



# THE STUMP & AXE

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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We are currently in a short few weeks of Ordinary Time. It may feel like Christmas just ended, with all the winter weather. “Frost and chill, bless the Lord. Ice and snow, bless the Lord” (Daniel 3). Soon, on February 14, we will begin the season of Lent and our preparation for Easter! This short period of Ordinary Time is not just filler between important seasons, but can help us understand that God works at all times, including the moments that seem to have nothing special about them. God is present in the regular course of joys and sorrows that we go through. That is what is “ordinary” for God: to be with us in all things. May we see his guiding hand each day.

*Fr. Vogel*



## St. Boniface World Marriage Day February 3-4 at both Elgin Masses.

These are Masses for all married couples to attend and sponsored by the Vocation Committee. Special anniversaries will be announced and Father Vogel will give a blessing to all married couples. *You will not be asked to walk in together, sit together or come forward for anything.* Coffee & Rolls will be served following the 10am Mass, by the Altar Society.

### **St. Boniface Parish**

- 25 Years** (in 2018): Tony & Denise Getzfred, Duane & Shelia Hoefler, Ben & Anna Meis, Bill & Teri Mescher, Tom & Patty Stoltz, Greg & Deb Tharnish
- 40 Years** (In 2018): Mike & Connie Dvorak, Jerry & Jan Heithoff, Tom & Bonnie Hoefler
- 50 Years** (In 2018): Duane & Sandy Kerkman, Bernie & Diane Kluthe, Marvin & Jodine Meis, Larry & Nancy Shavlik
- 52 Years** (In 2018): Vince & Sandy Kallhoff, Leonard & Judith Orlowski, Dennis & Rose Wiehn
- 53 Years** (In 2018): Red & Linda Eischeid
- 54 Years** (In 2018): Phil & Barb Stuhr
- 55 Years** (In 2018): David & Juanita Benson, Clayton & Darlene Dozler
- 56 Years** (In 2018): James & Joan Childers, Allan & Doris Kluthe
- 57 Years** (In 2018): Larry & Helen Borer, William & Phyllis Camp, Rollie & Gladys Reicks, Bob & Phyllis Tharnish
- 58 Years** (In 2018): John & Lorene Stuhr, Gayle & Judy Zegers
- 59 Years** (In 2018): Dan & Raedean Henn, Don & Donna Mackel, Lyle & Betty Mackel
- 60 Years** (in 2018): Bernadine & Eugene Coleman
- 61 Years** (in 2018): Eugene & Mary Jane Boes, Louis & Darlene Heithoff, Brian & Melvina Mack
- 62 Years** (in 2018): Dean & Mary Jane Henn, James & Shirley Meis
- 63 Years** (in 2018): Donald & Shirley Henkenius, Frank & Clara Kamphaus
- 67 Years** (in 2018): Lee & Marie Smith (Longest Married)

*St. Bonaventure will honor their couples in the Spring.*



**Father Vogel has a Q & A Question and Answer section** in our monthly "Stump and Axe" newsletters. If you have a religious related question you are wondering about, just jot it down and put it in the collection basket marked "Q&A" or email it to Linda at [lmoser@stbonparishes.com](mailto:lmoser@stbonparishes.com). Father will address as many as possible each month.


**Question:** There are many good Catholics that say, "Oh my G..!" when they have a conversation. Can this at times be meant as a prayer or is it always using God's name in vain?

**Answer:** All of us, as good as we may be, are still sinners. The second commandment says "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain" (Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5). The sin of blasphemy includes failing to respect God in our speech, in misusing God's name. As the Catechism says, "we are never to introduce God's name into speech except to bless, praise, and glorify it" (2143). Some may think using "God" or "Jesus" in excitement or anger is not that big of a deal, after all they are not cursing God or uttering ill against Him. But think about it in this way: Let's say you are in conversation with someone and in excitement or anger or habit you begin to use the name of a friend. You say your friend's name, but without acknowledging that he/she happens to be right there with you. You say their name repeatedly but you are not talking to them, or even notice them. If this would be disrespectful on the human level, what about the divine? This is a big deal because when we call out to God, He comes! In this case, we use God's name, He comes, and we completely ignore Him. Can this habit be meant as a prayer? Prayer involves conversation with God, so there must be the intention that you are speaking with God for this to be prayer. If we have the vice of using God's name in vain, we can work against it by replacing the bad habit with a good one. When we catch ourselves using God's name, purposefully turn to God in a prayer, something like: "My Lord and my God, I am sorry for using your name in anger/without thinking. I know that you are always with me and hear me when I call out to you. This is what is going on right now ... I ask for your help and guidance, you who are all good and worthy of praise. Help me to turn to you sooner next time." Over time we can find ourselves more quickly turning to God in prayer.


