

# 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

Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022



## SPIRITUAL OIL CHANGE... A CHECKUP OF SORTS

We don't believe that God lives disinterested and distant from us. We believe that God is present in our lives and is active in our lives...wherever that takes us and wherever that takes him. Because God is interested in our hearts, he never stops seeking to initiate a deeper relationship with us. In the book of Revelation 3:20, Jesus says, "Behold I stand at the door and knock."

It's not unlike a spiritual oil change. My life as a priest includes a lot of miles in the car. Every so many miles, I need to stop and see the mechanic and get an oil change. When this happens, my car gets a 'look over' to see if something is out of alignment. At times in my life, my relationship with Jesus needs a 'look over', because he could be knocking at the door of my heart and be unheard or unheeded.

As Jesus makes the invitation, I want to be able to respond. Even more, Jesus gives me the grace at a given moment to say 'yes' where I might normally hesitate. This Fall gives us an invitation to see where we are in our relationship with the Lord.

## BECOMING CATHOLIC...OR AT LEAST INVESTIGATING IT...

The Greek word 'catholicos' means universal... and that means that the Catholic Church is meant to have a welcome mat. If you are not Catholic and are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and our beliefs and practices, we host 'classes' and discussion in a process called RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a way to learn about our faith and decide if you would like to join. We take the time to learn and discuss. I'd be happy to discuss this opportunity with anyone interested. This year we have a team approach for this process... with an RCIA info meeting on Sunday, September 18 at 2PM at River Mill Coffee Company in Neligh. Fr. Sund or I would be happy to discuss your situation's specifics. Call my office direct 531-205-2121 or email me [jnorman@cppnebraska.org](mailto:jnorman@cppnebraska.org).

## CATCHING UP ON SACRAMENTS...IT'S POSSIBLE

Sacraments are privileged moments of grace given to us. Sometimes life circumstances and changes mean that we missed out on receiving a sacrament when others did. Sometimes there are circumstances that delay the Baptism of a child, sometimes we've never received or used the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sometimes we've never received Holy Communion for the first time, or maybe we were never Confirmed. It is possible to be prepared for these sacraments and receive them. Please know that the opportunity is there. This year we have a team approach for this process... with an information meeting on Sunday, September 18 at 2PM at River Mill Coffee Company in Neligh. Fr. Sund or I would be happy to discuss your situation's specifics. Call my office phone directly at 531-205-2121 or email me [jnorman@cppnebraska.org](mailto:jnorman@cppnebraska.org).

## MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Since marriage is considered a sacrament in the Catholic Church, it is important to have your marriage relationship recognized under the laws of the Catholic Church. Sometimes our life situations are complex and complicated. We want to offer a desire to help and a willingness to walk with you through steps to bring resolution or healing as best we can. Sometimes regularizing a situation is very straightforward and sometimes it can take time with an annulment process. But since this is important, we want to offer to accompany you in this way. Please don't hesitate to reach out and talk through your situation. Sometimes you can have a feeling that "I want to get this worked out"... remember that asking and getting the information is a first step that lets you decide how to proceed.

## GROWING IN FAITH... MATURING IN FAITH...

One of the scriptural images that I find so helpful is the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35). They are making a journey, and Jesus draws near to them. They don't recognize him, but he is there. Jesus starts a conversation that prompts their hearts. The tug in their hearts made it the right moment to respond to Jesus. When they finally recognize Jesus, they realize he was there with them along the way.

In our own lives, we can sometimes stall our walk of faith by saying, "Why now?" The truth is that the moment when the Lord knocks or when Jesus tugs at our heart is the right moment to respond. There's a bit of mystery about why my story is told one way and another's story unfolds a different way. We are meant to rejoice in the fact that Jesus is writing our own unique story of salvation. We are made for union with him.

We want to respond to that knock at the door of our heart.

