



First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

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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

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Knights of Columbus, Website: KofC.org/JoinUs

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Friends,

Advent has begun! Please note that our St. Bonaventure and St. Boniface Parish Penance Service will be held already this Sunday evening, December 2 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.

Thank you to Gary Hoefer, Gayle Zegers and Phil Starman for setting up the outdoor nativity for St. Boniface Church last week.

Our parish newsletter and Advent letter came in your mail this week. Inside it you'll find the addresses of those from our parish in Care Facilities, as well as addresses for Military/Religious/Seminary, so they receive support at Christmas time. Also inside, the newsletter is the list of bazaar raffle winners and other bazaar information. The advent letter gives the Christmas Mass schedule, and also reconciliation times here and in the area.

Next weekend we will hold a second collection after communion for Retirement Fund for Religious. Please 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.

I'm seeking donations to cover what our parishes still need to meet our Archbishop's Annual Appeal goals. St. Boniface needs \$6,195 yet and St. Bonaventure needs \$480 yet. Donation envelopes for this are at the parish office or in the back of your church. I'd appreciate it if you could consider helping out in this way.

A busy week this week:

Thursday is Eucharistic Day of Prayer and Friday is the Pope John Alumni Memorial Mass at 8:15 am. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is this Saturday, December 8th. Please note that even though it lands on a Saturday, it is a holy day of obligation. We will be celebrating Mary's conception with Mass on Friday at 7 pm in Elgin and with Mass on Saturday at 9 am Raeville.

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

Fr. Vogel

This Week In Our Parish.....

Parish	Day	Date	Time	Event
E/R	Sunday	December 2	7:00 pm	Parish Penance Service at St. Boniface Church
E/R	Tuesday	December 4	7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
E/R	Thursday	December 6	-----	Eucharistic Day of Prayer at St. Boniface Church
E	Thursday	December 6	7:00 pm	St. Boniface Choir Practice in SB Music Room
E/R	Friday	December 7	8:15 am	Pope John Memorial Mass at St. Boniface Church
E/R	Sat/Sun	December 8/9	-----	Christmas Appeal Items for Needy Due at Both Churches
E/R	Sunday	December 9	9 am-Noon	Pope John Senior Breakfast in St. Boniface Gym

Stewardship for November 24-25, 2018

Please keep our Parish Stewardship Needs in your Prayers

<u>St. Boniface</u>	
Sunday Collection (31 Env.)	\$1,611.74
Children's Collection	\$8.75
God's Portion	\$1,075.73
Pennies from Heaven	\$22.78

Sunday Collection as of Fiscal Week 22	
Budgeted Total	\$93,076.94
Actual Total	\$84,060.75
Amount Behind	(\$9,066.19)

<u>St. Bonaventure</u>	
Sunday Collection (13 Env.)	\$691.00
Children's Collection	\$7.00
Pennies from Heaven	\$8.35

Sunday Collection As of Fiscal Week 22	
Budgeted Total	\$21,576.94
Actual Total	\$25,088.84
Amount Ahead	\$3,511.90

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Campaign Update

St. Boniface (33.1% participation)	
Goal:	\$23,282.72
Pledged to date:	\$17,087.50
	73.4% of goal
St. Bonaventure (43.0% participation)	
Goal:	\$4,248.80
Pledged to date:	\$3,767.00
	88.7% of goal

Lost and Found: A men's black short zipper coat was found in the gym following the bazaar. If you are missing your coat, please call the parish office.



Thank you to Mary Bartak and the Pope John students and Karen Eischeid who worked hard to switch out the missals in church this past week in Elgin and to Mary Ann Starman in Raeville. Please note that there is a new vocation prayer that we will all learn together!

Elgin & Raeville Parishioners

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 2 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.**

When someone is placed on our Prayerline (phone and text lines) we automatically place them on our list in the bulletin. Only parishioners are placed in the petitions at Mass if they are placed on prayerline that week, in the hospital or on hospice (unless we are told otherwise). Lately we have not been notified of parishioners in the hospital. Please let us know also if your loved one is well enough to come off the list in the bulletin.

Advent candle holders and votive and taper replacement candles are available at the Parish Office. Stop in and get yours before Advent starts!

The Knights of Columbus now has an online membership program. Future Knights need only visit kofc.org/join to enroll in the digital program, which sets them on the path to becoming engaged in K of C spiritual and council life!