## Family Formation

**January 3, 2018**

- Happy New Year!! We began our new year with Mass, Dan and Kim Zwingman family brought up gifts. Our Mass intention was for the soul of Wilfieda Shain. Mass collection was \$47.00, which goes to Seminarians in our Archdiocese.
  - Items collected for the Food Pantry: 8 lbs. 5 oz.
  - Classroom Topic: The Call: Are You Listening? Father Vogel's topic for parents and adults present was also, The Call: Are You Listening? (Vocations and Holy Orders), with one of the home lessons which is The Call of Samuel, where in Scripture Samuel is Called, Father showed how Samuel's situation is intertwined with the Call to Vocations and Holy Orders. If you would like to listen to Father's talk type in your browser: Fr. Kevin Vogel-YouTube and you can find this topic along with other topic's he has recently uploaded there.
  - Students class was held Wednesday, January 10, they will be bringing back posters they made to enter our St. Boniface/St. Bonaventure Vocation poster contest. The 3rd and 4th graders have the theme "How will I help others find Jesus?" and the 5th and 6th graders will design for a T-shirt bringing the message of Jesus to others.
  - Wednesday, January 24, in the St. Boniface Church basement from 7-8:30pm will be the First Reconciliation Parent Retreat. The topic at this Retreat reflects on God's purpose for giving us the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the meaning of and a practical how-to for Confession.
  - Next Session will be February 7, starting with Mass at 6:30pm. You are welcome to join us after Mass in the church basement for Father Vogel's talk, starting at 7pm
- Submitted by Cheryl Veik, Coordinator



**St. Boniface School  
Valentine Breakfast  
Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
at St. Boniface Gym



**Serving:** Texas French Toast, Pancakes, Baked Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Fruit, Coffee & Juice.

*Free Will Offering*  
**GAMES OF ALL KINDS**  
9:00 a.m. til Noon

Games will be available throughout the morning. We will use bracelets for games again this year (\$5.00 per bracelet). Each person will receive a prize when they turn in the bracelet.



**Check it out**

**Facebook:  
St. Boniface Parish of Elgin**

**Website:  
[stbonparishes.com](http://stbonparishes.com)**

**to find the Elgin KC's  
FISH Fry dates!**



**St. Bonaventure  
Spring Breakfast & Raffle  
Sunday, March 4  
9:00 am- 12:00 pm  
Raeville Parish Hall**

**St. Boniface Altar Society  
January 15, 2018**

- Treasurer's Report:  
Beginning Balance: \$16,680.20  
Receipts: \$419.96  
Expenses: \$1,463.32  
Ending Checkbook Balance: \$15,636.84  
CD Balance: \$26,846.18
  - Money for "Penny and a Prayer" was collected.
  - Old Business:  
\*\*Still need a Vice-President and also a circle leader for Circle 2.
  - New Business:  
\*\*Circle Letters for dues will be going out soon. Circle Leaders are reminded to keep track of the amounts received by whom; keep a copy for yourselves and turn a copy in with the money to Lori Beckman.
  - \*\*A discussion was held on having a Christian Mothers Induction, since we have not had one for a few years. Connie Pelster will look into a time that we can do this.
  - \*\*Charity for Alice Short? Connie will look into what they are in need of. Will be discussed again next month.
  - \*\*A discussion was held on people not showing up to help clean church, which puts a heavier burden on those that do show up. Discussion tabled till next month.
  - **Work List:** \*\*\* encourage spouses and children to help out when calling parishioners\*\*\*  
Clean Church - Circle 2 - February (third week)  
Kookie Klatch- Circle 2 (at The Willows Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm)  
Next Funeral - Circle 4  
Next Charity - Circle 2 - Refreshments for Parent Retreat on January 24.  
Circle 3 - World Marriage Day Coffee & Rolls Feb. 4.
  - Next Meeting: Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- Submitted by Kathy Beckman, Secretary

**St. Boniface Parish Council  
January 10, 2018**

- Archdiocesan Evangelization Team: Total Leadership will meet with the Archdiocesan Evangelization Team on February 21. The purpose will be to help form a team to help parishes live out the vision of the church. It will be a way to envision together where our parishes are going, looking at internal and cultural changes. This is a spiritual aspect of the Pastoral Planning Process.
- Parish Clustering: Clustering is an external aspect to the Pastoral Planning Process. Father will be working with leadership and parishioners from St. John's in Petersburg. All

leadership will evaluate what to do with the Mass schedules. No definite time line for the schedule change has been set. Eric Meis thanked Father Vogel for all the time and effort he has put toward this process.

