

# 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  
Fr. John Norman, Pastor Fr. Joseph Sund, Associate Pastor

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 7th, 2023**

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## This Week in Our Parishes...

Date	Time	Event
5-7	8am	St. Bonaventure Honor's Sunday
5-8	7pm	St. Boniface/Pope John Spring Concert
5-8	7:30pm	Rural St. John Rosary/Meditation
5-10	5-5:30p	Confessions at St. Boniface Elgin
5-10	7pm	JC Camp Counselor Mtg (Boniface Church Basement)
5-11	9:15am	Pope John 7-12 Academic Awards, 6th Gr. Promotion, Senior Recognition in gym, following 8:15 am Senior Mass
5-12	11:00a	St. Boniface PreK Promotion (Gym)
5-14	1:30p	Pope John XXIII Graduation

## OUR GRADUATES

CLASS OF 2023

Fr. John, Fr. Sund, and all of our parishioners want to congratulate all our area high school graduates!

### St. Boniface, Elgin

**Carter Beckman**, son of John & Tracy Beckman  
**Linus Borer**, son of David & Lindy Borer  
**Taylynne Charf**, daughter of Stacy & Danelle Charf  
**Matthew Dilly**, son of Doug & Shawn Dilly  
**Jamie Dozler**, daughter of Berton & Janet Dozler  
**Paiton Hoefler**, son of Autumn Hoefler & Jeremy Hoefler  
**Cale Kinney**, son of Josh & Maria Kinney  
**Skyler Meis**, daughter of Eric & Brenda Meis  
**Camryn Pelster**, son of Jerry Pelster & Carlene Pelster

### St. Bonaventure, Raeville

**Dylan Baumgartner**, son of Julie & Neil Baumgartner

### St. John the Baptist, Petersburg

**Colten Simons**, son of Ben & Angie Simons  
**Karlie Wies**, daughter of Adam & Jeri Wies

### St. Peter de Alcantara, Ewing

**Danielle Schrunk**, daughter of Kevin & Lisa Schrunk  
**Wyatt Napier**, son of Brian & Denise Napier

### St. Theresa of Avila, Clearwater

**Emily Ahlers**, daughter of Marc & Kim Ahlers  
**Joe Ahlers**, son of Andy & Amy Ahlers  
**Kellen Mlnarik**, son of Ted & Shelley Mlnarik  
**Madison Kester**, daughter of Tim & Kristen Kester

### St. John the Baptist, Deloit

**Sharon Bartak**, daughter of Paul & Sonja Bartak  
**Emma Funk**, daughter of Bob & Marie Funk



## KNOW YOUR FAITH

Join Fr. Sund each week for a short lesson on faith!

### The Mass - Part 3



Last week, I mentioned that in the Penitential Act, our sins are not forgiven but rather the reception of Holy Communion forgives venial (or smaller) sins. This requires that we still receive the Sacrament of Penance for any mortal sin before receiving the Eucharist. Another question comes up often with this point. "If I have no mortal sin; and receiving Eucharist forgives the venial sins, Why do I need to go to confession?" This is the question I wish to address today.

The first reason is simple enough. The Catholic Church obliges us to go to confession and receive the Eucharist at minimum of once a year. There is good reason the Church requires this as it isn't just an arbitrary rule. Confession provides us not only the forgiveness of all sin (both venial and mortal) but it also gives us the particular grace needed to overcome those areas of sin in our lives. For example, if we are struggling with sins against charity, the Holy Spirit will pour a particular grace of charity in our hearts. Our job is to respond to that supernatural grace.

Secondly, there are temporal effects or effects on earth for our sin. So though are smaller venial sins may already be forgiven, it is still important to do the penance necessary to "right our wrongs". This provides for the healing of our own soul here in time. Lastly, sometimes we just need some good spiritual counsel.

Next week we will continue with the Mass exploring the Gloria!



**WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISMS  
of**

**Burkley Ryan Ahlers**

Child of Ryan and Jeana Ahlers

**Michael Anthony Hemenway**

Son of Anthony and Sarah Hemenway

both Baptized last weekend in our parishes!

Registration for our 2023-2024 **Family Formation** religious education program for students entering K-6 grade is now open.

