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Advent and a new Church year has begun. While the world around impatiently moves ahead to “the holidays,” in Advent we must slow down from the frenzy of the world, and be reminded that this world is not all there is. Jesus is all there is. In Advent we are to learn patience, waiting for God to act. Advent is supposed to be a time of cheerful preparation for God breaking into our lives. Not only is Advent about expectant and patient waiting for Jesus’ birth celebrated at Christmas, it is also hopeful anticipation for Jesus’ second coming at the end of time.

We have had to do a lot of waiting this past year with regard to what the pastoral planning process will bring to our parishes for the future, as we face the reality of our times, including fewer people and fewer priests. At times this uncertainty may not have made our waiting patient or hopeful. At the time I am writing this, we can expect a final plan may be announced during the Advent or Christmas seasons. Advent teaches us where to place our gaze when we have fears - to Jesus Christ. There is no life situation we can go through that God cannot break into with his grace.

In the weeks leading up to Advent, I gave a homily series on the priesthood, helping us reflect on the role of the priest in our faith. The priest offers sacrifice, uniting our imperfect gifts of ourselves to the perfect self-sacrifice of Jesus. The priest is our spiritual father, ensuring his children are clothed in God’s grace and fed with the Eucharist. The priest accepts the gift of celibacy, forgoing earthly marriage so that he may be entirely dedicated to the service of his spouse, the Church. I have figured out a way to record my homilies so you many go back and listen to them if your like. They are posted on my YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/vogelkw>), they are being shared on our Facebook page (St. Boniface Parish of Elgin) and we are working to have them available through the parish website (stbonparishes.com).

Based on who the priest is, we saw that a number of quick-fix ideas to solve the issue of having fewer priests won’t really work. To build up vocations to the priesthood requires growing family and parish cultures that help young men hear God’s call for them. This requires us to change, to turn each day again and again back to God, rather than require God and his Church to change to us and the whims of the world. This too is an aspect of the season of Advent: continued conversion of heart. God entered our world as one of us, so that he could be ever more close to us, transforming us back into his image and likeness as his beloved children. Despite the uncertainties of life, there is one thing that is certain: God’s love and care for us does not change. Let us anticipate God’s work in our lives with hope and joy.

*Fr. Vogel*

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## **In 2017, Christmas lands on a Monday. How does this affect the Mass obligation?**

There are two obligations that will need to be fulfilled by attending two separate Masses. They cannot be fulfilled by attending just one Mass. A person could attend Holy Mass twice on the Sunday, fulfilling each obligation independently. A person could also attend a Christmas Vigil Mass and a Mass on Christmas Day, fulfilling both obligations. However, Midnight Mass and a Mass on Christmas Day do not fulfill the Sunday obligation. So, the options would be:

***Saturday evening and Sunday at any time before midnight Saturday evening and Monday at any time after midnight Two Masses on Sunday at any time before midnight Sunday at any time before midnight and Monday at any time after midnight.***

Rev. Scott Hastings, Vicar for Clergy

## St. Boniface School Advisory Board October 19, 2017


□ Oktoberfest financial report was reviewed. The profit goal was \$12,000. The final report stated the profit was \$14,495.71. Overall it was a great event. We didn't have a lot of people come for the football game, but the variety of food was good.

□ Administrator's Report was presented by Betty Getzfred. \*\*The day before Thanksgiving, November 22nd, Pope John students will be going bowling and out to eat following Mass if they reach goal for grocery sales. After Mass, the grade school will be participating in two different programs. The Edgerton Center from Aurora will present two different science programs. The PK-2 student will participate in Fundamentals of Science or Sparks and 3rd-6th will participate Good Vibrations. The other program will be put on by Pat Boilesen from Albion – Humanities of Nebraska, she will share her love of music and sing songs about the history of plains/pioneers. Betty Getzfred applied for a grant which will cover the cost. Students will bring a sack lunch that day, and there will be a 1 pm dismissal.

\*\*On October 19th, grades 2-12 went to a program given by Father Vogel that was titled "Heaven Meets Earth". The broadcasting students taped is so it can be put on the school website.

□ Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2017.

A combined board meeting with St. Boniface and Pope John XXIII followed.

	<p><b>PJCC Senior Breakfast</b> Sunday, December 3 9:00 am-12:00 pm St. Boniface Gym</p>
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## Pope John XXIII/St. Boniface Combined School Advisory Board October 19, 2017

□ Administrator's Report was given by Betty Getzfred.

\*\*Thanked those in attendance for the support of the Archbishop's Dinner held September 21st. Faculty member Lauren Borer was honored. Our school's had an excellent representation with thirty people attending. A bus was chartered and paid for by the schools and donation from Jim and Betty Getzfred.

\*\*First quarter ended on Friday, October 13th. Report cards, newsletter and other information will be mailed to the families.

\*\*The next BARC session will be held Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Getzfred invited board members to attend the session and to invite other parents. There were about 22 people at the first session and 5 or 6 were parents.