- Snow Removal: Eric has contacted current Men's Circle Leaders and has asked them to remind their men about cleaning snow on their given day. He will also contact the new men coming into circle leadership roles.
- Safety: The archdiocese is having a discussion on how to handle safety issues in church settings and large crowds.
- Lighting: The lighting project is scheduled to be completed by Easter.
- Spring Benefit Auction: Matt Beckman and Luke Beckman have agreed to lead the Auction Committee. Matt will let Eric Meis know if extra help from the Parish Council is needed. Duane Hoefler will put together an auction item for the auction donated from the Parish Council.
- Mowing of Grounds/Mowing of Cemetery: The Parish Council has agreed to ask Duane Hoefler if he would like to submit a bid to mow the parish grounds, and Duane Esau if he would like to submit a bid to mow the parish cemetery. The council was very pleased with past year's performance.
- Next Meeting: February 21, 7:00pm in the church basement (Total Leadership).

Submitted by Becky Kerkman, Secretary



**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 your day is very much needed  
and appreciated!**

**2018 Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Weekends** are scheduled for March 17-19, at Glad Tidings, Crofton and July 14-16 at Tintern Retreat Center. Weekends run Saturday 10:00 am-Monday approximately 5:30 pm and are specifically designed for second semester high school juniors to age 23. TEC costs \$75 and scholarships are available. To register, go to [www.archomaha.org](http://www.archomaha.org) under Youth Ministry, Teens Encounter Christ, Rural TEC Registrations, or seek a paper registration form there.

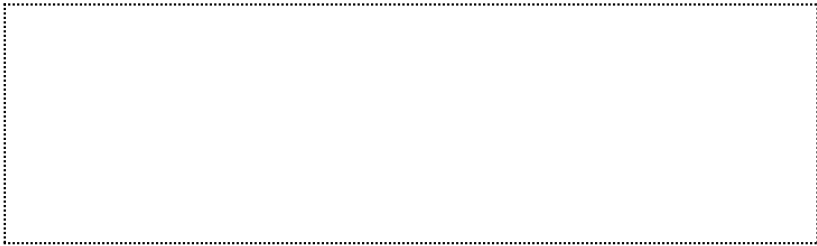
**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

Totus Tuus  
June 9-15, 2018

**St. Boniface Church  
 St. Bonaventure Church  
 PO Box B  
 Elgin, NE 68636**

Address Service Requested

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**St. Boniface Calendar Lottery Winners**

|          |   |                        |         |
|----------|---|------------------------|---------|
| 01-01-18 | Brandon & Ann Nielsen                   | <b>Holy Day</b>        | \$75.00 |
| 01-02-18 | Brandon & Justin Funk                   |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-03-18 | Whitney Walker, Paiton & Kellan Hoefler |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-04-18 | Jerome & Donna Brester                  | <b>Eucharistic Day</b> | \$80.00 |
| 01-05-18 | Alyssa Burenheide & Skylar Reestman     |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-06-18 | Dennis & Rose Wiehn                     |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-07-18 | Darlene (Dolly) Schindler               |                        | \$75.00 |
| 01-08-18 | Claire Tieszen                          |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-09-18 | Tom & Connie Kinney                     |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-10-18 | Frank & Clara Kamphaus                  |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-11-18 | Jane Ruterbories                        |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-12-18 | Sam Hemenway                            |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-13-18 | Barb Stuhr                              |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-14-18 | Dennis & Rose Wiehn                     |                        | \$75.00 |
| 01-15-18 | Adam & Tricia Spieker                   |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-16-18 | Pat & Bonnie Baum                       |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-17-18 | Larry & Joan Luettel                    |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-18-18 | Cheryl M. Lorenz                        |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-19-18 | James, Harrison & Henry Lodge           |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-20-18 | Jack Stoltz                             |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-21-18 | Jerry Kerkman                           |                        | \$75.00 |
| 01-22-18 | Steve & Deb Schindler                   |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-23-18 | Robert Stoll                            |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-24-18 | Joe & Connie Seier                      |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-25-18 | Sister Pat Hoffman                      |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-26-18 | Michael Hynes                           |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-27-18 | Shirley Lichtenberg                     |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-28-18 | John & Jeanne Knievel                   |                        | \$75.00 |
| 01-29-18 | Ken & Tina Henn                         |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-30-18 | Elyse & Paul Warnke                     |                        | \$60.00 |
| 01-31-18 | Ted & Tammy Bode                        |                        | \$60.00 |

