



First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

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 BULLETIN DEADLINE WEDNESDAY NOON
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Third Tuesday of Month

Prayer Chain Request

St. Boniface: Call Betty Mackel or Mary Jane Boes
 St. Bonaventure: Call Mary Ann Fangman or Mary Ann Starman

Schools

St. Boniface School (K-6) / Pope John Central (7-12)
 Betty Getzfred, Principal 402/843-5325
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Tintern Retreat Center, tintern.homestead.com 402/776-2188

Celebration of the Eucharist

St. Boniface Parish

Saturday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 10:00 am

Weekdays

Monday (Communion Service) 7:20 am
 Thursday-Friday 7:20 am
 Wednesday & First Fridays 8:15 am

St. Bonaventure Parish

Sunday 8:00 am
 Tuesday 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Boniface Parish Saturday 4:15-5:15 pm
 St. Boniface Parish Wednesday 5:00-5:30 pm
 St. Bonaventure Parish Sunday 7:30-7:50 am

Other times needed? Please call

Fr. Vogel at 402/843-2345

St. Boniface Eucharistic Day of Prayer

The Day before First Friday, Each Month

Friends,

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is this Friday, December 8th. We will be celebrating this holy day with Thursday 7pm Mass in Elgin, Friday 8:15 am Mass in Elgin and Friday 7:00 pm Mass in Raeville.

Next weekend we will hold a second collection after communion for Retirement Fund for Religious. Show your appreciation for the Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives for so many years. Please give generously.

Thank you to Gayle Zegers, Duane Hoefler and Brian Dinslage, for setting up the Nativity in front of St. Boniface Church this past week.

Thank you to Betty Getzfred, Mary Bartak and the Pope John students who worked hard to switch out the missals in church this past week. We are ready for Advent and a new Church year.

I'm seeking sponsors so our parishes can continue the Christmas Book Giveaway. The Dynamic Catholic Book Program makes it affordable for parishes to give away an inspirational book at Christmas, but we still need donations to make it possible. Thanks so much.

Our parish newsletter came in your mail this week. Inside it you'll find the list and addresses of those in Military/Religious/Seminary/Care Facility, so they receive support at Christmas time. Also inside, is the list of bazaar raffle winners and other bazaar information.

Starting immediately, until further notice, I will be suspending Precious Blood, as we were alerted by medical professionals that there are many cases of influenza in our area. Names marked by an asterisk (*) on the EMHC list for 10 am Mass will still bring communion to the home bound. *An exception will be the Christmas Midnight Mass and the Christmas Day Mass at 10am.*

My Advent/Christmas Letter to my parishioners will be in your mail this week. Included are all the opportunities you have in your parish and in neighboring parishes to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Christmas Mass Schedule.

Please note that our St. Bonaventure and St. Boniface Parish Penance Service will be held already this Sunday evening, December 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. I hope you take this opportunity to cleanse your soul. I am grateful for the assistance of several of my brother priests.

Fr. Vogel

This Week In Our Parish.....

Parish	Day	Date	Time	Event
E/R	Sunday	December 3	9 am-Noon	Pope John Senior Breakfast in St. Boniface Gym
E/R	Sunday	December 3	7:00 pm	Parish Penance Service at St. Boniface Church
E	Monday	December 4	-----	Bazaar Chairperson Questionnaire Due
E	Tuesday	December 5	7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
E/R	Wednesday	December 6	5:00-6:00 pm	Family Formation (student only)
E	Thursday	December 7	8:00 pm	St. Boniface Choir Practice at St. Boniface Church
E	Thursday	December 7	8:00 pm	St. Boniface Parish Council Meeting
E/R	Sat-Sun	December 9-10	-----	Christmas Appeal Items for Needy Due at Both Churches

Stewardship for November 25-26, 2017

Please keep our Parish Stewardship Needs in your Prayers

St. Boniface

Sunday Collection (45 Env.)	\$2,863.88
Children's Collection	\$38.75
God's Portion/God's Acre	\$999.75
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$55.00
Pennies from Heaven	\$51.05

Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 22

Budgeted Total	\$94,039.22
Actual Total	\$94,977.06
Amount Ahead	\$937.84

St. Bonaventure

Sunday Collection (19 Env.)	\$1,400.00
Children's Collection	\$7.02
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$5.00
Pennies from Heaven	\$11.45

Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 22

Budgeted Total	\$21,018.80
Actual Total	\$24,725.88
Amount Ahead	\$3,707.08

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Campaign Update

St. Boniface (133 donations received)

Goal:	\$21,555.43
Pledged to date:	\$21,177.00
	98.2% of goal

St. Bonaventure (38 donations received)

Goal:	\$3,933.59
Pledged to date:	\$4,057.00
Congratulations!	103.1% of goal



If you wish to donate a Poinsettia, or memorial to be used for other Christmas decorations in memory of a loved one at Christmas time please use your Flower Envelope, dated December 3 and drop it in the collection as soon as possible. Please mark on the envelope who the donation is given in memory of. The price for a poinsettia is **\$15.00**.