If you are interested, please contact Becky Kerkman

[bkerkman@cppnebraska.org](mailto:bkerkman@cppnebraska.org)



**Cemetery Care envelopes** are in the packets you received. Donations will be placed in respective funds to offset the cost of ongoing maintenance of our cemeteries. Make sure you use separate check for each donation.

St. Boniface Calendar Lottery Winners

- 4/30 Steve Lodge \$75
- 5/1 R & J Vetick \$60
- 5/2 Brooke Borer \$60
- 5/3 Rev. John Broheimer \$60
- 5/4 Phyllis Cleveland \$60
- 5/5 Anita Donason \$60
- 5/6 Trevor Olp \$60
- 5/7 Lisa Schumacher \$75



**St. Boniface Altar Society Worklist**

- Church Cleaning - Circle 5 & 6 (May 18)
- Next Funeral - Cir. 3
- Next Charity - Circle 4 (Coffee / Rolls May 28 to celebrate Fr. John 10th Anniv and Zach Eischeid Deacon Ordination)
- Next Meeting - Monday, August 21, 2023 (All ladies of the parish are invited, all leaders asked to attend)

We are in need of a Vice President. Could this be you who volunteers? For more information, please call Anna Meis.

All ladies bring \*salad or dessert to the KC hall for the meal, regardless if your Circle in charge, especially for the larger funerals.

\*(Suggested) Salad Recipes can be found at:

<https://cppnebraska.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/St.-Boniface-Altar-Society-Salad-Recipes.pdf>

**SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE**

Last fall, the Vocations Committee partnered with the Seven Sisters Apostolate to begin a Holy Hour each day for our pastor, Fr. John. We would like to establish this for Fr. Sund, also. We are looking for seven women who could each take one day of the week and pray specifically for Fr. Sund for one hour at any time during that day. If you cannot commit to an hour each week, we also need substitutes to fill in when someone has other commitments. The core group should be ladies, but men are welcome to substitute. For more information, or to sign up for a particular day, please contact Sandy Moser at 485-9252, or 402-992-9615 (call or text.) The website, [www.sevensistersapostolate.org](http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org) has more info about this ministry.

**JULY TEC WEEKEND**

(Teens Encounter Christ)



July 14-16, 2023 at Tintern Retreat Center TEC weekends are specifically designed for those currently juniors and seniors in high school to age 25. 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 Becky Kerkman at 843-6043. You will be glad you said YES to TEC!

**Looking Ahead...  
Ascension Mass Times**

Wed May 17:

7pm Vigil - Clearwater

7pm Vigil - Peterburg

Thur May 18:

6:30am Deloit

8:15am Elgin (School Mass)

7:00pm Raeville

7:00pm Ewing



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Grades Prek-12

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**St. Bonaventure Church** appreciates the following memorial given in loving memory of **Barb Grundmayer**, by her family: \$390.00 Church Building Maintenance (New Furnaces or PA System)

**St. Boniface Church** appreciates the following memorial given in loving memory of **Marie Cheatum**: St. Boniface Church \$320.00

**Those who donated Easter Flowers to St. Bonaventure's are free to take one home after Mass today. They are in the Boy's Sacristy.**



St. Boniface Parish plans to celebrate these special milestones!

**Father John Norman 10th Anniversary of Priesthood**  
~ and ~ **Deacon Zach Eischeid Transitional Deacon Ordination**  
With a Roll / Coffee Reception on Sunday, May 28, at 11:00 am St. Boniface Church Basement.

We pray for the soul of **Frank SchAAF** of Atkinson, who passed away recently. Frank is the father of Sandi (Dennis) Finley, of St. Peter's Parish.

We pray for the soul of **Betty Marie Pointer** of Homer, who passed away. Betty is the grandmother of Sonja (Paul) Bartak of St. John's Deloit Parish.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

**Parish Financial Stewardship**  
for Weekend of April 29-30

Parish	Collection	Amount
St. Boniface Elgin	Easter	\$150.00
	Sunday Offertory	\$3986.50
St. Bonaventure Raeville	Sunday Offertory	\$540.00
St. John's Peterburg	Sunday Offertory	\$910.00
St. Peters. Ewing	Sunday Offertory	\$910.00
St. Theresa's, Clearwater	Easter	\$20
	Sunday Offertory	\$1827
St. John's Deloit	Rice Bowls	\$430.68
	Catholic Relief	\$20
	Sunday Offertory	\$1905

**Next Sunday, May 21** is the collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign that connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications and shut-ins. Donation envelopes are in your packet.