**ST. BONIFACE**

**2018 Christian Mothers Officers**

President                      Connie Pelster  
 Vice President              \_\_\_\_\_(Could this be you?)  
 Secretary                     Kathy Beckman  
 Treasurer                     Lori S. Beckman

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE LEADERS**

Circle 1: Gwen Beckman, Emily Borer, Lindy Borer  
Circle 2: Julie Dwyer, Mary Alice Dwyer, \_\_\_\_\_ (could this be you?)  
Circle 3: Susan Kallhoff, Carmella Kinkaid, Bonnie Hoefler  
Circle 4: Jane Niewohner, Anne Meis, Lynell Morgan  
Circle 5: Ellen Schmitt, Michelle (Alan) Reicks, Jessie Pelster  
Circle 6: Connie Seier, Deb Tharnish, Deb Warren

**MEN'S CIRCLE LEADERS**

Circle 1: Jim Baum, Ted Baum  
Circle 2: Dave Eischeid, Travis Eischeid  
Circle 3: Dave Hoefler, Duane Hoefler  
Circle 4: Marvin Meis, Bill Mescher  
Circle 5: Bob Pelster, Alan Reicks  
Circle 6: Chris Stamp, Andy Starman

***Thank You everyone for your YES!***

Spring Benefit Auction  
Donation Envelope  
Enclosed in this Newsletter  
Return to: St. Boniface Parish  
PO Box B, Elgin, NE 68636 or place in the  
Sunday Collection Basket.

**St. Boniface  
Spring Benefit Auction  
Sunday, March 11, 2018  
at St. Boniface Gym**

Wanted!

- Consignment Items (Minimum \$50 Value)
- Fair Commission Rates
- Homemade/Homegrown/Handcrafted Good  
(No Minimum Value Required)
- Quality Items (Minimum \$50 Value)

**Suggested Items Include:** Antiques or collectibles, sporting event tickets, weekend getaways, quilts, grain/hay, gift certificates, theme gift baskets, dinners, tools, services, machinery, services for working women (such as doing their church cleaning/working at funeral/making their rolls or pies).

**Be Creative!** Every household in the parish are asked to donate something. Families may group donations together for larger ticket items. Each group of the parish is being asked to contribute something from its members. Please let the committee know what you will be giving. All items will be tagged with donor's name. All items subject of committee's acceptance. Items can be picked up and stored.

**Let a committee member know what you can give:**

Matt Beckman 402-843-6045  
Luke Beckman 402-843-0598  
Craig & Jessica Niewohner 402-843-2247  
Lee & Kara Shavlik 402-843-8816  
Eric & Anney Beckman 402-843-5764  
Michael Moser 402-843-0391  
Ted & JoAnn Baum 402-843-8370  
Jay & Kristen Evans 402-640-8622  
Brian Beckman 402-843-8106  
Jason Hoefler 402-843-8054  
Macaib Hoefler 402-843-0133  
Travis Eischeid 402-843-6680  
Gary Dreger 402-649-9901  
Ben Meis 402-843-8892

**All Proceeds go to St. Boniface Parish**

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**Stewardship & Evangelization  
January 11, 2018**

□ Evangelization Efforts were discussed.

\*\*Ministry Room in Convent- Karen Eischeid and Cheryl Veik are in the process of getting the old chapel in the convent ready for Grief Ministry, Bible study and other ministries.

\*\*Bible Study- Bible study begins Wednesday, January 24 at 9am and continues for 8 weeks. This session is "Mary, A

Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother."

\*\*Members Registered- Since our last meeting two new members have registered. The committee talked about again reviewing the list of people to reach out to.

\*\*Book Give Away at Christmas- The book give away was received well. We had received \$470 in donations and the Knights of Columbus donated an additional \$500 to help cover the cost of the books. We thank them for their donation. There were books left over but with the clustering of parishes occurring this year, we may need to increase the number of books we order next year.

\*\*Parish Mission- A parish mission for the entire parish will not be held this winter.