Peace,

# St. Boniface Elgin

## Financial Stewardship- St. Boniface- Elgin

Sunday (55 Env)	\$4,521.50
Holy Day	\$688.75
P.I.E. (Partners in Education)	\$275.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 7	
Budgeted Total	\$31,568.60
Actual Total	\$28,441.30
Amount Behind	(\$3,127.30)

### 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, 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, Lee Studley, Aubree Lemke, Adam Kester, Helen Dvorak, Brenda Papstein, Buggs Henn, Tristian Dredge, Teresa Moore, Fr. Jim Krampfer.

**Parishioners:** Neil Childers, Marie Cheatum, Loretta Zegers, Pat Evans, Donna Mackel, Gene Heithoff Juan Hoefler, Gloria Lordemann, Marin Schindler, Chris Baum, George Childers, Diane Kerkman, infant Fallon Sue Heying, Phyllis Tharnish, Ann Beckman.

**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:

08-15-22	John Faust	Assumption	\$100.00
08-16-22	Larry Zegers		\$60.00
08-17-22	Harlie Bode		\$60.00
08-18-22	Sandi Henn		\$60.00
08-19-22	Elizabeth Moser		\$60.00
08-20-22	John Beckman (Hartington)		\$60.00
08-21-22	Gerald Gondering		\$75.00



### Sweet Corn Time!

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



**St. Boniface Christian Mothers will meet this Monday, August 22 at 7:00 pm in the Sr. Agathina Meeting Rm in the Convent.**

*Since we haven't met recently, we have many important topics. We hope you can attend.*



**St. Boniface and Pope John School Parents** are reminded that the **Free and Reduced Lunch forms** that were in your school packet are due. New parents and anyone who did not fill out a form in prior years are to turn theirs now, as soon as you can, and parents who filled out one prior years, are asked to do so **by September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Filling these forms out if you qualify is a big help to our program and to our school.

## Prayer for New School Year



Pray for Our Students

"God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give

them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."



Please pray for the soul of St. Boniface Parishioner **Gladys Bauer** who passed away last week. Gladys is the mother of Bob (Mary) Bauer of our parishes. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Our Vocation Committee Meeting for our Parishes will be held Thursday, September 8 at 9:30am at the St. Boniface Meeting Room in the convent. Also need someone from St. Peter's/Ewing to join our Vocation group. If interested or with questions, contact Cheryl Veik at 843-8023 or Karen Eischeid 843-5987.**



We welcome **Wynter Gram Garcia** daughter of Casey & Kelli Garcia who was baptized this weekend at St. Boniface Church.

## General News

### Family Faith Formation

**Family Formation (Grades K-6)** begins Wednesday, August 31 for both our southern and northern tiers. The Family Formation model includes one Family Mass, once a month at 6:00 pm with Student Class to follow along with Parent Talk by Father Sund, from 6:30-7:15 pm. It also includes one Student/Teacher (only) Class, once a month from 5:00-6:00 pm. Southern tier meets at St. Boniface & Northern tier meets at St. Theresa's. The other weeks students work with their parents at home, with educational packets. **If you wish to send your child/children and are not already registered, please contact our Faith Formation Coordinator, Becky Kerkman at 402-843-6043 or bkerkman@cppnebraska as soon as possible so materials can be ordered.**

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

Day	Date	Time	Events
Monday	August 22	7:00 pm	St. Boniface Altar Society Meeting in Convent
Monday	August 22	7:30 pm	St. John's Deloit Rosary & Meditation
Tuesday	August 23	Noon	<b>Bulletin Deadline</b> for August 28 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday	August 24	9:30 am	Bible Study at St. Dominic's Hall in Ewing (Session 2)
Wednesday	August 24	5-5:30 pm	Confessions at St. Boniface Church (Fr. John)
Sat/Sun	August 27-28	-----	Pennies From Heaven Containers at All Church Entrances
Sunday	August 28	2:00 pm	Archdiocese Marriage Celebration Mass at St. Mary's in Norfolk
Sunday	August 28	7:00 pm	Pope John Homecoming Coronation & Festivities at St. Boniface Gym