**prayer line**

Please Remember in Your Prayers....

**St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure:** Infant Graham Sayers, Adam Kester, Marlene (Hoefler) Hughes, Larry DeMuth, Infant Paul Bell. David Kluthe. Parishioners: Neil Childers, Loretta Zegers, Donna Mackel, Juan Hoefler, Gloria Lordemann, Chris Baum, George Childers, Diane Kerkman, Phyllis Tharnish, Ann Beckman, Bernadine Hoefler, Gene Heithoff, Infant Fallon Sue Heying, Harry Cunningham, Marin Schindler, Judy Johnson, Jack Conger, Bernadine Hoefler, Kurt Dinslage, Marilyn Schrad (To start prayer line, call Mary Jane Boes 843-2379/JoAnn Beckman 843-6287.

**St. Peter's:** Anna Murdy, Bob Walnofer, Nicki Dougherty, Kathi Retwisch, Sister Joseph, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick. (To start prayer line, call Llavonne Sisson 402-626-7755).

**St. John's Deloit:** Darlene Schueth, (To start prayer line, call Jeanne Knievel 402-929-0847.)

**St. John's Petersburg:** (To start prayer line, call Kelly Starman, 402-386-5570 or Kathy Koch 402-386-5481)

**St Theresa's:** Leo Starman, Nate Thiele, Adam Kester, Dwaine Trease (To start prayer line, call Teresa Kester 402-750-0262)

**Hallow**

Catholic Prayer & Meditation App



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www.hallow.app

Hallow, the #1 Catholic prayer app helps millions around the world in their personal journey of faith! Several categories are: The Daily Gospel, Quick Prayers, the Rosary, Saints, Kids Prayers, Night Prayers, Scripture Reflections, Catechism in a Year/Bible in a Year and Sleep Meditation. You will create your own personal prayer plan that fits your life style, interests and available time. Also included are Litany's, Novenas, Lectio Divina, Daily Examen, Consecrations and so much more!  
**Our Family of Parishes Vocation Committee** encourages you to look into this app to see if it would fit you and your family prayer needs -- FREE VERSION AVAILABLE!

**Women:** You are invited to the OACCW (Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women) Meeting to be held Tues., May 16, 2023 at St. Michael's in Central City, NE on 2402 20th Ave. 9:30 a.m. Registration; 9:45 a.m. Exec Bd Meeting; 10:45 Welcomes; 11:30 Holy Mass followed by lunch and meeting. 2:00 p.m. Guest Speaker Servants of Mary, St. Edward. Agenda items for afternoon session include nominations/election for 2nd Vice-President, updates, Commission/Committee reports and OACCW convention plans. Please come, enjoy getting back together with our sisters in Christ, and working as His Hands and Feet with our time, talent and treasurers. Looking forward to seeing you there!

P.S. Anyone with finished baby blankets or bibs for Christ Child Society please bring to meeting. Thank you!



**Saint Benedict Center**

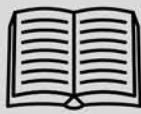
**Upcoming Retreats in Schuyler**  
**Come Dip Into Wellness (June 10) -**

with Margie McMenamin Walker focusing on mystics Julian of Norwich and Hildegard of Bingen.

**Fathers and Sons - Together for ever, (July 8-9)** Retreat for Fathers and Sons ages 11-16 w/ Edward DeSimone, PhD

Visit [StBenedictCenter.com](http://StBenedictCenter.com) for more information on both retreats...





# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## MAY 13-14

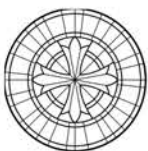
Date	Servers	Ushers	Grt/Ros/Mon	Gifts	Lectors	Music	EMHC
Sat May 13 <b>Ewing</b> 5:30p	Charlee Wagner Paityn Wagner	Dan Koenig Ed Norby	----	Mike & Tammy Summers	Kathy Arens	Follow Sched.	Leanne Tomjack
Sat May 13 <b>Petersburg</b> 7:00pm	Kaci & Karlie Wies	Dale Salber Kevin Schumacher	Money: Shirley Henn Adam Wies	-----	Lisa Schumacher	Alan & Jeanne Temme	To the Homebound: Rod Stuhr
Sun May 14 <b>Raeville</b> 8am	Anna Stuhr Samantha Stuhr	Jerry Schrage Spencer Heying	Rosary Leaders Mark & Carole Tharnish	Jim & Lois Bode	Tami Schrage	Paul Kuhlman	Chris Grundmayer
Sun May 14 <b>Elgin</b> 10am	Cameron Kallhoff Gavin Kallhoff	Jerry Kallhoff Leigh Kluthe Dave Kerkman Mike Kerkman	Ed & Anne Parks - W Gene Heithoff - N Dave Kerkman - S	Ron & JoAnn Beckman	Louise Schindler	Mark Moser	(Homebound) *Deb Beckman, *Linda Kerkman
Sun May 14 <b>Clearwater</b> 10am	Isabella Kester Shaylie Kester	Fred Thiele Gary Thiele	-----	Ron & Karol Thiele	Carol Kester	Follow Schedule	Tom Thiele
Sun May 14 <b>Deloit</b> 11:30am	Cecelia Mlnarik JB Mlnarik	Curtis Lemburg Paul Bartak	-----	Kylee & Tonya Funk Family	Marilyn Sehi	Follow Schedule	Marilyn Sehi



# MASS AND INTENTION CALENDAR



Date	Time	Location	Cel.	Intention	Notes
Monday 5/8	8:15am	Elgin	DW	Communion Service	
Tuesday 5/9	8:15am	Elgin	JN	+ Leo & Dorothy Dwyer	<b>Not A School Mass</b>
Tuesday 5/9	8:30am	Petersburg	JS	Liv. & Dec. Members Leander & Rosella Petsche Family	
Wed 5/10	8:15am	Elgin	JS	+ Ray Sullivan	
Wed 5/10	8:30am	Clearwater	JN	Bob Mattini	
Thur 5/11	8:15am	Elgin	JN/JS	Intention of 2023 Pope John Graduates	Senior Mass (K-12)
Thur 5/11	--	Raeville	--	-- No Mass in Raeville this Thursday --	
Thur 5/11	--	Ewing	--	No Mass	
Friday 5/12	8:15am	Elgin	JS	+LaVern & LuVerna Jochum & Linda Dinslage	
Friday 5/12	8:30am	Deloit	JN	+Kathleen Gomer	
Saturday 5/13	5:30pm	Ewing	JN	For the People of the Parishes	
Saturday 5/13	7:00pm	Petersburg	JS	+Bud & Donna Ketteler, Bob Belgum, Deb Wiseman	
Sunday 5/14	8:00am	Raeville	JS	+Emily Reestman	
Sunday 5/14	10:00am	Elgin	JS	+Dave & Tom Coleman	
Sunday 5/14	10:00am	Clearwater	JN	+Jeanette Thiele	
Sunday 5/14	11:30am	Deloit	JN	+Bernadine Walnofer	



### OUR MISSION

Our six parishes have been spiritual homes for generations of faithful Catholics in northeast Nebraska. The mission we are engaged in was started by Jesus and continues through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.



ONE CHURCH  
ENCOUNTERING JESUS  
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES  
LIVING MERCY

# BONA-FIDE Cat's



## Getting to know Sr. Ruth

Full Sister name; **Sr. Ruth Elaine** is my religious name. I added 'Elaine' which means 'shining light' in order to have Christ the Light of the World as my patron and subsequently to have *the Feast of the Epiphany* as my Feast Day.

