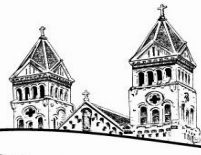




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## The Bell

### I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)

I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)

I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)

I am bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)

I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8)

I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt. 5:13-14)

I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)

I am free forever from condemnation ( Rom. 8: 1-2)

I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil.3:20)

I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31-34)

I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor.5:17-21)

I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph 2:18)

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)

I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom.8:35-39)

I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor.1:21-22)

I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8: 28)

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)

I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)

I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)

I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)

I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)

I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)

I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected (Phil. 1: 5)

I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col. 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

I belong to God

**Keep this  
bell ringing...**



## St. Boniface School Advisory Board November 13, 2018

□ Administrator's Report:

\*\*Betty Getzfred stated that there were about 100 grandparents attending Grandparents Day. The Book Fair was a success.

\*\*On Nov 21, St. Boniface School will enjoy presentations from the UNL Extension Office, Edgerton Explorit Center, and Superbook Center.

\*\*Terra Nova results will be sent home next week to the parents.

\*\*Fall Fundraiser- There will be a fall Dinner Cabaret. The committee will meet in January to discuss this fundraiser. A committee of five couples will chair this event.

\*\*Lottery Calendars -780 sold. Due date is December 1st to reach our goal of 1000 calendars.

Submitted by Brent Schmidt, Secretary

## Pope John School Board Meeting November 13, 2018

□ General Reports were given.

□ Director of Advancement:

1) A total of 490 Booster Club tickets were sold and we are 35 tickets short of the goal.

2) 2300 letters were mailed out last week for the Annual Fund Drive and a special thanks to Jan Henn for setting up the volunteers for the mailing.

3) The Pope John Memorial Mass and reception has been set for Friday, December 7th.

4) Evening with Friends is scheduled for Sunday, January 27 and solicitation is underway.

□ Administrator's Report:

1) Pope John One Act placed 1st at the NVC contest held at Elgin Public Schools on Tuesday, November 13th. District One Act will be held at Central Community College in Columbus on Tuesday, November 27th.

2) NVC Volleyball selections were announced.

□ Old Business:

1) E Learning Day was approved with a motion made by Ed and seconded by Father John Norman.

2) Kay Preister will stay on the Wolfpack Sub Committee and Lynn Selting and Kevin Schumacher have agreed to join.

□ New Business

1) Karmen Sauser has sent her Letter of Resignation as One Act Coach. Pope John XXIII appreciates the years of service Mrs. Sauser has given to our One Act department over the past 17 years.

2) A bus will take Pope John students to Love or Lust with Jason Evert on Sunday, November 25th to the Norfolk Catholic Schools Event Center. Consent forms were sent home with the students.

3) St Boniface School would like to have the Pope John Choir and Band perform for a Cabaret fundraiser next year. A motion to approve was passed.

□ Committee Reports:

Transportation Committee

1) A double heater will be placed in the activity bus at a cost of \$400.00 and Ed Moser is continuing to look for a replacement bus.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 13, 2018.

Submitted by Gini Seier, Secretary



**CCPJ BREAKFAST**  
**Sunday, January 13**  
**St. Boniface Gym 0**  
**9:00 am-12:00 pm.**

## Pope John XXIII/St. Boniface Combined School Advisory Board November 13, 2018

□ Administrator's Report:

1) Welcomed two students; Jessica Olnes' sons Hunter a 4th grader and Sebastian a 7th grader.

2) There will be an earlier dismissal (1:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, November 21st for Thanksgiving break.

3) Terra Nova test results for grades 3-7 will be sent home this week.

□ President Report: Update on Pastoral Planning meeting held on Saturday, November 10th. There will be a parish survey this week on Mass time preferences. July 1st is the official date for priests to take their new positions.

□ Old Business:

1) School Task force Committee: Father John gave a brief explanation of the purpose and function of the committee. At the last meeting on November 3rd Dr. Michael Ashton (CSO superintendent) join the group to discuss the strengths and shortcomings of merging the two systems. The committee will be working on the financial numbers, cost savings, assessments to the parishes. Next meeting is January 12th.

2) Wrestling policy: A motion passed that girls enrolled at St. Boniface and Pope John will not be allowed to participate in EPPJ wrestling or school affiliated wrestling program due to the close contact of the participants.