### St. Peter's

#### Financial Stewardship

##### St. Peter's Ewing

August 13: \$1,426.00  
Assumption: \$150.00

##### St. John's Deloit

August 14: \$675.00  
Missionary: \$50.00

##### St. Theresa's

August 14: \$1,377.97  
Assumption Holy Day: \$40.00

#### FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

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

**St. John's:** Fr. Jim Kramper, 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)



#### You Can Still Join!

### SEEKING TRUTH Catholic Bible Study

Bible Study at St. Peter de Alcantara's, Ewing, started recently. Inviting parishioners of Catholic Parishes in Partnership to begin a new session of Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study. This year we are studying **MOSES and TORAH**, **started last Wednesday, August 17**, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Dominic's Hall, Ewing. **We meet weekly, and there are 23 lessons. For more information or to register, contact Elaine Thoendel at 402-340-5176 or elaine@tlc-ne.com.**

You will personally benefit from being part of this study and growing in deeper love and understanding of the Biblical roots of our faith. You will also grow in fellowship and friendship with other parishioners as we grow closer to Christ together. Mass and the sacraments come to life in the understanding of their scriptural basis. You will enjoy lively group discussion in a warm atmosphere and the stimulating media presentations of each lesson by teaching director Sharon Doran. **We'd love to have you join us.**

### St. Theresa's



**St. Theresa's Parish Fundraiser will be coming up September 18** from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. We will be serving pancakes, French toast, sausage and scrambled eggs. We will also have the drawing for our parish raffle. Everyone is invited to join us. Free will offering.



*Congratulations to*  
**Justin & Kelsi (Havlovic) Funk**  
who were married this weekend at St. Theresa's Church.

### St. Bonaventure Raeville

#### Financial Stewardship

##### St. Bonaventure Raeville

Sunday Collection (14 Env.)	\$736.25
Rae's of Sunlight	\$7,000.00
Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 7	
Budgeted Total	\$7,000.00
Actual Total	\$8,161.51
Amount Ahead	\$1,161.51

**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**, for covering the remainder of our church windows with storm glass, to protect them from dry rot.

**Goal: \$75,000.00**

**Amount received to date: \$39,034.00**

**PLEASE HELP US WITH THE  
REMAINING COST, IF YOU CAN.**



**Thank you to the St. Bonaventure Quilters for their \$2,000 donation to the "Raes of Sunlight" Fund. It was much appreciated!**

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

Day	Date	Time	Location	Cele	Intentions
Monday	August 22	8:15 am	Elgin	DW	Communion Service
Tuesday	August 23	8:15 am	Elgin	JS	+Helen Henn
Tuesday	August 23	8:30 am	Petersb.	JN	+Lois Beckman Avalon
Wednesday	August 24	8:15 am	Elgin	JS	+Harold & Lucille Benda
Wednesday	August 24	8:30 am	Clearw.	JN	+Paul & Charlotte Hoefler
Wednesday	August 24	5-5:30 pm	Elgin	JN	Confessions at St. Boniface Church (Fr. John)
Thursday	August 25	8:30 am	Ewing	JN	+Stanley, Liz & Jack Bartak
Thursday	August 25	8:30 am	Raeville	JS	+Paysen Ann Guthard
Friday	August 26	8:15 am	Elgin	JS	+Al & Mary Helen Schrage, Andrew Peterson & Kyle Warren
Friday	August 26	8:30 am	Deloit	JN	+Paulette Walnofer Anderson
Saturday	August 27	5:30 pm	Ewing	JS	+John & Anna Ruther Family
Saturday	August 27	7:00 pm	Petersb.	MA	+Lawrence & Reola Pelster MA= Fr. Michael Gadache Ahmadu
Sunday	August 28	8:00 am	Raeville	MA	+Rudy Starman
Sunday	August 28	10:00 am	Elgin	MA	+Ursilla, Phil & Kathy Stoltz
Sunday	August 28	10:00 am	Clearw.	JS	For the People of Our Parishes
Sunday	August 28	11:30 am	Deloit	JS	+Sam & Joan Stearns

\*Rosary on Tuesdays prior to 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, August 27-28, 2022