\*\*The Archdiocesan Evangelization Team will be attending the Parish Total Leadership meeting on Wednesday, February 21. All Stewardship committee members are asked to attend this meeting. Then at a later date, the Archdiocesan Evangelization Team will meet with a select group of people to get a sense of where we are as a parish and introduce us to the process of "Making Missionary Disciples" here in our communities. Those who attend these meetings will be sent an individual invitation and will be a variety of people from the Elgin, Raeville and Petersburg parishes. This three day event will take the place of our regular parish mission.

□ Stewardship Efforts:

\*\*Christmas Appeal- The appeal went well this year. It was suggested that next year Raeville and Petersburg's donations could go to Boone County Social Services while Elgin's go to Antelope County's Social Services.

\*\*Interviews of long-time parishioners for "Parishioner Spotlight" will be conducted by Mrs. Payne's junior class. They will be featured in the newsletter on a quarterly basis.

\*\*Spring Benefit Auction- The committee decided on donating decorative wooden signs for the parish auction. Kari Schindler will purchase the signs.

□ Next Meeting: Wednesday February 21, 2018 at 7pm. This is the Parish Total Leadership Meeting.

Submitted by Abby Lodge, Secretary

## What is CEC?

Christians Encounter Christ (CEC) is a Catholic movement within the Archdiocese of Omaha. The CEC Method is introduced in highly structured three-day weekend experience, beginning on Friday evening and ending on Sunday night. CEC Movement believes that Christianity can penetrate all areas of the secular world, living, growing, and transferring Christ's values to society. The CEC Weekend is a personal and communal encounter with Christ through the Holy Spirit which leads to a lifelong relationship with God by living a method of ongoing spiritual growth and evangelization of our Catholic faith.

Contact Fr. Vogel or Michele Reicks for more information.

### Upcoming CEC Weekends 2018 at Norfolk

January 26-28 (Men's) FULL

February 16-18 (Women's) FULL

March 16-18 (Men's)

April 20-22 (Women's)

September 28-30 (Men's)

October 19-21 (Women's)

November 9-11 (Men's)

November 30-December 2 (Women's)



The Stewardship & Evangelization Committee decided at a previous meeting to instead of having a Volunteer of the Year, that it will become Parishioner Spotlight. Each quarter, Pope John students will interview and write a short article about a parishioner and their involvement in the parish.

## PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT **LOUIS HEITHOFF**

In this month's interview, Pope John junior, Kyle Schumacher, spoke with Louis Heithoff about his childhood, his background, and how he lives out his faith life.

**Q : When and where were you born?**

A : I was born on August 22, 1930, in my parents' home about 1 ¾ miles west of Elgin. My parents were Albert and Eleanor.

**Q : Did you have any nicknames growing up?**

A : Nope, I've always have been called Louis.

**Q : Where did you attend high school and did you play any sports?**

A : I went to Saint Boniface High School where I graduated in 1948. In high school, I played baseball and basketball. We played basketball in the church basement and then later in the KC Hall. I was a senior on the first Saint Boniface High School basketball team. The shorts were short, short, short.

**Q : Where did you work and what was your favorite part of the job?**

A : I farmed until the went to the service. In the service, I worked with and built missiles. Through the Air Force, I built those great big missiles on wheels. That's where I learned how to fix TV's which came in handy later. After the service, I returned to the farm.

**Q : How many children did you have and what are their names?**

A : I have eight children and have been married to my lovely wife, Darlene, for 60 years. Steve was born in 1958. Debbie was born in 1959. Terry was born on Ground Hog Day in 1961. Diane was born in 1962. Denise was born in 1964. Calvin was born in 1965. Stanley was born in 1966. Todd was born in 1973.

**Q : What does the word "family" mean to you?**

A : To me family means perfect. I love my family and couldn't ask for a better one.

**Q : Who has had the largest impact on your religious life?**

A : Monsignor Buelt helped me grow in my faith. Sr. Agathina was a nun that taught me in school. She was stern; even though most of the time I did have it coming. In the long run I learned what she was teaching, so I guess her ways worked.

**Q : Did your parents raise you Catholic or did you convert?**

A : My parents Albert and Eleanor raised me Catholic. My wife Darlene converted when we got married.

**Q : What is your favorite religious holiday and how do you and your family celebrate it?**

A : My favorite holiday is Christmas. My family all gathers together after church on Christmas Eve. Those with little kids usually go to church in the evening.

**Q : How do you picture heaven?**

A : I think heaven will be beautiful and peaceful. Other than that I have no idea, I'll just wait until I get there. It's a place you want to go.