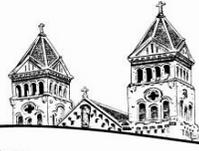




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November every year begins with the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. During this month we especially remember and pray for those who have died. When we die, we have the hope of eternal life gained for us by the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In order to reach heaven, we must die in the friendship of God and be perfectly purified, as nothing contrary to God can be in his presence. If we die in God's friendship, even if we are not yet perfect, we can still reach heaven. The Father's desire is to lose no one, so he is able to complete our purification even after we die, which we call purgatory. This is why we pray for the faithful departed: If someone is in hell, our prayers cannot help them. If someone is in heaven, then they pray for us. But if someone is in purgatory on the way to heaven, then our prayers do much to help them be purified by God's grace. Since God does not usually tell us the exact state of someone's soul when they die, we pray for everyone who dies.

One wonderful tradition of prayer for the dead is to visit the cemetery where our loved ones are buried and pray for them there. Why visit the cemetery? First, cemeteries reflect real history. The earliest Christian burial places were private family plots, but the desire for early Christians to be laid to rest near those of their own faith led wealthy Christians to enlarge their family burial places and admit their poorer brethren to share them. Owing to the nature of the soil around Rome, and the desire to imitate the tomb of Christ, the practice began of excavating subterranean chambers in the recesses of which bodies could be laid and walled in with bricks or marble slabs. These underground cemeteries are known as catacombs. Anniversary feasts to honor the dead were celebrated at these catacombs, and they were used as places of worship during times of fierce persecution. During the 4th century, basilicas were built over the tombs of martyrs, with the altar at the spot of the martyr's tomb. The eager desire to be buried near God's holy ones, gradually led to the custom of permitting certain individuals to be interred not only near but within certain churches.

We can find many Christian traditions around the world, for example, in Medieval England of having a procession to the churchyard on Palm Sunday to scatter flowers on the graves. Cemeteries separate from the parish church would often have a mortuary chapel where Mass was celebrated for the souls of the departed, and the practice of blessing the grave or the vault in which any Christian was laid to rest is extremely ancient. Today our parish cemeteries reinforce the notion of community. When we visit our loved one's grave, we can often recognize those among whom they are lying. These people were Catholics together in life, and now they are together in death. The Catholic cemetery bears witness to a community of faith.

The cemetery is also an important sacramental. Cemeteries make the reality of death and resurrection visible. Our culture often tries to make death as invisible as possible. Young people are sometimes shielded from seeing death, that it might be "traumatic." Wakes and funerals are sometimes shortened. In some places cremation (which is allowed) has become primary even though the Church prefers full burial of the body. And sometimes we hear the false platitude that "funerals are about the living, not the dead." Funerals are for the living, but even more so for the dead. Since we believe in the Resurrection, that all who die will receive their bodies back at the final Judgment, Christians have always had great respect for the bodies of our deceased. Cemeteries remind us that the human body, even when dead, is sacred, a temple of the Holy Spirit. The cemetery is an extension of the Church, as the final resting place of those who are part of the Church Suffering and the Church Triumphant - the Communion of Saints. Visiting cemeteries is, therefore, visiting another "part" of the Church.

To encourage the holy practice of visiting and praying at the cemetery, the Church offers a daily plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory, under the usual conditions (right intention, confession, Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Pope) to those who visit a cemetery in the period of Nov. 1-8. She offers a partial indulgence at all other times. If you go to our parish website, you will be able to find this article with links to download prayers for the cemetery, as well as video examples of these prayers. As Venerable Fulton Sheen once said, when we die, those souls we've prayed for - even people who we never met on earth - will be "coming toward us and thanking us. We will ask who they are and they will say: 'A poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.'" Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace. Amen.