Tintern Retreat and Resource Center in Oakdale is looking to hire a Business and Building Manager. If interested, contact board members Bill Camp at 843-5464 or 843-8074, or Terry Reicks 741-0165, to find out more about job responsibilities.



St. Boniface Parish acknowledges the following planned gifts from Melvin Kallhoff:

- St. Boniface School \$10,000
- St. Boniface Christian Mothers \$5,000
- Pope John High School \$10,000

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Remember the St. Boniface Parish Auction when you are out Christmas shopping! There can be unique items available during, or after Christmas, that make nice auction items. Each parish household will be asked to give something of \$50 value or higher. Thank you!

With the holiday season approaching SCRIP (gift cards) would make the perfect Christmas gift, stocking stuffer or for any event. Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High Schools sells these gift cards. A limited number of cards are available from Starbucks, Subway, Walmart, iTunes, Buckle, Kohl's, Pizza Hut, Applebee's, Claire's, Bath & Body Works and Herbergers/Youngers. Please contact the school, at 402-843-5325 if you would like to purchase any of these gift cards.

Wish List: 50" or larger TV is needed for the Grief Ministry Program and future bible studies, etc. If you upgrade this Christmas, please keep our parish in mind! Thanks.

Thank you to our area grocery store owners, patrons, and donors who supported our recent Grocery Sales Project. It was an overwhelming success.

May God bless all!
Gratefully,
Pope John Students

Best Advent Ever. Advent is meant to be a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. For most Catholics, Advent is just an afterthought. Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas! Dynamic Catholic has a FREE email program that will help everyone in your parish slow down and focus on what matters during this busy season. Sign up at www.BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited

Mass Intentions for the Week.....

Location	Day	Date	Time	Intention
E	Monday	December 4	7:20 am	Communion Service
R	Tuesday	December 5	8:30 am	+LaVern Stuhr
E	Wednesday	December 6	8:15 am	+Ted & Theresa Kerkman by SB 1st/5th Grade
E	Thursday	December 7	7:00 pm	+Ray, Lucille, Mark & George Lordemann Immaculate Conception
E	Friday	December 8	8:15 am	+Clarence & Alice Funk by PJ 12th Grade; Immaculate Conception
R	Friday	December 8	7:00 pm	For the People of St. Boniface & St. Bonaventure Imm. Conc.
E	Saturday	December 9	5:30 pm	+James & Mary Kerkman
R	Sunday	December 10	8:00 am	For the People of St. Bonaventure & St. Boniface
E	Sunday	December 10	10:00 am	+Mary & Stephanie Eischeid



Please Remember In Your Prayers: Taylor Rudley, Bob Fritz, Bob Spieker, Dodi Bauer, Bob Redler, Travis McKillip, Logann Pelster, Juliann Starman, Paul Ahrendt, Jerry McNally, Rose Gall, Kurt Saner, Trey Meis, Jayia Braden, Eleanor Hemenway, Bernadine Spieker, Kirk Papstein, Jim Merrifield, Matt Evans, Allen Dozler, Jennifer Howard, Elmer Tharnish, Paysen Guthard, Joyce Kallhoff, Vet Stuhr, Dave Schindler, Lincoln Schindler, Sandy Leonard, Unborn Triplets of Wade & Sloan Hoefer, Helen Dvorak, Miranda Vogel, Dick Wirges, Rich Pospichal, Jerry Kerkman, BJ Koch, Cliff Burger, Cheri (Schindler) Cavanagh. **Parishioners:** Helen Neukirch, Margaret Dozler, Christine Studley, Alfreda Pelster, Eve Kallhoff, Don & Shirley Henkenius, Mary Beelart, Neil Childers, Charlene Beckman, Betty Vaisvilas, Jerome Starman, Nancy Selting, Jerry Rotert, Sally Beckman, June Kerkman, Roland Reicks, Vince Kallhoff, LaVern Jochum, Evelyn Arehart, Leonard Beckman, Mary Jane Henn, Margie Baum, Ryan Hemenway, Sally Meis, Yvonne Heithoff. **[Please let the parish office know if a name can be removed.]**

God's Portion & God's Acre

St. Boniface		St. Bonaventure	
Budgeted:	\$43,000.00	Budgeted:	\$13,500.00
Total to Date:	\$34,043.15	Total to Date:	\$9,318.80



PARISH WIDE CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

The Stewardship and Evangelization Committee will be collecting new mittens, socks, hats, new winter coats, snow boots (school age)sweatshirts, fleece pull-overs, neck scarves, long sleeves shirts or blouses, head bands, body lotion and soaps, gift cards, etc. for all age groups-there is a special need for teenager gifts, to be given to the Antelope County Social Services. Through December 9/10, a tree will be in the gathering area of BOTH CHURCHES. The items purchased should be brought back to church (unwrapped) and placed under the tree by the weekend of December 10/11.