\***Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, Clyde, Missouri**

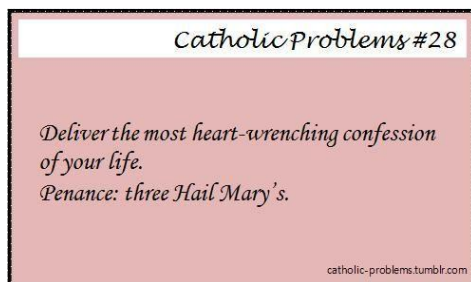
\***Studied Biology and Computer Science at University of Nebraska at Kearney**

\***Went to Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School**

Home Parish/Town; **Elgin, NE**

Parents and siblings; **Ed and Eleanor Starman, Brothers Philip and John Starman**

Favorite homemade food or meal; **Lemon meringue pie**



The least favorite thing your parents made you do; **I did not like to shuck corn when the sweet corn was ready. I didn't like the worms.**

Favorite cartoon when growing up; **Bugs Bunny**

Your favorite Marvel hero or movie; **Never went to the Marvel movies!**

The worst thing you have ever tasted; **Black olives**

\*\*\***DID YOU KNOW?**

**THE SHROUD OF TURIN AND THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE MATCH PERFECTLY?**



One event that made the biggest impact on who you are today; **Certainly, the discernment of a religious vocation is #1. I did not grow up wanting to be a religious so it was a surprise for me to experience a call at the age of 25.**

What childish thing do you still enjoy doing; **sledding**  
Your bucket list; **Travel to Banff National Park in Canada and go hiking in the Canadian Rockies**

One most influential person in your life, alive or deceased; **Sr. Paul Thompson** who was my novice director. She radiated the joy of the Risen Lord in her life and my parents who demonstrated their Catholic Christian faith as I was growing up.

Biggest event or challenge you have accomplished in your lifetime and why; **The biggest challenge has been to stay faithful to my vocation. Religious life requires a great letting go of self-will and I am a rather independent person. Remaining open to the grace of God is key.**

What influenced you to discern your vocation? **At the age of 25 I was praying for the gift of prayer because I felt I was lethargic in my Catholic/Christian faith. God's answer was to give me a vocation to a contemplative community where the focus is prayer! Be careful what you pray for!**



The Priest; He has the most important job in the world. He also has the most powerful enemy trying to stop him from doing his work. Will you help him in his vocation? Please pray for our priests and religious!



***“What a great favor God does to those he places in the company of good people!” – St. Teresa of Avila***

***July 2, 2021 by Susan Szalewski***

David and Jonathan – Peter and Paul – Felicity and Perpetua – Francis and Clare – Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross – John Paul II and Teresa of Kolkata.

These saints and many others show how throughout history God has intertwined the lives of his children, to encourage each other in holiness, help each other discern his plans for them and offer prayers and support. It still works today, as Lauren Kopp and Erin Jones can testify.

The two young women, recent graduates from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, have served as disciples for each other since high school and throughout their time at the Saint John Paul II Newman Center in Omaha.

“It’s not uncommon for people to build each other up in love of God and love of other people,” said Father Andrew Roza, archdiocesan vocations director, associate pastor at the Newman Center and spiritual advisor to the young women.

When God calls people away from their past lives and their loved ones, **“they receive something greater,”** Father Roza said.

Entering a convent is by no means a permanent decision. The two will have at least eight years to discern before taking final vows.

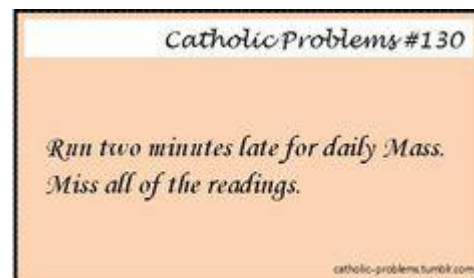
“There’s a process that’s long established by Mother Church to help ensure that young men and young women who enter religious life have a confidence that they’re entering into what God has really planned for them,” Father Roza said. “They’re just taking the next step.

”<https://catholicvoiceomaha.com/two-friends-discern-vocations/>

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Across the United States, young adults are becoming less religious. According to a recent study, less than 1% of nuns in America are under 40 and the average sister is 80 years old. A 2018 and 2019 Pew Research Center survey found that the number of Americans who identify as Christians has dropped 12% over the past decade. The group who described themselves as Catholic, in particular, has also shrunk, leaving a crisis in the Catholic sisterhood. Nuns are growing older and there is a concern that there will be fewer young people looking to join the sisterhood. **July 27, 2022** <https://abcnews.go.com>



**Any questions or info about the Priesthood or Religious Life, please contact Fr. John, Fr. Sund or Fr. Scott (Vocation Director) 402-558-3101 Ext. 3011**