Cemetery Visit Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgF2VxjRq1w>

Cemetery Prayer Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLk6izfW-zm0KuS2hO2sKrOkRoLJ0t25TR>

Devotional Booklet: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B6K WGd6xtYEqVlhqc2pzemhGY2c>

Fr. Vogel



PJCC Senior Breakfast
 Sunday, December 9
 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 St. Boniface Gym

St. Boniface Advisory Board October 17, 2018

- Administrative Report was presented by Betty Getzfred.
- **Grandparents day will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14th during book fair week –November 12th-16th.
- **Tonic Sol-Fa Concert will be Wednesday, October 24th.
- **Revised By-Laws were sent to Dr. Ashton to sign.
- St Bon for the Win results: 124 tickets sold (\$7,440.00). Many tickets bought by parents that didn't attend. Sponsors helped with the expenses. Raffle/Auction: \$3,355.00 and Expenses totaled \$4,895.04 and Profit was \$14,693.76. Discussion about Fundraiser for next year. Betty Getzfred commented that she did not like the fact parents were buying tickets out of obligation. Also Kelsey Selting commented that she talked to parents who were busy and unable to attend but still bought tickets. Adam Veik said turnout was lower than ticket sales and was open to new ideas. Betty Getzfred stated that there would need to be new committee members. Parents currently on the committee have asked to be off the committee. As a board, discussion was held on organizing a group to sing following the meal. The School Board liked the idea and suggested some parents to be on the committee. Betty Getzfred will contact parents.

Pope John XXIII/St. Boniface Combined School Advisory Board October 17, 2018

- Director of Advancement Report: Anna Meis stated a new addition to our website will be a teacher feature.
- Administrator's Report:
 **Betty Getzfred stated that Mrs. Evans and the broadcasting class is working on a video promoting our schools.
 **Darlene (Dolly) Schindler gave the school a \$1,000 donation towards the new sidewalk. We ran the sidewalk on the north side of the school to the corner of 2nd and Remington Street.
- President's Report: Father Vogel gave an update on the progress of the pastoral planning. He stated that the official date for him to be pastor St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure and St. John the Baptist of Petersburg is July 1st. The priests in the area would like to coordinator Mass schedules.
- Old Business:
 **School task force committee met on October 6th. This is a advisory committee with representatives from each of the six parishes. The board members received a copy of the minutes from the meeting.
 **D&M Fire Protection fixed the pull station in the old shop.
 **Safety plan updated. The Antelope County Sheriff's Department has keys to enter our school in case of emergency. The department also has a copy of our plan as well as the City of Elgin. A place of business in Elgin has a key to the school also.
- New Business:

**A grant was submitted to Cornhusker Motor Club for equipment for the MakerSpace. The school will be notified by November 15th if we receive the grant.

**Information and discussion was held on moving from Frameworks accreditation to AdvancED accreditation. Betty Getzfred stated that she will contact schools who are AdvancED to gather more information before a decision is made.

- Next Meeting: November 13 at 7:30 pm.
- Submitted by Betty Getzfred

St. Boniface Altar Society Corrected Work List

- *** encourage spouses and children to help out when calling parishioners***
- Clean Church - Circle 2- December
- Kookie Klatch- **Correction:**(None in November & December)
- Next Funeral - Circle 2
- Next Charity - Circle 4
- Setting up Nativity- Circles 6 & 1 (December 16)
- Next Meeting: December 17, 2018

Family Formation November 7, 2018

- It's November 7th already and our Mass intention was for Charlene Beckman. The family that brought up gifts were Todd, Shanna, Jael and Ryker Lammers. Mass collection was \$73.60.
 - Food Pantry items were 9lbs.12oz.
 - Classroom lesson: "*See You At The Finish Line(The Final Coming)*".
 - Father Vogel gave a visual presentation with beautiful pictures with the topic being "*Cross My Heart (The Lord Keeps His Promise)*". Father Vogel talked briefly on the History of God's Salvation. How from the beginning of time with Adam and Eve in the Old Testament with what transpired in time, Father Vogel pointed out shadows on how it relates to the present with a time line of the Bible. If you are unable to come join us, check out Father's YOUTUBE videos and see these talks and his homilies that he so faithfully posts continuously. These are also available to access at: stbonparishes.com. Thank you Father Vogel for all the effort you give to these presentations.
 - Next Mass/Class Parent Session: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm.
 - Next Student Class: Wednesday December 19,2018 from 5-6 pm.
- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**
 Submitted by Cheryl Veik, coordinator



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. Father will address as many as possible each month.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Monday, December 24: 4:30 pm (R)
 12:00 Midnight Mass (E)
Tuesday, December 25: 10:00 am (E)

Stewardship & Evangelization Meeting November 6, 2018

□ Evangelization Efforts:

****Evangelization Team-** an explanation was given of the twelve member group, who had been meeting every two weeks doing a book share. They are now meeting every month. They have reached out to other parishioners to build their relationship with Jesus Christ.