ADDITION TO HOLIDAY ADDRESS LIST (that was inside your newsletter this week)



Loretta Zegers
The Willows
806 S St.
Neligh NE 68756

Preparing for Advent.

There are a number of outstanding resources for individuals and families to prepare for Advent on the web. Want to know what Advent offers us? Curious about how we can do it better? The "Praying Advent" site, offered by Creighton University's Online Ministries has a number of ways to get us in a state of mind and heart to get ready for Advent. It promises to help us have the best Advent experience ever. Just Google "Praying Advent" to find the site. Dynamic Catholic also offers **Best Advent Ever** weekly reflections to help you have the best Christmas ever.

We want to thank the owners of our area grocery stores and our generous patrons and donors for supporting our annual Grocery Sales Project. You have helped us exceed our goal once again. In gratitude, we ask God to bless each one of you!

The Pope John Student Body

Mass Intentions for the Week.....

Location	Day	Date	Time	Intention
E	Monday	December 3	-----	No Communion Service
R	Tuesday	December 4	8:30 am	+LaVern & Leona Starman
E	Wednesday	December 5	8:15 am	+Clarence & Alice Funk by SB PreK/4th Grade
E	Wednesday	December 5	10:30 am	Funeral of Helen Neukirch (Wake 7:30pm: Meal in Gym)
E	Thursday	December 6	7:20 am	+Mary & Stephanie Eischeid Eucharistic Day of Prayer Begins
E	Friday	December 7	8:15 am	+Dec. Pope John Alumni Alumnil Memorial Mass by PJ 8 th Gr. First Friday; Eucharistic Day Ends
E	Friday	December 7	7:00 pm	Special Intention for Kaden Swanson Immaculate Conception
R	Saturday	December 8	9:00 am	For the People of St. Bonaventure and St. Boniface Imm. Conc.
E	Saturday	December 8	5:30 pm	For the People of St. Boniface and St. Bonaventure
R	Sunday	December 9	8:00 am	+Bob & Marie Schrage
E	Sunday	December 9	10:00 am	+Lawrence & Leona Wiehn

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Logann Pelster, Jerry McNally, Kurt Saner, Trey Meis, Kirk Papstein, Jennifer Howard, Elmer Tharnish, Paysen Guthard, Jerry Kerkman, Cheri (Schindler) Cavanagh, Lincoln Schindler, Allen & Jan Dozler, Dave Schindler, Millie Mundorf, Matt Evans, Cliff Burger, Jim Funk, Jolene Lichty, Diane Flenniken, Debbie Hancock, Larry Braband, Peter Ives, Mary Rose (Beckman) Schainost, Olivia Trease Anderson, Dave Shrader, Scott Johnson, Roger & Jan Sorenson, Kathy Jamieson, Betty Cave, Paul Seger, Kaden Swanson. **Parishioners:** Helen Neukirch, Margaret Dozler, Christine Studley, Alfreda Pelster, Eve Kallhoff, Mary Beelart, Neil Childers, Betty Vaisvilas, Nancy Selting, Sally Beckman, Leonard Beckman, Joe Buel, Gloria Lordemann, Marie Cheatum, Shirley Henkenius, Charlotte Hofer, Mary Jane Henn, Rollie Reicks, Helen Borer, Dodi Mack, Karlene Moser, Michelle (Alan) Reicks, Clara Kamphaus, Nancy Shavlik, Loretta Zegers. [Please let the office know if a name can be removed.]

Please pray for the soul of St. Boniface Parishioner **Helen Neukirch**, who passed away this week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

The St. Boniface Choir will be beginning rehearsal this week for the 10:00 am Christmas Mass. New members are welcome! Rehearsals will be in the choir loft on the following evenings unless listed differently.
Thurs., Dec. 6 at 7:00pm in School Music Room (south hall)
Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7:00pm in Church
Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:00pm in Church

God's Portion & God's Acre

St. Boniface

Budgeted: \$44,000.00
Total to Date: **\$24,122.49**

St. Bonaventure

Budgeted: \$13,000.00
Total to Date: **\$7,035.17**



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. Continuing until December 8/9, 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 December 9.

"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 towards supporting the good works of the Knights.



Pope John Senior Breakfast will be held December 9 at the St. Boniface gym from 9 am-Noon. Serving Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Fruit and Rolls. Free will donation.

Bazaar Chairpersons (in charge of work station) and Committee Members: Please fill out the questionnaire and return it to the Bazaar Committee, via the Parish Office, by December 5.