\*\*Elgin Public will host the first two nights of the NVC volleyball tournament on Monday, the 23rd and Tuesday, the 24th.

\*\*The Pope John Alumni Memorial Mass will be held on November 3 at 8:15 a.m. with a reception to follow at school.

\*\*The Veteran's Program will be held on Monday,

November 13 at 11:00am at Elgin Public Schools. The guest speaker is Pope John Alumni Dean Reicks.

\*\*The Pope John Dinner Theatre is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th at 6:30pm. Advance tickets are on sale-\$20.00 for dinner and show. This year's show is "The Pink Panther Strikes Again"

\*\*The Pope John Student Council will host a semi formal dance on Saturday December 2nd from 8:00 to midnight in the KC Hall. The Student Council invited Elgin Public's High School. Admission will be \$5.00 per person and the council will provide snacks.

\*\*The Houses and elementary classrooms will send monthly cards to the seminarians letting them know they are praying for them. Special thanks to Mrs. Bartak, Mrs. Evans and the Francis House for the prayer service honoring Our Lady of Fatima.

□ Thank you to Father Vogel for giving his presentation "Heaven Meets Earth" to the students in grades 2-12.

□ Archdiocese "Ignite the Faith" Grant covered the entire cost of the phone system.

□ Report from Lighting Committee: Betty Getzfred shared a bid submitted by Frisch Electric Company. The board proposed to have Frisch submit another bid without replacing the light fixtures.

□ A grant from the "Ignite the Faith" has been awarded in the amount of \$17,820.00. Betty Getzfred has contacted Dr. Ashton requesting more funds. Also from the "Ignite the Faith" Campaign the "kickback" to the schools is approximately \$15,991.00 in the building update fund.

□ Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Submitted by Betty Getzfred



## PARISH WIDE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Stewardship & Evangelization Committee will be collecting new mittens, socks, hats, snow boots (school age), new winter coats, sweatshirts, fleece pull-overs, neck scarves, long sleeves shirts or blouses, head bands, body lotion and soaps, gift cards, etc. for the needy. This is for all age groups--there is a special need for teenager gifts, to be given to the Antelope County Social Services. Starting November 25/26 and continuing till December 9/10, ornaments will be on the tree with suggested gift ideas at BOTH CHURCHES. The items purchased should be brought back to church (unwrapped) and placed in the box by the weekend of December 9/10.

### St. Boniface Altar Society Worklist:

Clean Church: Circle 6

Kookie Klatch: (None in November & December)

Next Funeral: Circle 2 (Cir. 1 had Marie Legate)

Circle 6 & 1: Set up Nativity on Dec. 17 (after Mass) and take down

Next Charity: Circle 2

Next Meeting: Monday December 18, 2017



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

- Sunday, December 24:** 4:30 pm (R)  
12:00 Midnight Mass (E)
- Monday, December 25:** 10:00 am (E)

**Pope John Advisory Board  
October 19, 2017**

- Director of Advancement by Anna Meis:
  - \*\*Annual Fund Drive raised \$75,151.52 so far – ending October 31.
  - \*\*Booster Club tickets are being sold yet. Drawing will be October 25.
  - \*\*Minivan logo design is being planned.
  - \*\*A total of \$15,866 has been donated to the tuition assistance fund.
  - \*\*CCPJ breakfast will be chaired by freshman parents.
  - \*\*Thank you to Dane & Jennifer Nielsen for getting the new trees and to Mike & Connie Dvorak, Steve Kerkman and Denis Henn for planting them.
  - \*\*Next Annual Fund Drive will go out in November. Thank you to Sandy Moser for all her work and for Jan Henn for taking over as chair of the fund drive.
  - Anna Meis is also working on the Quad Lum and Evening With Friends.
  - Old Business:
  - \*\*Trees planted were donated by Papio Valley Nursery (Alan & Rita Knievel Weiss). Thank you!
  - \*\*Congratulations to Marie Meis, Logan Henn & Sydney Kerkman in their offers of the University of Nebraska Regents Scholarships. Thank you to Anna Meis for writing up the article.
  - New Business:
  - \*\*The Board will make a recommendation to the Wolfpack subcommittee to stay at 8 man football and in Class D2.
  - \*\*Waiting for report from Tim Hogan (Catholic Mutual Insurance) who recently toured the school grounds.
  - \*\*Discussion on pros and cons to class ranking. Motion passed to eliminate class ranking beginning in 2018-19.
  - Committee Progress Reports:
  - \*\*Finance committee to meet Tuesday, Nov. 7 @ 7:00 pm.
  - \*\*Steve Kerkman, Ed Moser and Kay Preister will sit on Wolfpack subcommittee meeting on Oct. 25 @ 8:00 am.
  - Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 8:00 pm.
- Submitted by Kelly Starman, Secretary

**Family Formation**

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

- Mass intention was for the soul of Rosemond Klein. Eric and Anney Beckman Family took up the gifts. Mass collection was \$65.00.
- Food Pantry items collected was 10 lbs and 13 oz.
- Classroom topic was "I Believe". It also was Father Vogel's topic (The Creed), he broke the Creed down to explain with clarity what a word, sentence and even a section of The Creed meant. The visual presentation was excellent to understand how important The Creed is to our Faith. As Father Vogel showed us it's one of the four parts of our Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- St. Boniface/St. Bonaventure are very blessed that we have

such dedicated Catechist's for our Family Formation program, each of you are such an important part. Thank you, Sue Vanis, Heather Veik, Gwen Beckman and Judith Orlowski.