Weekend	Servers	Ushers	Greeters-Elg. Rosary Ldrs-Rae. Money – Petersb.	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	E.M.H.C. No Precious Blood *To the Homebound
Saturday AUGUST 27 5:30 pm St. Peter's EWING	Michael Koenig	Dan Koenig Ed Nordby	-----	Kevin & Lisa Schrunck Family	Candi Hoke	Follow Schedule	Aaron Hoke
Saturday AUGUST 27 7:00 pm St. John's PETERSBURG	Kaci Wies Karli Wies	Chase Preister Scott Preister	Money Shirley Henn Jay Pelster	-----	Anita Krohn	Guitar Group	Deacon John Starman <b>To the Homebound:</b> Rod Stuhr
Sunday AUGUST 28 8:00 am St. Bonaventure RAEVILLE	Anna Stuhr Samantha Stuhr	Bryan Bode Jake Grundmayer	Rosary Leaders Fred & Mary Ann Fangman	Anthony & Sarah Hemenway Family	Eric Lordemann	Paul Kuhlman	Tami Schrage
Sunday AUGUST 28 10:00 am St. Boniface ELGIN	Landyn Veik Sawyer Veik	Dave Eischeid Ron Eischeid Travis Eischeid Bill Eischeid	Karen Eischeid-W Ron & Linda Eischeid- N & S	Bernie & Diane Kluthe	Briley Eischeid	Deb Baum Becky Kerkman	Pastor, Deacon Dennis <b>To the Homebound:</b> *Linda Kerkman *Ashley Niewohner
Sunday AUGUST 28 10:00 am St. Theresa's CLEARWATER	Shaylie Kester Isabella Kester	Ron Thiele Jarod Bearinger	-----	Lyle & Twyla Erhardt	Carol Kester	Follow Schedule	Jennifer Kester
Sunday AUGUST 28 11:30 am St. John's DELOIT	Cecelia Mlnarik	Jason Schindler Chris Tagel	-----	Josh & Lisa Mlnarik	Marilyn Sehi	Follow Schedule	Elaine Kimes

**Live without pretending, Love without depending,  
Listen without defending, Speak without offending.**

# St. John's Petersburg

## Financial Stewardship St. John's Petersburg

August 13: \$1,507.00  
Kneelers: \$700.00

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

### WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Our **"NICE TO THE KNEES"** campaign for the new kneelers has reached their goal! Thank you to all who donated.



Come one - Come All!  
**St. John's  
Parish Bazaar**  
Sunday, September 4, 2022  
Werner Hall, Petersburg  
Sunday, September 4  
11:00 am- 1:00 pm

**Serving:** Roast Beef & Sausage, mashed potatoes w/gravy, cucumber salad, macaroni salad, home-grown sweet corn, and desserts. Adults \$15; Children \$8 for ages 12 & under. Air-conditioned hall with Live Auction, Big Raffle, Quilt Raffle, Gun Raffle, Social Garden, and Bingo. Please come & enjoy a day of Good Food & Fun!

**Needed:** We are still in need of sweet corn, cucumbers and tomatoes for the St. John's Petersburg Parish Bazaar Dinner. Please have these items to the hall by 8:30 AM on Saturday morning September 3<sup>rd</sup>.



We are also still need workers for the dinner!  
Sign up sheet in church.



Live Auction following the meal.  
Big Raffle Top Prizes: \$1,000, \$800, \$600, \$500, Apple Watch & much more. Total prizes worth over \$7,000. Raffle Tickets can be purchased at Rae Valley Market, St. John's Parishioners or call Gary & Kathy Seier 402-843-8805. Tickets also available in the back of Elgin, Raeville and Petersburg Churches. Return tickets and money in marked envelope by August 27<sup>th</sup> in the weekly collections, in any of the churches.

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) or Dave (402-843-8861) and Jeanette Henn at or 402-843-8460.

*All are invited for this fun day!*

Help Wanted: K-12 PRE (Parish Religious Education teachers needed for 2022-2023 school year in Albion. This includes St. John's students. Please call or text Lisa Wagner at 308-750-0423.

## General News

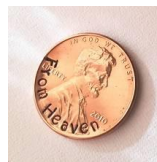
### Minna Diocese Mission Coop Collection



Next weekend, August 27-28 at the southern 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.** There will be a second collection following Communion next week, in our Southern tier.