The Magnificat. Another order will be placed in December for bulk subscriptions to the Magnificat. This prayer book contains the Mass readings, morning, evening and night prayer of the Church, along with daily info about the lives of the saints. Meditations each day are chosen to help us grow deeper in our spiritual journey. The cost is \$35/year. If it is ordered singly the cost is \$45. There are some sample copies in the back of church for you to take. Please let Pam Dinslage know by December 15th. Phone: 843-5605 or cell: 929-0668.

St. Boniface Church as available these NEW Prayer Cards, in their main entrance, for you to take and pray. Thank you to the anonymous donor of these!

- **All those suffering Due to the Scandals and Abuses In the Church**
- **Prayer for the Renewal and Sanctification of the Church**
- **Litany of Humility**
- **Litany of the Holy Face**
- **Litany of the Holy Heart of Mary**
- **Examination of Conscience**
- **St. Michael Prayer for Divine Protection of the Church**
- **St. Michael Prayer**
- **Prayer for Priests**
- **Pro-Life Spiritual Adoption Prayer**

Liturgical Schedule for Immaculate Conception, Dec. 7-8, 2018

Mass	Servers	Ushers	Greeters/ Rosary Leaders	Gift Bearers	Lectors	Music	EMHC *To the sick
FRIDAY December 7 7:00 pm ELGIN Holy Day	Brooklyn Meis Skyler Meis	Dave Eischeid Ron Eischeid Travis Eischeid Bill Eischeid	-----	-----	Tracy Beckman	-----	Pastor, Terry Reicks
SATURDAY December 8 9:00 am RAEVILLE Holy Day	Olivia Klein Aiden Klein	Mark Grundmayer Jerry Schrage	Ken & Joan Stuhr	Jerry & Tami Schrage	Ken Stuhr	Joyce Reestman	Tami Schrage

Liturgical Schedule for Sunday, December 7-9, 2018

SATURDAY December 8 5:30 p.m. ELGIN	Ashlynn Charf Taylynne Charf	Bob Getzfred Steve Heithoff Brian Henn Duane Hofer	Bob & Janice Pelster- W Dave & Janice Eischeid- N & S	Scott & Deb Beckman	Duane Childers	Donna Mackel	Pastor, Scott Becker
SUNDAY December 9 8:00 a.m. RAEVILLE	Reese Stuhr Kaiden Bode	Jerry Schrage Spencer Heying	Mark & Carole Tharnish	Ken & Joyce Reestman	Fred Fangman	Paul Kuhman	Megan Heying
SUNDAY December 9 10:00 a.m. ELGIN	Cale Kinney Jazmine McNally	Eric Haselhorst Gene Heithoff Jerry Heithoff Dave Hofer	Gayle & Judy Zegers- W Dave Wanda Linnaus- N & S	Merle & Emily Borer	Janette F. Henn	Rachel Becker Ally Selting Sklar Reetman <u>No Choir</u>	<u>Precious Blood-</u> Pastor, Deacon, *Tyler & *Chelsi Childers, Jessica Niewohner, *Linda Kerkman

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

11-26-18	Doug & Beth Schueth	\$60.00
11-27-18	Craig & Melissa Lordemann	\$60.00
11-28-18	Alice Kallhoff	\$60.00
11-29-18	Marge Childers	\$60.00
11-30-18	Travis Hardy	\$60.00
12-01-18	Steve & Kathy Beckman	\$60.00
12-02-18	Ashlynn Charf First Sunday of Advent	\$80.00

Visit Nativity Scenes: Nov. 25 – Dec. 16, 2018; Jan. 2 – 10, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Center. Everybody is invited to make a pilgrimage to St. Benedict Center, view God's Love made visible in nativity scenes from the Holy Land, from Africa, Asia, South & North America and Europe and pray for the peace which our world so urgently needs. No admission fee. For more information visit www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

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	(Kluth-Payne)
Fridays	CIRCLE 5	(Pelster-Schrage)
Saturdays	CIRCLE 6	(Schueths-Zwingman)
Sundays	ALL CIRCLES	

{ We SOLD OUT of our
Thanksgiving Bazaar Sausage.
Thank you for your support!! }

Area Penance Services: December 2 at 7:00 pm at Elgin, December 9 at 2:00 pm in Albion, December 9 at 7:00 pm at Rural St. Johns, and December 9 at 7:00 pm in Norfolk.