- November 15, student class time was held, from 5-6 pm.
- Our next session will be November 29, 6:30 pm Mass, 7 pm will be Father's adult topic in the church basement will be "Water and Fire" (Baptism and Confirmation). YOU are WELCOME to join us.

Submitted by Cheryl Veik, Coordinator



**St. Boniface  
MEN'S CIRCLE SCHEDULE  
for SNOW/ICE REMOVAL  
for Parish Grounds**

- 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)
- Sundays..... ALL CIRCLES

*Ice Melt is located **beneath** the spiral staircase in east entrance of Church.*

**Your help on that day is very much needed and appreciated!**

**Grieving with Great Hope Ministry**

Guided by the Holy Spirit, Good Mourning Ministry is a bereavement resource to Catholic parishes, offering hope and healing to those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Our Vision is to be bearers of hope. To be a transforming bereavement apostate by providing prayerful, practical and personal grief support. We believe by equipping grieving people with the support and tools they need, they will begin to build their bridge to a new and different life. We are calling each person who attends this workshop, a "participant." This designation, helps them understand they play an active role in their journey and they will participate in their own healing process. The Catholic faith, including the Sacraments are woven into this program. Participants are being led to Jesus, in the divine presence of the Eucharist and that He is our role model on how to mourn.

This DVD topic's are: Grieving with Great Hope, Entering the Valley, The Journey Through..., Choosing to Move Forward, and Jesus Wept. The last session will be a Mass and Blessing from Father Vogel.

There will be two sessions a year, in the spring the month of May, and one in the Fall the month of October.

We are grateful for our sponsors, The Knights of Columbus, Levander Funeral Home/Tony Levander, and The Bargain Box.

God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called.

Facilitators of Grieving with Great Hope,  
Karen and Cheryl

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**St. Boniface Calendar Lottery Winners**

11-01-17	Dennis & Rose Wiehn <b>All Saints Day</b>	\$75.00
11-02-17	Bob & Sue Schiltmeyer <b>Eucharistic Day</b>	\$80.00
11-03-17	Cella Campbell	\$60.00
11-04-17	Hadley & Kendyl Bergman	\$60.00
11-05-17	John & Cindy Temme	\$75.00
11-06-17	Jim & Lois Bode	\$60.00
11-07-17	John Veik	\$60.00
11-08-17	Gene & Mary Jane Boes	\$60.00
11-09-17	Fr. Donald Cleary	\$60.00
11-10-17	Maureen Metschke	\$60.00
11-11-17	Doris Kluthe	\$60.00
11-12-17	David & Juanita Benson	\$75.00
11-13-17	Julie Thome	\$60.00
11-14-17	Joe & Carol Luettel	\$60.00
11-15-17	David & Natalie Sehi	\$60.00
11-16-17	Ashton & Gabe Patten	\$60.00
11-17-17	Arlene Nissen	\$60.00
11-18-17	Bonnie Dinslage	\$60.00
11-19-17	James, Harrison & Henry Lodge	\$75.00
11-20-17	Chris & Jeanine Baum <b>Fr. Vogel B-Day</b>	\$75.00
11-21-17	Jim & Irene Kearney	\$60.00
11-22-17	Larry & Julie Borer	\$60.00
11-23-17	Jasmine Dozler <b>Thanksgiving</b>	\$75.00
11-24-17	John & Cindy Temme	\$60.00
11-25-17	Angie Selting	\$60.00
11-26-17	Keri Carraher	\$75.00
11-27-17	Austin & Gage Dubas	\$60.00
11-28-17	Phil Kluthe	\$60.00
11-29-17	Marvin & Robin Kerkman	\$60.00
11-30-17	Ann Simmons <b>Eucharistic Day</b>	\$80.00



**Stewardship Prayer**

My church is composed of people like me.  
 I help make it what it is.  
 It will be friendly, if I am.  
 Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
 It will do great work, if I work.  
 It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
 if I am a generous giver.  
 It will bring other people into its  
 worship and fellowship, if I bring them.  
 It will be a church of loyalty and love,  
 of fearlessness and faith,  
 and a church with a noble spirit,  
 if I, who make it what it is,  
 am filled with these same things.  
 Therefore, with the help of God,  
 I shall dedicate myself to the task  
 of being all the things that I want my church to be.  
 Amen.



Advent replacements candles are available at the Parish Office. Stop in and get your before Advent starts on December 3rd.

