



# 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

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 17, 2022



GROWING FAITH... AND A PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE...

It might seem like our job in Church-world is a no-brainer. Our job is to grow faith. However, growing faith is something that happens by necessity and opportunity. It really doesn't happen by chance. The capacity for faith is a grace and gift from God that we receive, oftentimes through Baptism as an infant. This capacity for faith is a guaranteed gift of God in the sacrament. Sometimes we don't receive this gift then, but the Lord prompts our heart at some other time in our life to pursue him.

Faith is also relational. This means that a program, process, or opportunity can provide an environment to grow in faith but having the environment does not guarantee that growth occurs. 'Growing faith' can be a hard thing to measure, but it is essential that we prioritize this in our faith communities and families.

The Journey of Faith process that the Archdiocese has us on is hoping to help us see where we are growing faith, evaluate our effectiveness, and see growth opportunities for our Family of Parishes. The goals are for flourishing parishes and for flourishing clergy.

The process is born of necessity. We have declining mass attendance numbers, demographic shifts, and declining numbers of priests. The way that we have "done more with less" in the past has often meant that the priest bears the brunt of more responsibilities, communities, and demands. Parish communities have then had to adjust to accommodate the priest's extra stretched schedule. Thirty years of living this way has strained our priests. To be blunt, this approach is killing priests and is unsustainable even if it wasn't killing us.

## PRUNING, FERTILIZING, AND TILLING

The Journey of Faith process starts by making the assumption that all of our parishes are on hospice. Declining mass attendance in our Archdiocese and in our family of parishes points to that reality. Our family of parishes planning team (FPPT) is gathering datapoints of engagement and attendance at our parish communities, apostolates, and programs. Then we are asked to look at how people's lives are changed by these experiences. Additionally, we are asked about how we invite newcomers to join us. How do we grow our community numbers and opportunities for our parishioners' faith to grow?

The tools that we have in our toolbox are familiar to gardeners: pruning, fertilizing, and tilling. Pruning involves trimming back on a plant to make it healthier. Fertilizing involves taking something that already exists and making it grow bigger or faster. Tilling involves preparing the soil for something new to grow. The Journey of Faith process is asking us to consider some of each.

In our parishes, pruning may mean cutting back on the number of activities to better accomplish our mission. We have eight churches in 'Family K' and we will only be permitted to have mass at six sites on a given weekend. Fertilizing means to better support an effort or activity to be more effective. Tilling allows us to consider what preparation it takes for us to consider something new. For example, if we wanted to grow a junior high / high school ministry of small groups, we would first need to train and prepare adults to be small group leaders.

Our FPPT planning team took some time to brainstorm and dream about what characteristics would belong to our Family of Parishes when we are flourishing, here's some of what we came up with...and I'm excited about working for these desires:

- Families practice their Catholic faith in their homes, share life together, eat meals together, spend intentional faith filled time together
- Families prioritize Sunday for God and rest
- Church full of young people... our whole community participating
- Parishes working together at events
- People wanting to get involved and volunteer
- Ownership & pride in our parishes and parish family
- Families and communities saying "NO" to extra activities and opportunities that do not feed their soul
- Smiles and greetings to one another at Church
- Belonging, being known and not nameless
- Parishioners arrive for their assigned ministries
- Generosity of time, talent, and resources

Peace,

# St. Boniface Elgin

## Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday (41 Env)	\$4,842.50
Mission Cooperation	\$115.00
Maintenance	\$50.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 2	
Budgeted Total	\$9,019.60
Actual Total	\$6,835.50
Amount Behind	(\$2,184.10)