****Bible study-** morning session will start in January. Our committee will run an ad in the bulletin to see if there is interest in holding a study group session on Wednesday evenings (except on the night that Family Formation is scheduled)..

****Member Registration-** committee members will reach out to individuals to invite them to register. It was discussed to mail the registration form or to put the form on the parish website to be completed online.

****Parish Mission:** suggestions discussed such as: Marian Consecration, Tenebrae, Prayer mediation on The Lord's seven last words, Live Stations of the Cross, parish evangelization night.

****It was decided not to do the Book give away at Christmas this year.**

□ Stewardship Efforts:

****Parishioner spotlights-** Pope John's Seniors, with the guidance of Mrs. Payne will continue to interview parishioners.

****Christmas Appeal for the Needy.** Betty Getzfred will make the ornaments for the tree for St. Boniface and St. Bonaventure. She will ask seniors Lauren Seier and Maddie Schrage to hang the ornaments on the tree at St. Bonaventure. Wanda and Dave Linnaus will put the tree up and hang the ornaments for St. Boniface the November 24/25 weekend. All gifts will be due December 9th.

□ Other items:

****Parish picnic-** about 80 people attended the picnic.

****Election of officers:** Scott Becker- President, Dave Kerkman Vice-President, Abby Lodge-Secretary.

****Archdiocese Unite-** Father Vogel explained the event planned on Saturday, June 8th for all Catholics in the Omaha Archdiocese. Kari Schindler, Wanda Linnaus and others will be invited to complete the information sheet for our parish display for this event.

□ Next Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Submitted by Betty Getzfred



Circle Leaders are responsible to check out conditions of the walkways and drives for the Church, Rectory, Convent, Gym and Sister's House and call for additional help if needed.

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 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 the 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 at a Mass and with a Blessing from Father Vogel.

We have two sessions a year. Our next session will be during the month of May and then one in the fall, during the month of October.

Currently in our Archdiocese other than Omaha we are the only parish offering this ministry. If you have a loved one or a friend who could benefit from these sessions, please let them know. This could be the first steps of healing you could give them.

We are grateful to our sponsors: St. Boniface church, Huffman/Levander Funeral Home, Elgin Knights of Columbus #2411, Asera Care Hospice-O'Neill, and The Elgin 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

11-01-18	Ted & Tammy Bode	All Saints Day	\$75.00
11-02-18	Fr. John Norman		\$60.00
11-03-18	Dave Sehi		\$60.00
11-04-18	Brian Henn		\$75.00
11-05-18	Jayden & Jarret Lordemann		\$60.00
11-06-18	Joe & Carol Luettel		\$60.00
11-07-18	Sam Hemenway		\$60.00
11-08-18	Jan Merrill	Eucharistic Day	\$80.00
11-09-18	Danelle Charf		\$60.00
11-10-18	Joseph L. Julich		\$60.00
11-11-18	Tami Schrage		\$75.00
11-12-18	Karen Eischeid		\$60.00
11-13-18	Russell Vetick		\$60.00
11-14-18	Donna Dugan		\$60.00
11-15-18	Roy Ketteler		\$60.00
11-16-18	Emma Voborny		\$60.00
11-17-18	Hadley & Kendyl Bergman		\$60.00
11-18-18	Karen Stoltenberg		\$75.00
11-19-18	Ann & Brandon Nielsen		\$60.00
11-20-18	Rev. Francis Lordemann	Fr. Vogel's B-Day	\$80.00
11-21-18	Mike & Mary Alice Dwyer		\$60.00
11-22-18	Judith Orłowski	Thanksgiving	\$80.00
11-23-18	Bart & Sandi Koinzan		\$60.00
11-24-18	Danelle Charf		\$60.00
11-25-18	Duane Dubas		\$75.00
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



**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 24/25 and 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.**



Advent replacements candles are available at the Parish Office. Stop in and get your before Advents starts on December 2nd.