St. Boniface Choir rehearsals for the 10:00 am Christmas Mass: Thursday, Dec. 7 @ 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 12 @ 7:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 21 @ 7:00 pm

"Keep Christ in Christmas" is easy to promote when you send religious Christmas cards! The Knights of Columbus have a nice display of Religious Christmas Cards at Lordemann Insurance, so take time to check them out when you are downtown Elgin. Proceeds go toward supporting the good works of the Knights.

Area Penance Services: December 3 at 7pm at Elgin, December 10 at 2pm at Albion, and December 10 at 7pm in Neligh.

Bazaar Chairpersons (in charge of work station) and Committee Members: Soon after the bazaar, please fill out the questionnaire and return it to the Bazaar Committee, via the Parish Office.

We have an opportunity with the new Nebraska license plates to put our pro-life values into action. This beautiful image can be a daily reminder for us to defend life and extend kindness and assistance to those who need our help. These plates (only \$5 more than standard plates!), when available, can be purchased online at <https://dmv.nebraska.gov/dvr/license-plates> or through a mail-in application. Extra funds from sales will go the Temporary Assistance for Need Families (TANF) Fund.

Upcoming Dates:

- Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day
- Dec. 10 Deadline for Gifts to Needy at Church
- Dec. 17 Set up Nativity in Elgin and Raeville
- Dec. 20 St. Bon./Pope John Christmas Concert

PARENTING POINTERS

Advent begins this Sunday and although too often it is considered as the Christmas shopping season, our Church reminds us that it is a time to "Be watchful! Be alert!" (Mark 13:33) During this Advent each day watch your child and note one kind, joyful, or positive act.

*Congratulations to
Ryan and Danielle
(Kuhlman) Hassenstab
who were married at
St. Bonaventure Church
this weekend*



Liturgical Schedule for Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2017

Mass	Servers	Ushers	Greeters/ Rosary Leaders	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	EMHC *To the sick
THURSDAY December 7 7:00 pm ELGIN Holy Day	Darby Carstens Natalie Reicks	Terry Bauer Chris Baum Dan Baum Jim Baum	-----	-----	Louise Schindler	Mark & Julie Dwyer	Pastor, Jerry Heithoff
FRIDAY December 8 8:15 a.m. ELGIN	HOLY DAY All School Mass						
FRIDAY December 8 7:00 p.m. RAEVILLE Holy Day	Maddie Schrage Lauren Seier	Mark Grundmayer Jerry Schrage	Mark & Carole Tharnish	Fred & Mary Ann Fangman	Joyce Pelster	Joyce Reestman	Mark Grundmayer

Liturgical Schedule for Sunday, December 9-10, 2017

SATURDAY December 9 5:30 p.m. ELGIN	Ashtyn Meis Brooklyn Meis	Ted Baum Scott Beckman Steve Beckman Ray Braband	Ted & JoAnn Baum- W Mark & Brenda Schrage- N & S	Keith & Lynne Heithoff	Mary Jane Bauer	Laura Schmitz	Pastor, Taralyn Baum
SUNDAY December 10 8:00 a.m. RAEVILLE	Harlie Bode Lexi Bode	Jerry Schrage Spencer Heying	Mark & Chris Grundmayer	Mark & Chris Grundmayer	Joan Stuhr	Paul Kuhlman	Chris Grundmayer
SUNDAY December 10 10:00 a.m. ELGIN	Carter Beckman Ally Selting	Gary Beckman David Benson Merle Borer Jack Borer	Dan & Deb Polk- W Dave & Wanda Linnaus- N & S	Delbert & Avis Heithoff	Alan Reicks	Rachel Becker Ally Selting Skylar Reestman & Choir	NO Precious Blood- Pastor, Deacon, *Pam Dinslage to choir, *Mike & *Connie Dvorak, *Dave & *Janice Eischeid

\$\$\$ Calendar Lottery Winners \$\$\$

11-27-17	Austin & Gage Dubas	\$75.00
11-28-17	Phil Kluthe	\$60.00
11-29-17	Marvin & Robin Kerkman	\$60.00
11-30-17	Ann Simmons Eucharistic Day	\$80.00
12-1-17	Scott & Denise Brandenburg	\$60.00
12-2-17	Loretta Zegers	\$60.00
12-3-17	Jeff & Lisa Yosten	\$75.00



Reminder that the need for food never ceases. If you wish to support the Antelope County Food Pantry, bring your items to the St. Boniface Church basement, east entrance. If you wish to support the Boone County Food Pantry, there is a box in the back of St. Bonaventure Church for this purpose. Helping others with their basic needs is a great way to be Christ to others.

St. Boniface Men's Circle Schedule for SNOW AND 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	

St. Boniface Altar Society Worklist:

Clean Church: Circle 6- Tent. Dec. 21 (before 7pm)

Kookie Klatch: (None in December)

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

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

Next Charity: Circle 2

Next Meeting: Monday December 18, 2017 at 7pm.

Word Among Us daily advent meditation booklets are now available in the back of both churches, free to take.