□ Next meeting will be Thursday, December 13, 2018

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 in Father Vogel's garage.*

**You help is very much appreciated!!**



### NEWSLETTER SPONSORS NEEDED

**The Stump & Axe Newsletter serves both our parishes. If you wish to sponsor a future month, please place \$75 in the collection in an envelope marked "Newsletter sponsor". Help us to bring the parish news to you.**

## **Will you encounter Christ in 2019?**

Christian's Encounter Christ (CEC) weekends for 2019 will be held in Norfolk on the following weekends:

**January 25-27, 2019** (Men's)

**February 15-17, 2019** (Women's)

**March 15-17, 2019** (Men's)

**April 5-7, 2019** (Women's)

**September 27-29, 2019** (Men's)

**October 18-20, 2019** (Women's)

**November 1-3, 2019** (Men's)

**Nov. 22-24, 2019** (Women's)

*Call Fr. Vogel or Michele at the Parish Office for more information.*

## **St. Bonaventure Parish Council November 29, 2018**

□ Old Business:

**\*\*Pastoral Planning Update:** Father Vogel recapped the latest Pastoral Planning meeting. We now have 8 area parishes participating in the planning with the inclusion of St. Peter deAlcantara of Ewing, St. Theresa of Avila Mission of Clearwater, and St. John the Baptist of Deloit Township along with St. Boniface, St. Bonaventure, St. John the Baptist of Petersburg, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel of Tilden, and St. Francis of Assisi of Neligh. This will assist all these parishes in long term planning to prepare for the decreasing number of priests in the coming years due to retirement and fewer priests in the seminary. It is felt that strength of our parishes is achieved by collaboration which is consistent with the mission of the church. Surveys of church attendance and preferences were completed the weekend of November 17-18 at all 8 parishes to gather data and will be tabulated and shared at the next Pastoral Planning meeting. This will assist the parishes in making decisions pertaining to the changes in July of 2019. Meanwhile, the area priests are meeting regularly to continue the planning process and share information.

**\*\*Cemetery Monuments:** Repairs to monuments in the cemetery have been completed.

**\*\*Old Hall:** The fire department burned down the old parish hall and Bigland's has hauled away all the debris away. The land is now ready for grass to be planted. Thanks to Craig Seier for coordinating this!

New Business:

**\*\*New Hall:** There was a question about the need for a change in the hall contract to include provisions for keeping exits clear and the use of candles not enclosed in any protective container. It was felt this was not necessary at this time. During discussion of hall use, it was emphasized by all that customer service should be a priority. We want people to use our hall and should do anything possible to make it a simple and pleasant experience for all. This issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

**\*\*Extension of fence:** Paul Kuhlman had an estimate for the extension of the white fence from the rectory to the hall to prevent any traffic over the drainage field just north of the hall. Motion passed to accept the bid. Bryan Bode is donating fence posts and chains to block entrance to drainage field on the east side of the property. A work day will be scheduled next spring to complete these projects.

**\*\*Replacement of bulbs in tract lights by the altar:** Bryan Bode volunteered to replace those bulbs before Christmas.

□ ArchOmaha Unity Event: The Omaha Archdiocese is sponsoring an event at the CHI Health Center on June 8, 2018 (Pentecost) to help people to get excited about their

faith. There will be activities for all ages to enjoy and feel good about being Catholic! There will be displays from all parishes in the Archdiocese to showcase the diversity, history, and vibrancy of our faith.

Submitted by Joyce Pelster

## **Family Formation December 12, 2018**

□ As we always begin our Family Formation with Mass. Our intention was for the soul of Danny Hofer. The family that brought up the gifts was Ben Schrad and Cassie Schrad, and Kaidynce. Mass servers were Jaidyne Schrad and Kayton Zwingman. Mass Collection was \$42.00.

□ Food Pantry items were 10 lbs. 5oz.

□ Classroom lesson: CROSS MY HEART! (The Lord Keeps His Promise).

□ Father Vogel's presentation was on A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN (The Sacrament of Matrimony). Father Vogel explained how God is Love and the characteristics we find in the Bibles on God's love is: 1. Free-(to love); 2. Total-(giving of self); 3. Faithful-(God is faithful, love means being faithful); and 4. Fruitful-(life giving as in the Sacrament of marriage when the vows are proclaimed, marriage is in God's image). Marriage is modeled after the Trinity- Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The marriage Husband, Wife, and Children. Marriage is not for our selves, but the goal of helping each other get to heaven.

□ December 19, student class time started with confessions and followed by a Christmas party at the convent.

□ Next Mass/Class Parent Session: January 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

□ Next Student Class: Wednesday January 9, 2019 from 5-6 pm. Merry Christmas!!

Submitted by Cheryl Veik, Coordinator

## **St. Boniface Altar Society December 17, 2018**

□ Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$8,808.78

Receipts: \$2,021.06

Expenses: \$1,956.88

Ending Checkbook Balance: \$8,872.96

CD Balance: \$37,180.83

□ Money for "Penny and a Prayer" was collected. Correspondence: Thank you's from Tintern and past funerals were passed around.

