

Saint Boniface

Catholic Church
Celebrating 160 Years 1858-2018

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - - July 17, 2022

“To share the gifts that God has entrusted to us by being Christ to one another, mindful of his unconditional love.”

St. Boniface Church Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:00 pm, Sundays 10 am, Noon in French

livestreaming Sunday 10:00 Mass—Go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/SaintBonifaceCatholicChurch/>

Masks are optional at St Boniface. Consider your recent activities in your decision to wear a mask or not. Please social distance. Stay home if you are sick.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Chapel (left side of altar)

Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick:
Please call parish office for information.

VOLUNTEERS:

You are welcome, you are needed, you are appreciated.

Now is the time to join your parish in joyful participation. We have many opportunities. Electronic signup sheets are available at links below as well as in person on paper signup sheets in church.

Call Patty Griffin at 612-799-0072 if you need help adding your name to any volunteer opportunity.

CCW Council of Catholic Women is St. Boniface Women's Group
You may sign up at <https://volunteersignup.org/TYQFD>

St. Boniface Lectors: Thank you.

We are blessed by your service to our parish.

Readers are needed for the 4:00pm Mass Saturdays also for the 10:00am Mass Sundays.

You may sign up at <https://volunteersignup.org/cqwpf> you may use the paper schedule in the Sacristy or please call Patty Griffin 612-799-0072 to be placed on the lector schedule.



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

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Partners in Prayer

Phone prayer intentions any time to 763.588.9626

Email prayer requests to: boniface1858@usfamily.net

READINGS for the Week of July 17, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42
St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
 Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Mt 12:46-50
St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
 Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10 Mt 13:1-9
St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of Church
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Mt 13:10-17
St. Mary Magdalene
 Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
St. Bridget, Religious
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11 Mt 13:24-30
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
 Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

PRIVATE CONFESSION

Father Biju hears Confessions Saturdays at 3:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 16, 2022
 4:00pm Bill Whisney†
Sunday, July 17, 2022
 10:00am Charles Schwaab†, Bucky Garski†, Betty LaPoint†
 12:00Noon (French) Parishioners of St. Boniface Church
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
 9:00am Charles Schwaab†, Bucky Garski†,
Thursday, July 21, 2022
 9:00am Susan Zondlo, Father Biju Mathew
9:30-10:30am Eucharistic Adoration after 9am Mass
Saturday, July 23, 2022
 4:00pm Theresa and †Gary Bishop
Sunday, July 24, 2022
 10:00am Elaine and †Albert Jacob, Betty LaPoint†
 12:00Noon (French) Parishioners of St. Boniface Church

A Mission Prayer

O God, You charge us,
 as members of the Church of Saint Boniface,
 to live and share Christ's call to holiness.
 Help us with Your grace to accomplish this mission,
 rooted in Christ through a reverent sacramental life,
 united in Christ as one strong family,
 and faithful to Christ and to His Holy Catholic
 Church through a life of joyful communion.
 Together may we form our hearts and minds in the
 riches of our faith, share our faith in Christ with
 others, and serve all those in spiritual or material
 need with ardent charity,
 impelled always by the love of Christ, who came and died
 and rose again so that we might all have life in Him.
 Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit God,
 forever and ever.
 Amen.



Gospel Meditation - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading from St. Luke, we receive a reminder about the proper use of the gift of time, a fundamental aspect of a stewardship way of life. Our passage highlights one of the most famous dinner parties ever thrown, recalling the day that Martha and Mary hosted our Lord in their home. We are told that Martha, as a good steward, welcomes Christ in but then becomes "burdened with much serving" while her sister and fellow hostess chooses to simply sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak.

Martha becomes indignant at Mary's behavior and complains to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." But Jesus, in His infinite wisdom, refuses to get pulled into this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a fresh way to look at the situation. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all other things; to "sit at his feet" and listen as Mary did, giving Him the priority of our time no matter how busy we think we are. When we truly commit to putting Christ first in our daily lives through a regular time of prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments, we will find that all our other concerns become less pressing, less overwhelming.

Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace. And because God cannot be outdone in generosity. He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make to spend time with Him.

Stewardship Reflections by *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Gift of Time is Priceless

Valuable is the work you do
 Outstanding in how you always come through
 Loyal, sincere, and full of good cheer
 Untiring in your efforts throughout the year
 Notable are the contributions you make
 Trustworthy in every project you take
 Eager to reach your every goal
 Effective in the way you fulfill your role
 Ready with a smile like a shining star
 Special and wonderful - - that's what you are!!
 - Anonymous -

Our Gifts to the Lord

June 26, 2022 - \$ 2,804.00
 July 3, 2022 - \$ 3,064.50
 July 10, 2022 - \$ 2,174.50

Thank You for your generosity!