### **Pennies from Heaven: August 27-28**



**Pennies from Heaven is an initiative started by The Vocation Committee to help raise funds for our Family of Parishes to directly support and foster religious vocations.** Pennies from Heaven containers will be at the entrances of all the churches in our grouping the last full weekend of each month. Everyone is encouraged to "drop their spare change" in the container, as those donations do add up. In the past these funds have been used to support seminarians from our area and from the Archdiocese, fund student vocation contest, Norfolk Serran Club dues, vocation materials, etc. **Please continue to pray for Vocations as well.**

**Ascension Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew, starting Monday, September 12 at 4:00 pm in the St. Francis Catholic Church Hall. All welcome! Please call Kathy Sauser 402-841-5427 by September 1,** so that needed books can be ordered along with any questions you might have. All are welcome.



OACCW Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention, Monday, September 19, 2022 will be held in Fremont at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 3400 E. 16th St.. OUCCW -Omaha Urban Deanery Council of Catholic Women hosting. **"Behold, I Am with You Always" is the 2022 Convention Theme.** Registration for the 98th OACCW Convention forms are available on-line OACCW.org or from your Deanery President. Return registration form with \$25.00, payable to OUCCW, by **September 12**. Mail to: Ann Hobson, 12529 Eagle Run Dr., Omaha, NE 68164. [ahobson1@cox.net](mailto:ahobson1@cox.net) or call 402-658-1280.

Registration begins at 7:30 am., with coffee & rolls, Rosary at 8:00 am. and the morning session, Mass at 11:00 am. with Archbishop Lucas. Guest Speaker: Stacy Thomlison, shares the story of her journey to the Catholic Faith and the Joy that Christ brings to her life. Tom Venzor, Nebraska Catholic Conference.

The day also includes Lunch, raffle prizes and a day of Spirituality, Fellowship and Fun. The Eucharistic Miracles Panels will be on display throughout the day to view during breaks.



*"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!*

## THE SOLO PROJECT - TWO NIGHTS FREE!

Join us for two nights free at  
St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, NE!

This offer is specifically for those who have never spent a night at the Center. Come by yourself or with a friend!

The Solo Project was made possible by a generous donation to St. Benedict Center. The donor's first time by himself on retreat was life-changing for him. He wants as many people as possible to experience St. Benedict Center, Schuyler. Schedule your retreat by calling (402) 352-8819.

The EWTN FALL Schedules from September-November 2022 are available in the parishes.



## Bible Study Videos Available

Want to get a group started? St. Boniface/St. Bonaventure has the following Bible Study Videos that you may want to check-out to use, from the Elgin Parish Office.

- The Mass (CD & DVD) 4 Sessions
- Mary (DVD) 8 Sessions
- Walk Through Eternity (CD & DVD) 8 Sessions
- Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible (CD & DVD) 8 Sessions
- Psalms (CD & DVD) 10 Sessions
- James (CD & DVD) 10 Sessions
- Revelations (CD & DVD) 11 Sessions
- Matthew (CD & DVD) 24 Sessions
- Bible Timeline (CD & DVD) 26 Sessions
- Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible (DVD) 8 Sessions



## Want to receive your bulletin each week by email through Flocknote?

Just let us know to sign you up by emailing us at [parish@cppnebraska.org](mailto:parish@cppnebraska.org) and ask to be added. Please provide primary email address(s), so you receive weekly email of bulletin and Father's comments, (and cell phones if wish to receive more immediate notification, which is very limited).



Online EMHC and Lector training is available by Zoom mainly in the month of August, for those wishing to

help their parishes out in this way! Catholics in good standing, who are at least a junior in high school, through adulthood can sign up starting August 2 by using the following link

[https://archdioceseofomaha.formstack.com/forms/emh\\_c\\_lector\\_liturgical\\_formation\\_registration\\_2022](https://archdioceseofomaha.formstack.com/forms/emh_c_lector_liturgical_formation_registration_2022)

If you have trouble signing up this way, we can register you by calling the Elgin Parish Office, 402-843-2345.

