

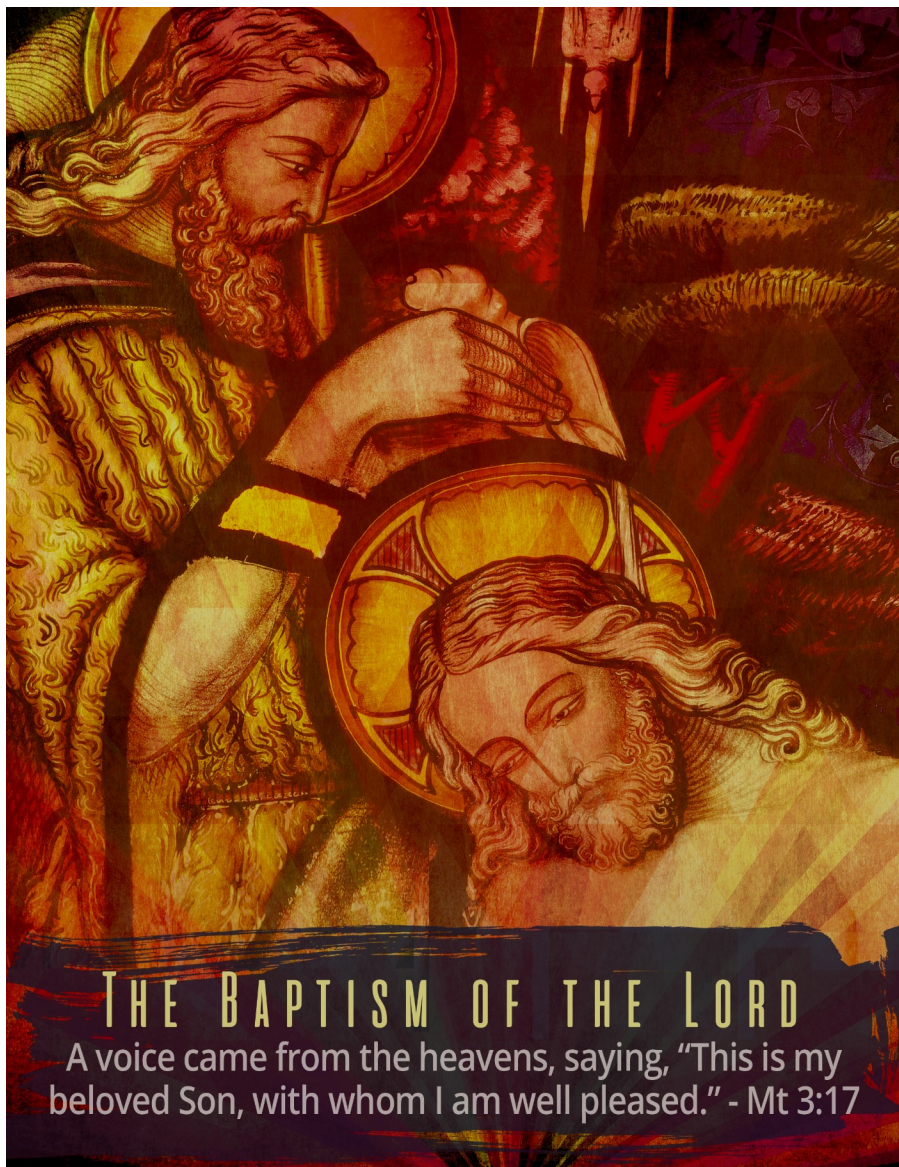


# St. Francis Borgia

## Roman Catholic Church

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020



### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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**Sacramental Emergencies Only:** Please call the Parish Office and press "2"

### 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,

### 1. **NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE**

Join our parishioners at the Nebraska Walk for Life this coming Saturday, January 18 in Lincoln. The sign up sheet and details are available in the Commons Area.

### 2. **STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE**

We hope to bring some youth from our parish to the Steubenville Youth Conference in Springfield, Missouri, from Friday, July 17 to Sunday, July 19. The Steubenville Youth Conference is like a mini-NCYC. There will be keynote speakers, Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and small group sessions. We will be going together with the rest of the groups from across our Archdiocese of Omaha. All youth who will be incoming high school freshman through graduating seniors are welcome to sign up. A deposit of \$50 is needed upon sign up. The total cost is yet to be determined, though we hope that most of the cost can be funded through donations and fundraisers. In the 12 years that I have been to the Steubenville Youth Conference, I have witnessed the Holy Spirit work in so many beautiful and powerful ways in the youth who have participated. Please contact Deacon Jeff Zurek if your child is interested in going. A completed registration form and the \$50 deposit is required by **Sunday, January 26.**

### 3. **CELEBRATING AMERICAN SAINTS**

This past week, the Catholic Church honored two American saints who played a great influence in the life of the Catholic Church here in the United States: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan. 4) and St. John Neumann (Jan. 5).

