



St. Francis Borgia

Roman Catholic Church

Epiphany of The Lord

January 5, 2020



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Monday-Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

First Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Parish Mission Statement

As the Parish families of St. Francis Borgia of Blair, Nebraska, we are a faith community united in Christ by a common bond to the Roman Catholic Church. Our words and actions are a reflection of Christ's presence among us. We manifest God's work through our active participation in spiritual, educational, liturgical and service acts directed at bringing Christ to all.

John 15: Jesus says "love one another as I have loved you."

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord!

NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE

This month, around six buses will be traveling from our Archdiocese To Washington D.C. for the March for Life. I have been to the March for Life about 10 times and it is always a very powerful experience. Many people, however, are not able to go for the March for Life.

That is why we are very thankful for the opportunity to go to the Nebraska Walk for Life. If you have never been to this event, I would like to encourage you to go to it. Some of our parishioners are carpooling. Sign up sheets are available in the commons area. It is important for us to witness for the sanctity of human life. We are the voice for the voiceless unborn. Information about the Nebraska Walk for Life and this year's guest speaker follows:

NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE: Saturday, January 18, 2020 The Walk begins at 10 a.m. at the State Capitol. From there, we will walk to the UNL Student Union, where our Key-note Speakers, Jennifer and Jeff Christie, will speak at 11:30 a.m. "But what about cases of rape?" This is often asked by abortion advocates. Jennifer Christie was raped on a business trip, learning she was pregnant as she recovered from the attack. Against the advice of doctors, friends and society, she decided to keep her child. Her story reminds us that God brings healing from pain, and children are part of the journey to recovery, not an obstacle for mothers to overcome. "I am not raising a 'rapist's baby,'" Jennifer said. "I am raising my baby. He is the love that I pour into him. He is the love of my husband who is raising him, siblings who play with him and grandparents who dote on him. He is all of these things and more." Is he a reminder? Yes, he's a reminder that women can be stronger than their circumstances. He's also a reminder that beauty can come from darkness. Join the largest, longest-running First Amendment demonstration against abortion in the State!

To Jesus through Mary,
Father Damien



Pray for one another

If there are any additions to, or removals from the prayer chain, please call Jane

**Gramke Stevens
402.278.2652**

Megan Sorensen
Sharon Allen
Amy Murray
Viola Michrina
Gavin McCoy
Mike Kult
Angela Howard
Clair Kneifl
Mary Nelson
Sherry McBride
G. & F. Marek family
Troy McCandless
Mary Ann Wenzl
Helan Johnson
Eric Sorensen
Mike Hoefler
Kiley Kastrop
Grace Sorsoli
Helen Herman
Vince Kavanaugh
Jason Smith
Judy Quest
Kevin Mann
Nathan Kocmik
Sherry Pruss
Mary C Beckman
Jerry Wilke
Barbara Rican
Luke Kollars
Phil Thomas
Gordon C Gladdon
Andrea Dickerson
Shitra Mickerjee
Jack Comstock
Kasey Comstock
Kevin Clarke

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE (meh-ju-go-ria)

I would like to personally invite you to join me on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from **November 27 to December 5, 2020**. I have been to Medjugorje four times. Each time, it has been a powerful and moving experience. Medjugorje has given me a deeper love for Jesus and our Mother Mary. It has also positively impacted my priesthood in many ways.

The Vatican has given permission for dioceses and parishes to organize pilgrimages to Medjugorje. We already have a few parishioners signed up! We will be going with Stella Mar Pilgrimages. They produced the movies *Apparition Hill* and *Where There Is Darkness*. (You might remember the latter movie being promoted in our parish this past summer). The cost is around \$2,735 per person, and includes airfare, lodging, breakfasts and lunches.

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office and give your name to Kelly. Also, if you would like to watch the movie *Apparition Hill*, a powerful movie on Medjugorje, two copies are available for loan from the Parish Office.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



Brief History of Medjugorje

Since 1981, in a small village named Medjugorje in the country of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been allegedly appearing and giving messages to the world. She tells us that God has sent her to us as an act of grace. In her own words she tells us, "I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and peace, you must return to God".

The Blessed Virgin's mission is one of peace and love. She has come to earth to reeducate us and to help us convert and center our lives back to God. She continues to give daily messages to three of the original six visionaries. The Blessed Virgin invites us to urgent conversion and reconciliation.

Since the apparitions began in 1981, approximately 50 million people from all over the world have visited Medjugorje and have left spiritually strengthened and renewed. Many bring back stories of miracles in the form of healings (of mind, body and spirit), supernatural visual signs, and deep conversions back to God.

May 2018. Pope Francis permanently assigned retired archbishop Henryk Hoser to Medjugorje to help oversee all aspects of pastoral ministries there. This essentially places Medjugorje under Vatican control.

