

St. Boniface Catholic Parish

Sunday, May 2nd, 2021

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We celebrate Mass:
Saturday Mass: 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass: 8:00 and 10:30 am

Weekday Mass:
8:00 am Tuesday thru Thursday

- ✠ **The church is open for private prayer daily until 4:00 pm.**
- ✠ **Adoration is held Tuesday after Mass until 4:00 pm.**
- ✠ **Reconciliation is available every Saturday at 3:30 pm.**



First Communion

On April 24th and May 1st, we welcomed twenty seven children to their First Eucharist. We celebrate with them and their parents as they approach the Table of the Lord for the first time. —Jean Kascht



Alexandra Barber

Avery Chen

George Flierl

Claudia Gantner

Robyn Gibowski

Olivia Gray

Sydney Hahn

Aubrey Hunt

Connor Lavicky

Mary Catherine Lever

Henry Melcher

Ethan Merryfield

Jack Mlinaz

Bentley Northway

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Evan Radmann

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Aubrey Schmeichel

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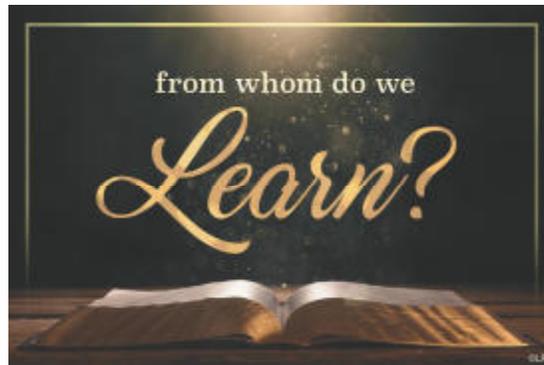
Baptism is offered the fourth weekend each month at all masses and at noon on that Sunday. Baptism preparation class is required for first time parents. Please call Fr. Mike in the Parish Office to plan your child's baptism.

May 2nd - Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fash-

ioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.



Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to

remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace. @LPi



Thursday, May 6, 2021

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people “to turn to God in prayer and meditation.”

For many, prayer is an integral part of daily life. Prayer offers a rich connection to our spiritual lives, nurturing our relationships and faith. It also provides comfort in times of crisis or need.

Readings for the Week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/
1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21
[cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3,
3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



**Family
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May is all about mothers, therefore, we honor Mary as the mother of Jesus. Mothers are kind and care for their families, so for each day in May do an act of kindness (or two) for someone else.

Also, say a Hail Mary every day!

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen



**Knights of Columbus Council 10715
St. Boniface - Germantown
Mother's Day Surprise**

For all the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and mothers to be, the Knights would like to honor you with a special surprise to show our appreciation for all you do. We look forward to seeing you at mass next weekend!



Pizza Fundraiser

While the pandemic forced us to cancel the Pie Sale and Auction this year, our resilient community always finds a way to come together and support our school.

This month, Marko's Restaurant in Germantown has offered to partner with us on a Pizza Sale Fundraiser!

Choose from Cheese, Cheese & Pepperoni,
Cheese & Sausage, or Supreme.

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Pizzas will be hand made by Marko's and then frozen.

**We will be taking orders
now thru Monday, May 10th.**

**Pizza pick up will be at St. Boniface Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, May 26, 2-6pm.**

**To purchase, talk to a St. Boniface School student,
or call the School Office at 262-628-1955.**

Everyday Stewardship

BRANCHING OUT ISN'T ALWAYS WHAT IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch

on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, ©LPI

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, May 3 • Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles

Tuesday, May 4 •

8:00 am Mass **+Deanna Sobczak** Church
Eucharistic Adoration until 4:00 pm Church

Wednesday, May 5 • Cinco de Mayo

8:00 am Mass **+Frances & Tom Kendall** Church

Thursday, May 6 • National Day of Prayer

8:00 am Mass **+Anton Hirth** Church

Friday, May 7 •

Saturday, May 8 •

3:30 pm Reconciliation Church
4:30 pm Mass **+Grace Starke** Church

Sunday, May 9 • 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Mass **+Michael Micka** Church
10:30 am Mass **For the People** Church



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Sacraments

Please call Fr. Mike at 262-628-2040 ext. 10 to discuss...

Baptism: Baptism is offered the fourth weekend per month. Baptism preparation class is required for first time parents.

Matrimony: At least one member of an engaged couple should be a registered member of St. Boniface. Please make plans six months in advance.

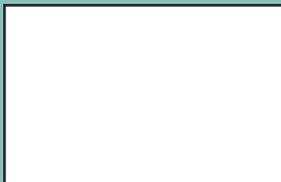
Reconciliation: 3:30 pm Saturdays or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: We will follow Archdiocesan Covid19 guidelines in place of anointing.

- ✝ **Parish Prayer Line:** Call Nicki Zimmer at 262-250-9347 or zimfam@wi.rr.com.
- ✝ **Food Pantry:** St. Boniface Food Pantry is open the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month 3:00 –6:00 pm.
- ✝ **St. Vincent de Paul:** Dan Block, President - Call/text 414-491-4551 for questions or concerns. For assistance call St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Slinger - 262 644-4949
- ✝ **Christian Mothers & Ladies Society:** Rosemary Schmitt 262-255-0984
- ✝ **Knights of Columbus:** Tom Malkiewicz 262-255-2271
- ✝ **Scrip Coordinator:** scrip@stbonifacewi.org
- ✝ **Eucharistic Adoration:** Please call the Parish Office

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