**St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure: Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Jolene Lichty, Terry Dinslage, Dave Shrader, Chris Stargel, Matt Golden, John King, Janet Sorenson, Barb Ziegler, Judy Stiemle, Vicky Kolterman, Dominic Cullenward, Charlotte Cullenward, Infant Graham Sayers, Al Haines, Lucy Knieval, Gary Hamik, Scott Preister, Juli Patrowsky, Jan Dozler, Marcia Redler, Jim Camp, Al Schmid, Darrell Getzfred, Patricia Wilkinson, Lee Studley, Teresa Moore, Aubree Lemke, Adam Kester. **Parishioners:** Neil Childers, Marie Cheatum, Loretta Zegers, Pat Evans, Donna Mackel, Gene Heithoff, Anonymous, Juan Hoefler, Gloria Lordemann, Marin Schindler, Chris Baum, LaVerne Hoefler, George Childers, Gladys Bauer, Diane Kerkman, newborn Fallon Sue Heying, Phyllis Tharnish John Starman, Lyle & Betty Mackel, Leeann Skillstad. **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

## St. Boniface School Calendar Lottery Winners:

07-11-22	Deb Warren	\$60.00
07-12-22	Melissa Heithoff	\$60.00
07-13-22	Kaitlyn & Natalie Pelster	\$60.00
07-14-22	Brianna Sullivan	\$60.00
07-15-22	Brian & Kathy Dinslage	\$60.00
07-16-22	Andy Beckman	\$60.00
07-17-22	Greg Henn	\$75.00

Pope John is seeking an assistant coach for the Musical. This is a paid position. Duties include assisting with the Musical selection, tryouts, and practices. Contact Lisa Schumacher at 402-843-5325 for more information.

*Pope John/St. Boniface is seeking a piano accompanist for school concerts and district music contests. Please contact Lisa Schumacher if you are interested or know someone who might be interested.*



Please pray for the soul of **Marilyn Hoffman** of Greta, NE. Marilyn is the sister-in-law to Sister Patricia Hoffman of St. Boniface Parish. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



**St. Boniface Circle 5 & 6 households are asked to Clean Church Thursday, July 21.** You may clean at a time that works for you and there will be a list on the back credenza you can mark off, as to what has been completed. Thank you.

**St. Boniface Bazaar Committee will meet Wednesday, July 27 at 7:00 pm in the Sister Agathina Meeting Room in the convent.** Members of the Bazaar Committee include the Christian Mother's Officers, Food Chairs, all Parish Council members, and the heads of the raffle, games and sausage. An agenda will be mailed to members prior to the meeting.



## How it works:

**Make a donation to Pope John's "Restore the Roof" Fund by July 23, 2022.** Tell us what "Class" your from. Winning class will get to leave their mark on the school with a hallway banner that says, "Class of ?? Rules". Donations can be sent to PJCC, PO Box 179, Elgin, NE, 68636 or online at [pjcrusaders.org/alumni-challenge](http://pjcrusaders.org/alumni-challenge).

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**St. Boniface Gym will be closed for floor refinishing July 30 through August 5.** No entry to any part of the gym will be allowed. Please plan accordingly.

## Mark your Calendar

**St. Boniface Spring Benefit Auction**  
Saturday, March 18, 2023

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

### Financial Stewardship

#### St. Peter's Ewing

July 9: \$519.00

#### St. John's Deloit

July 10: \$893.00 Mission Coop: \$10.00  
Catholic Communications: \$20.00

#### St. Theresa's

July 10: \$1,600.00  
Mission Coop: \$170.00

### 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 Knieval 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 Christian Mother's Worklist is now hung up on the bulletin board in the entrance of church, for the ladies of the parish to sign up for what they wish.**

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

Day	Date	Time	Events
Monday	July 18	Noon	<b>EARLY Bulletin Deadline</b> for July 24 <sup>th</sup> Bulletin/August Calendar Items
Monday	July 18	7:30 pm	St. John's Deloit Rosary & Meditation
Tues-Wed	July 19-20	-----	Gratia Girls Retreat at Tintern Retreat Center
Tuesday	July 19	6:00 pm	St. John's Petersburg Mowing of Cemetery (Last Names R-Z)
Wednesday	July 20	-----	<b>NO</b> Confessions at St. Boniface Church
Thursday	July 21	-----	St. Boniface Circle 5 & 6 Cleans Church (at time that works for you)
Friday	July 22	-----	Wedding Rehearsal at St. John's Petersburg
Saturday	July 23	-----	PJ 55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass/Meal/Open House for Alumni at Pope John