□ Old Business: Sandy Kallhoff presented us with a recap of the Thanksgiving Bazaar.

□ New Business: 1) Circle Leaders were asked to find their replacements. These are the replacements so far: Circle 2 - Bonnie Dinslage, Circle 5 - Janice Pelster, Circle 6 - Kelsey Selting. 2) A Discussion was held on giving a donation to the March For Life Candidates and Sponsors. Motion passed to make a donation for \$1,150.00 for expenses for the March For Life.

□ **Work List:** \*\*\* encourage spouses and children to help out when calling parishioners\*\*\*

Clean Church - Circle 3 - January 17, 2019

Kookie Klatch- Circle 5 (The Willows Jan. 19 at 2:00 pm.

Next Funeral - Circle 4

Next Charity - Circle 4

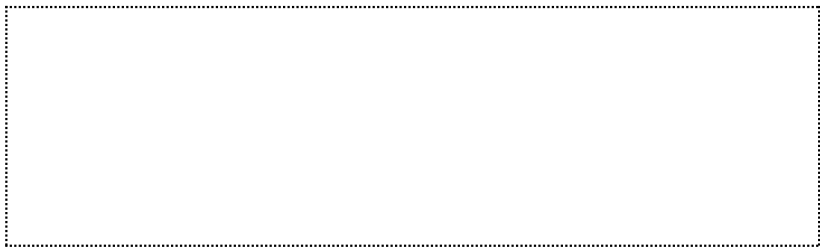
Next Meeting - January 21, 2019

Submitted by Kathy Beckman, Secretary

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**St. Boniface Calendar Lottery Winners**

12-01-18	Steve & Kathy Beckman		\$60.00
12-02-18	Ashlynn Charf	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	\$80.00
12-03-18	Cheryl M. Lorenz		\$60.00
12-04-18	Heather Veik		\$60.00
12-05-18	Wm. & Carol Luettel		\$60.00
12-06-18	Elizabeth, Lillian & James Moser	<b>Euch. Day</b>	\$80.00
12-07-18	Carol Funk		\$60.00
12-08-18	Jean Breen	<b>Immac. Conception</b>	\$75.00
12-09-18	Gary Hoefler		\$75.00
12-10-18	Janet M. Koinzan		\$60.00
12-11-18	Christopher Price		\$60.00
12-12-18	Carson Funk		\$60.00
12-13-18	Fr. Steven Boes		\$60.00
12-14-18	Jayden & Jarrett Lordemann		\$60.00
12-15-18	Jeane Hynes		\$60.00
12-16-18	Renee Riesberg		\$75.00
12-17-18	Fr. Pat McCaslin	<b>Pope Francis B-Day</b>	\$80.00
12-18-18	Mike & Mary Alice Dwyer		\$60.00
12-19-18	Brandon & Ann Nielsen		\$60.00
12-20-18	Ed & Anne Hemenway		\$60.00
12-21-18	Lyle Juracek		\$60.00
12-22-18	Warren & Merry Snodgrass		\$60.00
12-23-18	Stephen & Gloria Lordemann		\$75.00
12-24-18	Joe & Connie Seier		\$60.00
12-25-18	Amy & Chipper Chipps	<b>Christmas</b>	\$1,000.00
12-26-18	Heather & John McNally		\$60.00
12-27-18	Paityn Wagner		\$60.00
12-28-18	Tyler & Chelsi Childers		\$60.00
12-29-18	Patty & John Thiele		\$60.00
12-30-18	Fr. Steven Boes		\$75.00
12-31-18	Ronald Gilg		\$60.00



Join the fun! The Committee for the Continuation of Pope John presents "Casino Royale" at the 19th Annual Evening With Friends on Sunday, January 27th at the Elgin KC Hall.

Social Hour 5 pm • Dinner 6 pm. Tickets available after the New Year! Tickets are \$100 each and include Social Hour, Dinner, and the opportunity to win several prizes during the evening. Top prize is \$2,500. For tickets or information contact: Brenda Meis 402-843-0138, Anna Meis 402-843-8893, Jami Schmidt 402-679-7941 or Pope John 402-843-5325.



The next Baptism Class for St. Boniface and St. Bonaventure Parishes is scheduled for Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Room in the Convent. In order to have your child baptized, it is necessary for you to attend this class if you are a first time parent, a parishioner recently registered in either parish, or if it has been over two years since you last attending the class. Please call Gwen & Dave Beckman at 402-843-2372 to register for the class.