On Fire with Eucharistic Love

An interview with Bishop Andrew Cozzens
about the National Eucharistic Revival

“Columbia” (publication of Knights of Columbus) June 2022

Question:

What is the National Eucharistic Revival and its purpose.
Why this focus on the Eucharist now?

Bishop Andrew Cozzens:

The Eucharistic Revival is a three-year program designed to help renew the Church in the United States by inviting Catholics into a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We want to see a movement of Catholics across this country who are healed, converted, formed and set on fire to bring the eucharistic love of our Lord out to the world.

There are a lot of reasons why we’re doing it right now. The first reason on the negative side, is the now-famous Pew Study that came out in September 2019 saying that as many as 70% of Catholics do not believe, or at least don’t understand, the Church’s teaching on Jesus’ real presence in the Eucharist. This was a disturbing fact that caused the bishops to think, “Wow, what are we doing to deal with this crisis?” Of course, we already knew the crisis was happening, because we had been watching for many years the struggle of disaffiliation. And then you add the covid pandemic, which resulted in a certain percentage of people no longer going to Mass.

But there are also many positive reasons for this revival. The Church has always recognized that at different moments we need to remind ourselves what an incredible gift the Eucharist is. More than a century ago this Church started having International Eucharistic Congresses - opportunities for Catholics to come together to reverence the Eucharist, to come to a deeper understanding and to proclaim to the world our belief in Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist. So it’s also an opportunity for witness and to have a moment of unity. This is part of the mission that Jesus gave the Church when he prayed that we “may all be one” (Jn 17:21). And it’s the Eucharist that makes us one.

Question:

The revival has several phases: the launch, the Diocesan Year, the Parish Year, the National Eucharistic Congress, and the Year of Going Out on Mission. Could you walk us through these phases?

Bishop Andrew Cozzens:

Yes, the Diocesan Year begins June 19, 2022 on the feast of Corpus Christi, with eucharistic processions around the country. During this year, we will focus on diocesan leaders and people who already understand the Church’s teaching on the Eucharist. We want to turn them into eucharistic missionaries, inviting them to re-enliven their faith and come to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist through events and free online courses.

They will thus be equipped for the second year - the Parish Year. This is where we want to reach deepest into the Church, for our studies show that many sitting in the pews, even every Sunday, don’t fully understand the gift of Eucharist.

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Our goal is to reach those people. And that’s what a revival is, right? It’s enlivening those who might be lukewarm, those who are not fully on fire yet with this love.

That year will culminate in the National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21, 2024. We’re going to invite Catholics from all over the country to Indianapolis to come together around the Eucharist. We really hope this will be a moment that spiritually impacts the whole country, and that people from different walks of life, families, certainly the Knights of Columbus, will come together for this large event.

And then that will begin what we hope is a real missionary conversion in the third year. Part of the goal of this National Eucharistic Revival is to help the Church make that conversion from maintenance to mission. That is, empowering people to reach out beyond the borders of the parish and to knock on doors or invite neighbors to come experience Jesus in the Eucharist and his love for them in the Mass.

Question:

Last November, the U.S. bishops published a document titled “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church.” Can you describe this document and what people can learn from it?

Bishop Andrew Cozzens:

The bishops designed this document to be a kind of launching pad for the National Eucharistic Revival. It attempts to paint a picture of the gift and mystery of the Eucharist, which is a complex gift like a diamond. When you take that diamond and look at it from different sides, you can see different aspects of the beauty of this.

That’s what the document does: It talks about the different aspects of the gift, such as the sacrificial nature of the Mass, what it means to live a eucharistic life, and the demands that receiving Communion makes upon me as a Christian. It also talks about how the Eucharist teaches you to make your life a gift of service, and how your life is meant to be a life of praise. This is what we mean when we say the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life (CCC 1324).

The document puts all of this beautifully and in a quite readable way. It’s very accessible, so anyone can and should read it. We’re also building courses and videos and talks off it to help people understand these different aspects of the Eucharist.

Columbia magazine article to be continued next week. . .

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Project Rachel

Men experience many of the same painful emotions as women after abortion. But they often mistakenly believe their feelings are unwarranted. Without an outlet, men may feel withdrawn, depressed or emotionally volatile. The pain of abortion affects all involved, including men. We can help. Contact Project Rachel for confidential individual referrals: Phone 651.291.4515

or you may e-mail: respctlife@archspm.org.

Sadly, we share, that our dear parishioner, **Betty LaPoint**, has passed away on Sunday, July 10. The Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, July 22, at 1:00, visitation at noon here at St Boniface. May she Rest in Peace. Please keep her and the family in prayer.

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