## St. John's Petersburg

### Financial Stewardship

#### St. John's Petersburg

July 10: \$797.00  
Mission Appeal: \$10.00



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

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

**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.

### ONCE A MONTH CLUB

#### St. John's Petersburg Winners - June 2022

\$75.00 Steve Faust  
\$75.00 Shirley Henn  
\$50.00 Marty Henn  
\$50.00 Rita Schrage  
\$50.00 Jerry Faust  
\$50.00 Lynnette Seier  
\$50.00 Eric & Tori Petsche  
\$50.00 Angela Temme  
\$50.00 Aaron & Emily Knust  
\$50.00 Ralph Pelster  
\$50.00 Judy Petsche  
\$50.00 Dale Salber  
\$50.00 Through Abbie's Lens

The auction committee is accepting donations of money, items or concert/husker tickets for the St. John's Parish Bazaar Auction. Please contact Gene (402-843-8410) and Theresa Knust (402-386-5426) or [tark8862@icloud.com](mailto:tark8862@icloud.com) or Dave (402-843-8861) and Jeanette Henn at [jhenn526@gmail.com](mailto:jhenn526@gmail.com) or 402-843-8460.



St. John's Fall Festival/Bazaar Sign Up Sheets are in the Main West Entrance of Church - Please take a moment to sign up. Thank You. Altar Society

### ONCE A MONTH CLUB

#### St. John's Petersburg Winners - July 2022

\$75.00 Alan Faust  
\$75.00 Jonathan Temme  
\$50.00 Holy Myers  
\$50.00 Scott Seier  
\$50.00 Chuck Borer  
\$50.00 Duane Kuhlman  
\$50.00 Chrissy Norman  
\$50.00 Fr. John Norman  
\$50.00 Chris Norman  
\$50.00 Miranda Carpenter  
\$50.00 Larry Pelster  
\$50.00 Megan Dannelly  
\$50.00 Lauren & Jeremy Borer

Our **"NICE TO THE KNEES"** campaign for the new kneelers is currently in need of \$940.00 left 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.

Let God's promises  
shine on your problems

## St. Bonaventure Raeville

### Financial Stewardship

#### St. Bonaventure Raeville

Sunday Collection (16 Env.)	\$1,502.00
"Raes of Sunlight" Windows Project	\$1,020.00
Cemetery	\$25.00
Missionary Appeal	\$10.00

Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 2

Budgeted Total	\$2,000.00
Actual Total	\$2,545.50
Amount Ahead	\$545.50

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



### St. Bonaventure Parish

#### **"RAES OF SUNLIGHT"**

Please consider contributing to the "Raes of Sunlight" Special Building Fund, which need to be covered by storm glass due to dry rot.

Goal: \$75,000.00

Amount received to date: \$25,384.00

## Mass Intentions for the week.....

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cele</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	
Monday	July 18	8:15 am	Elgin	DW	Communion Service	
Tuesday	July 19	-----	Elgin	--	No Mass	
Tuesday	July 19	-----	Petersb.	--	No Mass	
Wednesday	July 20	-----	Elgin	--	No Mass	
Wednesday	July 20	-----	Clearw.	---	No Mass	
Thursday	July 21	8:30 am	Ewing	JS	+Sharon Ward	
Thursday	July 21	-----	Raeville	---	No Mass	
Friday	July 22	8:15 am	Elgin	JS	+Larry Shavlik	
Friday	July 22	8:30 am	Deloit	JN	+Cletus & Jean Muff	
Saturday	July 23	2:00 pm	Peters.	JN	Wedding of Jacob Krings/Paige Ketteler	
Saturday	July 23	5:30 pm	Ewing	FG	For the People of Our Parishes	
Saturday	July 23	5:30 pm	Elgin	SB	Liv. & Dec. Pope John Alumni	Cele: Fr. Boes/Fr. Moser
Saturday	July 23	7:00 pm	Petersb.	JN	+Jeff Scholl	
Sunday	July 24	8:00 am	Raeville	JN	+Lawrence & Reola Pelster	
Sunday	July 24	10:00 am	Elgin	JN	+Duane Childers	
Sunday	July 24	10:00 am	Clearw.	FG	+Jerome & Betty Temme	FG= Fr. Michael Gadache
Sunday	July 24	11:30 am	Deloit	FG	+Floyd Henn & Cindy Bohaboj	

