

Farewell from Sister Leta

Sister Leta wrote this letter to the parish on January 14, 2012:

I am now at New Cassel in Omaha, a house of retirement sponsored by the School Sisters of St. Francis. Since I didn't want any parties or tear-jerking farewells, I kept my plans hidden. My older sister and brother knew when it was time to leave their homes and retire. I follow in their patterns and decided to move on while I was capable of making the necessary decisions.

My life in your parish has been very rewarding. I leave with only good memories of the twenty years I spent in this part of Nebraska. Thank you for sharing so much with me. Know that your intentions will continue to be in my prayers. Occasionally, include me in yours.

My new address is:

Sister Leta Heese
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Omaha NE 68114

Feel free to stop in and visit when you are in Omaha.

S. Leta

“Thank You” to Sister Leta:

There are not enough words to adequately express our sincere gratitude to Sister Leta for the twenty years she gave us. When sister arrived in Elgin in 1991, she taught 5th grade language arts each morning at St. Boniface and 7th and 8th grade religion each afternoon. Later her focus was with the elementary students, teaching religion, art, Title I, and taking care of all the news articles for St. Boniface School. She was also part-time for the parish as a pastoral minister. In 2003 the focus of her vocation fully became pastoral ministry. During this time she would, on occasion, also help out as a substitute teacher, cover the reception area, and helped keep up numerous bulletin boards in the schools. Sister initiated our Vocation Committee and was instrumental in beginning and sustaining our monthly Eucharistic Day of Adoration 15 years ago, along with the many good things the committee has done to foster prayer for, and awareness of vocations. Besides the numerous deeds she did unknowingly, she was the caretaker of our altar candles and linens, available to set up for Mass, unlocked church on the weekends, counted money on Monday mornings in the parish office and helped out anywhere she could. In addition to all the work she did, we will miss “who she was” to all of us. We will miss her faithful presence, her dedication to the Lord, her positive outlook and her amazing sense of humor! Many a day has been brightened by her, especially of those who were hospitalized, in care centers, homebound, or just lonely and needing a visit. Our parting words to Sister Leta – May God bless you and keep you in his tender care and may you know that you will remain in our hearts and in our prayers always.

St. Boniface Parish

St. Boniface Bazaar Committee January 19, 2012

The St. Boniface Bazaar Committee met on Thursday, January 19, 2012. Members present: Fr. Ross Burkhalter, Mary Baum, Jim Baum, Emily Borer, Lynell Morgan, Sandy Kallhoff, Julie Borer, Alan Reicks, Anne Meis, Brent Kallhoff, Tracey Schindler, Janice Pelster, Dennis Wiehn, Bill Camp, Jan Starman, Kathy Dinslage, and Michele Reicks. The agenda for the meeting was created from the suggestions made by chairpersons of each area of the bazaar.

Solicitation. This year solicitation results were as follows: cash instead of food - \$8,118 collected vs. \$7,157 collected last year; and cash for sausage Fund - \$3,855 collected vs. \$4,305 collected last year. Forty three households did not give anything, compared to 39 last year. If any changes are needed in solicitation, we will discuss at the next bazaar meeting.

Setup / Jobs week of Bazaar. More help is needed on Wednesday morning in the church basement and gym. When the students used to assist us, it helped greatly. We had plenty cardboard and it was stated that next year we will only collect it from Elgin Appliance and Beckman Lumber. Dennis Wiehn was thanked for making new cans/dividers for the rope to be strung through. We could use more help from the men throughout the week with lifting etc. If the circle leaders bring their husbands on Monday and Tuesday evening, it would be very helpful. Next year we will try to lay the tarp earlier than 6:00 if possible, and we will ask two men to start laying the cardboard in the northwest corner of the gym by the kitchen first, so that by 7:00 when everyone else arrives they can start setting up the steam tables, cords, etc.