled to perform this summer are Jordan Feliz, I AM THEY, CAIN, Love & The Outcome and Adelaide are the bands performing this year. "Again this year, we will have an awesome fireworks display to end the evening on Saturday night," Simonsen said. "The Christian Cross Festival offers children's activities, such as face painting, crafts and inflatables. We also have a prayer tent, food vendors and a ministry tent." For more information, go to [www.christiancrossfestival.org](http://www.christiancrossfestival.org) or the festival page on Facebook at CCrossFest.

## I-80 Collar Series

Presented by the Nebraska Knights of Columbus

The I-80 Collar Series is BACK! On June 12, priests from the Archdiocese of Omaha will play priests from the Diocese of Lincoln in a softball game to promote vocations and religious life. The game will be held at Tal Anderson Field at the UNO. Gates open at 3:00 pm. Game time is 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for youth ages 4-17. Family packs are \$30.00 for two adults and four children. Priests, religious and kids under 4 are free. Tickets can be purchased at SpiritCatholicRadio.com, Ticketmaster, UNO Baxter Arena ticket office, Cosgrave's and Gloria Deo stores. For more information, call Joe Bober at 402-290-7954 or Lou Gasper at 402-440-3028.

**[NOTE: Our priests are not participating this year.]**



**NOTE: Forms for all the following Retreats can be found in the back of ALL Churches or on this website.**

<https://cppnebraska.org/faith/#retreats>  
Register by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## GRATIA

**A Marian Retreat For Young Ladies  
Incoming 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades**

**Tuesday and Wednesday, July 19 & 20th, 2022**

**Tintern Retreat Center, Oakdale, NE**

This year's focus: the Rosary.

Contact Chelsea

at [acpreister@gmail.com](mailto:acpreister@gmail.com) // 402.270.7250  
for any questions!

## Legion of Joseph

**A Retreat for Young Men  
Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> grades**

**Wednesday and Thursday, July 13-14, 2022**

**Tintern Retreat Center, Oakdale NE**

This year's focus: Joseph the Father Figure  
(how to be more like Joseph).

Contact Becky

at [bkerkman@cppnebraska.org](mailto:bkerkman@cppnebraska.org) // 402.843.6043  
for any questions!

ALL PARISHES are reminded of the "Maintenance" Envelope in all your packet of envelopes. This is used to offset maintenance required at each parish.

## St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

05-30-22	Ed Hemenway	\$60.00
05-31-22	Tom & Bonnie Hoefer	\$60.00
06-01-22	Nancy Shavlik	\$60.00
06-02-22	Jessica Faust	\$60.00
06-03-22	Barbara Moser	\$60.00
06-04-22	Cheryl Veik	\$60.00
06-05-22	Ranae Wachter Feast of St. Boniface	\$85.00



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.



## July TEC Weekend

(Teens Encounter Christ)

**July 15-17, 2022**

at Tintern Retreat Center

TEC weekends are specifically designed for those going into their juniors and seniors year this fall in high school or older. Retreat fee is \$75. To register, please pick up an application form at the Elgin Parish Office or you can find one at <https://cppnebraska.org/faith/#retreats>. If you have questions, please contact Becky Kerkman at 843-6043. **You will be glad you said YES to TEC!**

**REGISTER NOW**

Young adults who have settled here after graduation, college or marriage are asked to please register as an adult member of the parish, even if you are married here. Once you graduate college or marry, you are no longer on our parish registrations. You may do so by stopping at the parish office, or calling to request a form. We are happy to have you in our parish.

## THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS: A JOURNEY INTO FREEDOM

June 17 - 18, 2022

St. Benedict Center, Schuyler

The Joy of Forgiveness: A Journey into Freedom Retreat will be held June 17 – 18, at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Sandy Hoenig, MA. Forgiving is the only way to stop the pain and bring hope for the future. Come on a "healing journey" through this practical, personal workshop. You'll discover that forgiveness is a profound emotional strength. Together we'll identify and process the stages of forgiveness and healing. You'll learn strategies you can use in your personal and/or professional life to avoid or resolve hurtful situations. Make peace with your past so you can go on with your life! Bring a journal. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Register now by calling (402) 352-8819.

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people."



**How has the gift of the Spirit enriched my life? How can I nurture the fruits of the Spirit in my daily living?**