### Liturgical Schedule for Saturday-Sunday, July 23-24, 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 JULY 23 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING</b>	Charlee Wagner Peyton Wagner	Kevin Schrunk Kevin Koenig	-----	Greg Napier Family	Kathy Arens	Follow Schedule	Leanne Tomjack
<b>Sunday JULY 23 5:30 pm St. Boniface ELGIN</b>  PJ Alumni Mass	Matthew Kerkman Carter Selting	Steve Kerkman Bill Mescher Travis Eischeid Austin Meis	Gary & Jayne Arehart Paul & Brenda Kuhlman Travis & Sara Morris	Rick & Jan Starman & Family	Tracy Beckman	Rachel Becker & Moser Siblings	Pastor, Priests in attendance
<b>Saturday JULY 23 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG</b>	Natalie Pelster Kaitey Schumacher	Derek Stuhr Vet Stuhr	<u>Money Counters:</u> Carolyn Beckman Shirley Henn	-----	Cindy Temme	Jan, Jeff & Rod	Deacon John Starman  <b><u>To the Homebound:</u></b> Larry Pelster
<b>Sunday JULY 24 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE</b>	Samantha Stuhr Kaiden Bode	Bryan Bode Jake Grundmayer	<u>Rosary Leaders</u> Ken & Joan Stuhr	Cyril & Joyce Pelster	Mark Grundmayer	Paul Kuhlman	Chris Grundmayer
<b>Sunday JULY 24 10:00 am St. Boniface ELGIN</b>	Elizabeth Moser Lillian Moser	Mike Schmitt Dean Schrage Mark Schrage Paul Schrage	Alan & Michelle Reicks Family- W Mark & Brenda Schrage - N & S	Dave & Tracy Hoefer	Betty Kallhoff	Deb Baum Becky Kerkman	Pastor, Deacon Dennis <b><u>To the Homebound:</u></b> *Dave & *Gwen Beckman *JoAnn Beckman
<b>Sunday JULY 24 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER</b>	Kyah Bruhn Abyrille Kester	Ted Mlnarik Chris Moser	-----	Jarod & Tammy Bearinger	Connie Cronin	Follow Schedule	John Moser
<b>Sunday JULY 24 11:30 am St. John's DELOIT</b>	Alec Schindler	Marty Kerkman Doug Schueth	-----	Fred & Marlene Knievel	Lisa Mlnarik	Follow Schedule	Sharon Bartak

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**PJ Alumni & Adult Guests**  
Please join us for  
**Pope John XXIII  
Central Catholic  
All School Reunion**  
Saturday, July 23, 2022  
*Help us celebrate 55 Years!*

Events:

**Softball Tourney** in Petersburg

**Alumni Mass** at 5:30 pm at St. Boniface Church

**Open House** at Pope John following Mass until 8 pm

**Social Time** 6:30 pm- Midnight (bring your ID)

**Buffet-Style Meal** (suggested \$10 per person donation)

Served from 7-8:30 pm East of Pope John

*Bring along your lawn chairs if you wish.*

**Note: If you would like to wish Sister Pat  
A "Happy Retirement", she will be in attendance.**



**Early Bulletin Deadline  
for the July 24 Bulletin**  
is this **MONDAY NOON, July 18.**  
This is also the August Calendar deadline.  
Thank you!