May 2019. The following announcement was made by archbishop Henryk Hoser, and the Apostolic Nuncio, authorizing official parish and diocesan organized pilgrimages to Medjugorje.

"Considering the considerable flow of people who go to Medjugorje and the abundant fruits of grace that have sprung from it, this authorization is part of the particular pastoral attention that the Holy Father intended to give to that reality, aimed at encouraging and promoting the fruits of good".

Pope Francis has decided to authorize pilgrimages to Medjugorje, which can now be officially organized by dioceses and parishes and will no longer take place only in a private capacity, which so far has been the case.

Retrouvaille

Is your marriage going down the right road... or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program, call 1.800.470.2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Knights of Columbus Corner

The next monthly meeting is Thursday, January 9
6:30 p.m. social; 7:00 p.m. meeting

Free Throw contest Saturday, January 11 at Blair High School's Auxiliary Gym

11:00 a.m. registration; 11:30 a.m. contest begins

Pancake Feed Sunday, January 19 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Washington County Recycling Saturday, January 25

Visiting Missionary

Fr. Joseph J. Arackal V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, will be at our parish the weekend of January 11 & 12 to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at all Masses that weekend, and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.



The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a Missionary Sending Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation, all natives of India, are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India and in several countries in Africa.

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions worldwide. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be a special mission collection next weekend to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. Please keep Fr. Joseph and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers.

The gorgeous poinsettia flowers in the church were given
in memory of the following individuals.....

Mary Boesiger, in Memory of Norma and Maurice Hudon
Eileen Crinklaw

Dan Falcon, in Memory of Falcon Family

Larry & Janet Horacek, in Memory of Clare Biggerstaff

Linda Ingalsbe, in Memory of Daryl Ingalsbe

Robert & Susan Juza

Margaret Kingrey, in Memory of Lilian Kingrey and Sandra Pauley

Dennis Kayser, in Memory of Margaret Kayser

Jan Kuncil, in Memory of Nick Kuncil

Bob & Linda Limbach

Martinez Family, in Memory of Heidy Martinez

Mike & Sandy Maryott, in Memory of John and Vernell Munter

Teresa Mencke, in Memory of Stan Carnes

Mary Jo Moore, in Memory of Michael O'Hanlon

Kelly Petersen, in Memory of Margaret Kayser

Linda Ryan, in Memory of Bill Kult

Carol Sperry

Ron & Ann Thiel, in Memory of Robert Thiel

Steve Tonn

Barb & Scott Trulin, in Memory of Pat Trulin

Jason Wheeler

Paul & Beverly Wielgus, in Memory of Deceased Members of Lammers & Wielgus Families

Pastoral Care

MASS FOR SHUT INS

First Friday at Crowell Nursing Home - 10:00 a.m.

Second Friday at Good Shepherd - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday:

Archdiocesan Mass: Channel 6 at 10:30 a.m.

PARISH ROSARY

Saturday 4:35 p.m. & Sunday 7:35 a.m. & 9:35 a.m.

First Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Sundays: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

Confessions may also be heard by appointment.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

Baptisms

Contact the Parish Office at least one month in advance to schedule. All parents are expected to attend a short Baptism preparation meeting.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Orders

Please contact the Archdiocesan Vocation Director, Rev. Andrew Roza, at 402-558-3100.

Hospital Calls

Please contact the Parish Office.

Funeral Rites

Please contact the Parish Office.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

For General Operations

Budgeted Weekly	\$ 5,385.00
Collected December 28/29	\$ 4,160.87
Budget YTD	\$ 145,395.00
Collected YTD	\$ 147,745.83



MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses

Please note that there will be **NO weekday Masses on the following dates:**

Monday - Friday, January 6 - 10

Monday - Friday, January 13 - 17

Saturday, January 11 <i>Bill Kult †</i>	5 p.m. Mass
Sunday, January 12 <i>Christian Petersen</i> <i>Morrie Bloom Family</i>	8 a.m. Mass 10 a.m. Mass

Seminary Collection

The Seminary Collection in the Archdiocese of Omaha will be held the weekend of January 19, 2020. The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with twenty-three men studying for the Priesthood. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices and generous financial support.



**For the Weekend
Of Jan. 11&12**

5:00 P.M. SATURDAY	8:00 A.M. SUNDAY	10:00 A.M. SUNDAY
EMHC (Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion) * Denotes Distribution of Precious Blood		
Grabbe Ingalsbe Ondracek* McGill* Zurek*	Crinklaw Michrina* Demers* Foley* Gramke-Stevens*	Petersen Sheehan Mencke* Dawson* Sorensen* Bray*
Lectors		
Schany	Comstock	Bennett
Altar Servers		
S. Lager M. Bretey	M. Tonn B. Tonn	J. McKeon K. McKeon