

All programs that received grants were offered to all of our parishioners at all six of our parishes. An invitation was also extended to St. Francis in Neligh and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tilden, who will be joining our family in July of 2024.

St. Bonaventure Parish - Raeville:

This is our fourth year for having Legion of Joseph. What started with 18 boys participating has grown into last year capping our capacity at 30 (actually had 31...) and needing to put some boys on a waiting list. This overnight retreat has offered the boys opportunity to form community and learn how to grow closer to Jesus through the example of Joseph. All of the counselors are young men from the surrounding area towns, which also gives them an opportunity to foster Christ centered relationships with each other.

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St. Theresa of Avail - Clearwater:

Amazing Parish Conference has been very beneficial for our leadership team. Leadership team meets weekly to discuss evangelization opportunities and priest support. Leadership team consists of our Pastor, Deacon, and four lay persons.

Life Teen aspects have been used and implemented in our Youth Group program.

St. Boniface Parish - Elgin:

We are currently using the Family Formation program out of Ham Lake, Minnesota. All six of our parishes (and also St. Francis in Neligh - who will be joining us in July 2024) participate in Family Formation. We have two sites, with three parishes meeting in Clearwater and four parishes meeting in Neligh. Family Formation is currently serving 65 families and 110 students. We have begun to see families more involved in their parishes, especially at the weekend masses. Parents are also becoming more aware of the teachings of the Catholic faith.

This is our fifth year of Gratia. This yearly overnight retreat fills up fast with young girls eager to grow closer in their relationship with Jesus through Mary. Our campers come from several different towns in northeast Nebraska. This time at camp also allows them to form community and build relationships with each other. All of our counselors are women and female teens from our area parishes who are also building community with one another.

St. John the Baptist - Deloit:

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St. John the Baptist - Petersburg:

Youth Group for freshman-senior high school students, meets once a month during the school year at Tintern Retreat Center. Each meeting is focused on a theme and this year the overall theme is Adoration and meeting Christ in the Eucharist. Youth Group gives the students a comfortable and safe space to share their faith. We have students from all six of our parishes (and Neligh and Tilden parishes) who choose to participate. Through Youth Group, the students are meeting new friends from the other parishes and developing friendships. When we have new students come, it is almost always because one of our current students invite them. It's beautiful to see evangelization happen at the high school level.

St. Peter de Alcantara - Ewing:

The Mentorship program has been very fruitful for our family of parishes. We currently have three who have graduated from the program and are currently serving as mentors, five who are in year two, and two in year one. Forming leaders with a solid understanding for evangelization is vital in our Journey of Faith structure.

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