**Maria  
Regina  
Cleri**

Our Maria Regina Cleri Group has made available a new Priest Prayer Card. We encourage everyone to pray regularly for our priests, so these cards have been made available at the main entrances of all our churches. Thank you for your support of our priests.



Many, many thanks to everyone who made our Confirmation retreat possible. Special thanks goes to Mary Jane Bauer, Terry Reicks, and Zach Eischeid for giving their time and helping run the retreat. Thank you Crystal Kester for sleeping in the dorm with the girls. Thank you Curt & Amy Thiele for the generous food donation and for Brian and Clarissa Stuhr for preparing all our delicious food. Finally, thank you Father Sund and Father John for spending so much of your valuable time with us.

Becky Kerkman-Coordinator



Corrected Date  
**Congratulations**  
**Deacon Dennis Wiehn and Rose**  
**on the 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your**  
**Deacon Ordination**  
**July 17, 1983**

We appreciate all the ways you bless our parishes with your vocations!

## Retrouvaille

August 12-14, 2022

*Matrimony: A calling to forgive!*

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

**Retrouvaille offers the following:**

\*\*A welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage.

\*\*Hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage.

\*\*Helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored.

\*\*Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about the program, call 1-800-470-2230 or go to [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) and [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)



## What does the Vocation Committee do with "Pennies From Heaven"?

**United with Our Family of Parishes, a few of the yearly/monthly events such as:** Pennies From Heaven, Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Vocations, Valentines Cards to the Widows/Widowers, Anniversary Cards for special anniversaries, the Bona-Fide write up on vocations and monetary support for several seminarians each year, there have been some newer projects in the last five years.

**The Gratia Retreat for Young Women at Tintern** is a success, especially this year with 37 young lady campers wanting to learn how to be more like Mother Mary!

**The Legion of Joseph**, our newest retreat is for young men who want to live as an example of Joseph, a father figure. Each year the retreat becomes more popular as the word gets out and more boys attend! We are very excited about these two retreats!!!!

**This summer, we started setting up a Vocation Table at Pope John School with help from Mrs. Schumacher.** The table, set up in the front hall will have vocation information, Priestly Vocation books to take home and keep, while other Catholic books such as graphic novels, etc. are to be read and returned.

**For St. Boniface School, traveling totes will circulate from classroom to classroom.** The totes will carry graphic novels about our faith, the virtues, the saints plus an assortment of other books to help plant the seeds for vocations! If anyone would like to donate books toward these two projects, please contact Karen Eischeid or Cheryl Veik.

**Our newest project, is another retreat!!!** This one, a one school day retreat at Tintern for young men in the 8th grade from all the surrounding rural schools in our area. Thoughts are to have seminarians, Deacons, the Vocation Director, and possibly Archbishop Lucas join us for a day of facts, fun and food...and Mass!! This retreat would be quite a blessing if we could get this to be a reality!!

## 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.



**Our Missionary this year is: Fr. Michael Gadache Ahmadu.** Fr. Gadache currently serves as Associate Pastor at St. Piux X in Omaha.

## Our Updated Missionary Weekends this summer are:

July 23- 24 - Northern Tier  
August 27-28 - Southern Tier

## Minna Diocese Mission Coop Collection



Next weekend at the northern masses, Fr. Michael Gadache Ahmadu will speak about the missionary work of the Diocese of Minna in Nigeria. Minna Diocese was established in 1973 and has continued the work of Irish missionaries begun in 1911 by ministering to a poor and rural population. For 106 years the Diocese of Minna has continued her work of mission and social justice to

all poor rural dwellers within the Diocese through the provision of medical care through our rural and mobile clinics, the building schools, the education of seminarians and the digging of wells for clean water to improve sanitary conditions of the rural poor. Thank you for remembering the Missionary work of the Church in the world.

**Reminder that there are Mission Appeal envelopes in your contribution packets to use for supporting the missions.**