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in New York City in 1774 into an affluent, Episcopalian family. She and her husband, William, had five children. However, when they suffered a loss of fortune, they decided to go and stay with Catholic friends in Italy. Six weeks into the trip, William's health deteriorated and he passed away. By then, Elizabeth had come to grow in her love for Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist and desired to become a Catholic. Despite knowing that she would suffer abandonment, ridicule and be shunned by her Episcopalian family, relatives and friends, she converted and became Catholic in 1804. Elizabeth founded a school for girls. With approval from Bishop Carroll of Baltimore, she formed a new religious community that taught in the school. Elizabeth laid the foundation of the parochial school system in the United States. She died in Emmitsburg, Maryland on January 4, 1821. She was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1975.

St. John Neumann was a Catholic priest from Bohemia. He attended school and seminary in his country. By the age of 24, he was fluent in six languages. After completing his seminary studies in 1835, he was hoping to become a priest. Due to the large number of priests in his country, his application was declined. In 1836, he traveled to the United States, hoping to be ordained to the holy priesthood. Bishop John Dubois of the Diocese of New York ordained him three weeks later. Father John Neumann (his name was changed to Neumann) worked with German immigrants. Despite his short stature, he was able to ride a horse, on which he would travel around for his ministry. Father Neumann joined the Redemptorist Order and became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. He founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the United States. Bishop John Neumann died at the age of 48 on January 5, 1860. He was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1977.

Both St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. John Neumann are saints today because they did God's will in their lives. All of us are called to be saints! What are you doing to listen to God's voice each day? How much are you following His Will for you in your life?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, thank you for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. John Neumann. Help me to make time for you in prayer each day. Grant me the grace to be attentive to Your voice and the humility to desire to do Your will, so that I, too, may one day be a saint.

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 Kastrup  
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 speak with 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.

### Spend precious time with Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration!

Please call the Parish Office if you are able to spend the **9:00 - 10:00 a.m.** or the **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** hour with Jesus during Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament.

\* Eucharistic Adoration is on the first Friday of each month \*



### Christmas Decorations

The Christmas decorations will be taken down after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 12. Please stay a few moments after Mass to help. And we certainly welcome back parishioners who attended Saturday's 5:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday's 8:00 a.m. Mass. We appreciate your help!

### Retrouvaille

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. *Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together.*

\* For more information about the **February 14-16, 2020 Retrouvaille Weekend program**, call 1.800.470.2230 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) \*

### Financial Peace University

Make a new year's resolution to change your family tree and get started on your financial goals. Get a college loan paid off or save for your children's college fund. Join us for Financial Peace University at St. Francis Borgia. We will meet Sundays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Education Building, beginning January 19 and ending in March.

Write a \$100 check to St. Francis Borgia Church to reserve your spot. Cece Tonn is coordinating registration and will deliver your member packet to you. Call or text 402.680.6036 to reserve a seat. This is open to anyone, of any faith. Babysitting may be available on request.

### Knights of Columbus Corner

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

Washington County Recycling Saturday, January 25

Next meeting February 13 6:30 p.m. Social; 7:00 p.m. Meeting

Blair Council 10412 Knights of Columbus *Facebook page:*  
[www.facebook.com/groups/kofcblair/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/kofcblair/)

### Visiting Missionary

We welcome Fr. Joseph J. Arackal V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, to our parish this weekend to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He is preaching at all Masses this weekend, and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.



The Vincentian Missionaries, all natives of India, need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be a special collection today to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Missionaries. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering today or would like to make an additional offering, you may make your offering through the general parish collection next weekend in a specially marked envelope.

Please keep Fr. Joseph and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers. Thank you very much for your prayers and generous financial support.

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

Dennis Kayser, *in Memory of Margaret Kayser*

Margaret Kingrey, *in Memory of Lilian Kingrey and Sandra Pauley*

Jan Kuncel, *in Memory of Nick Kuncel*

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*

*In Memory of Isabelle Thallas & Teresa Lilly*

## 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 January 4/5	\$ 6,227.29
Budget YTD	\$ 150,780.00
Collected YTD	\$ 153,694.62



## MASS TIMES

### Weekday Masses

Please note there will be **NO weekday Masses** Monday through Thursday, January 13 - 16.

<b>Friday, January 17</b> <i>Communion Service</i>	<b>7 a.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, January 18</b> <i>Parishioners of St. Francis Borgia</i>	<b>5 p.m. Mass</b>
<b>Sunday, January 19</b> <i>Kris Stolz† Donovan Petersen</i>	<b>8 a.m. Mass 10 a.m. Mass</b>



### 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. 18&19

5:00 P.M. SATURDAY	8:00 A.M. SUNDAY	10:00 A.M. SUNDAY
<b>EMHC</b> (Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion) * Denotes Distribution of Precious Blood		
O'Riley E. Thoene L. Thoene* Throener* Wade*	J. Hall G. Hall* Kempcke* Kowalewski*	Mullen* Ortmeier* Petersen* Sorensen* Bray* Sheehan*
<b>Lectors</b>		
J. Rech	Tonn	Schaefer
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
A. Castillo W. Smith C. Flynn	E. Bosanek D. Dresden R. Dresden	K. Chaffee E. Chaffee W. Clarke
<b>Rosary Leaders</b>		
Zurek	Claeys	McKeon