

Saint Boniface Catholic Church

Celebrating 165 Years 1858-2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - - January 15, 2023

“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 4:00pm
Sundays, 10am, Noon in French

livestreaming Sunday 10:00 Mass—Go to:

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Masks are optional at St. Boniface.
Consider your recent activities in your decision
to wear a mask or not.

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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.



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Phone prayer intentions any time to 763.588.9626

Email prayer requests to: boniface1858@usfamily.net

READINGS for the Week of January 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6 I Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22
St. Anthony, Abbot
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28
January 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6 Mk 3:7-12
St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19
St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3 I Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23

PRIVATE CONFESSION

Confessions on Saturday at 3:00pm

MASS INTENTIONSSaturday, January 14, 2023

4:00pm Brian Timm, Thomas Michael Jones
 Gerald and Carole Neuenfeldt

Sunday, January 15, 2023

10:00am Brian Timm, Tony Zukowski
 Evelyn Zukowski†
 12:00Noon (French) Parishioners of St. Boniface Church

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

9:00am Brian Timm

Thursday, January 19, 2023

9:00am Marge Ridley, Patrick Wrubel, Brian Timm

9:30-10:30am Eucharistic Adoration after 9am Mass
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Saturday, January 21, 2023

4:00pm Brian Timm

Sunday, January 22, 2023

10:00am Brian Timm, George and Julia Chinn††
 12:00Noon (French) Parishioners of St. Boniface Church

Vatican News

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has returned to the Father's House. The Holy See Press Office announced that the Pope Emeritus died at 9:34am on Saturday, December 31, 2022 in his residence at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery, which the 95-year-old Pope Emeritus had chosen as his residence after resigning from the Petrine ministry in 2013.

As of Monday morning, January 2, 2023, the body of the Pope Emeritus will be in Saint Peter's Basilica so the faithful can pay their respects. Pope Francis will preside over the funeral of the Pope Emeritus on January 5, 2023 in Saint Peter's Square.

The Pope Emeritus' remains will then be taken into St. Peter's Basilica and then to the Vatican Grottos where he will be laid to rest.

Gospel Meditation - The Epiphany of the Lord

Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity - that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples and stewards.

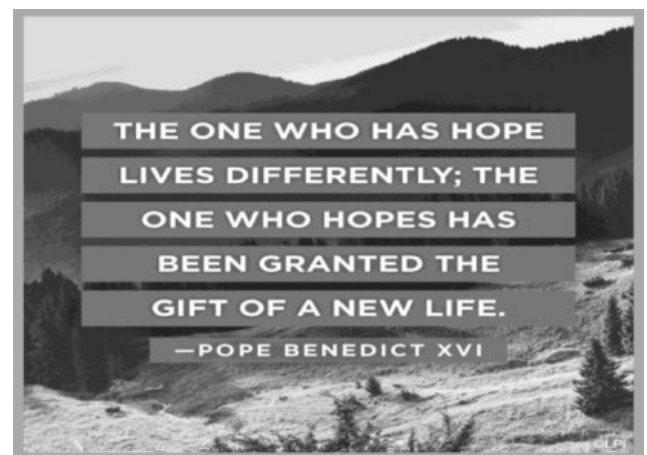
John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love, and mercy. Therefore, He truly does "rank ahead" of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same.

Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession, and time with my family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills, and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God?

Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be?

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

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**We join the Church in mourning the passing of
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
April 16, 1927 (Holy Saturday) - December 31, 2022
On April 19, 2005, elected the Church's 265th Pope.
Resigned from Petrine ministry in 2013
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.**

As we pray for the repose of his soul, we take comfort in the knowledge that this beloved pope's life was spent serving the Lord whom he loved and longed to see face to face.

**Retired Pope Benedict XVI's final message
to Catholics around the world was:
"Stand firm in the faith!
Do not let yourselves be confused!"**

Less than 10 hours after informing the world that the 95-year-old pope had died December 31, 2022, the Vatican press office released his spiritual testament, a statement of faith and of thanksgiving.

"To all those whom I have wronged in any way, I ask forgiveness from my heart," Pope Benedict wrote.

Written in German and dated August 29, 2006 - in the second year of his almost eight-year pontificate - Pope Benedict wrote with great affection of his parents, his sister and his brother, the beauty of the Bavaria and his faith in God.

"If at this late hour of my life I look back over the decades I have been living, I first see how many reasons I have to give thanks," he wrote in the document when he was 79 years old.

"First of all, I thank God himself, the giver of every good gift, who gave me life and guided me through various moments of confusion; always picking me up whenever I began to slip and always giving me the light of his countenance again," he said. "In retrospect I see and understand that even the dark and tiring stretches of this path were for my salvation and that it was in them that he guided me well."

Born Joseph Ratzinger in 1927 in Bavaria, he was the youngest of three children. In his testament, he offered thanks to his parents, "who gave me life in a difficult time and who, at the cost of great sacrifices, with their love prepare a magnificent home that like a clear light still enlightens my days." "My father's lucid faith taught us children to believe, and as signpost it has always stood firm in the midst of all my academic achievements," he said. "My mother's profound devotion and great goodness are a legacy for which I cannot thank her enough."

Pope Benedict thanked God for the many friends, both men and women, he had had by his side, and for his teachers and students - many of whom he continued to meet with late in his life.

"I pray that our land remains a land of faith," he wrote before pleading with his fellow Germans to let nothing draw them from the faith. "The reasonableness of faith has emerged and is emerging again," he wrote. "Jesus Christ is truly the way, the truth and the life—and the church, with all its inadequacies, is truly his body."

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"And, finally," he wrote, "I thank God for all the beauty I experienced at every stage of my journey, especially in Rome and in Italy, which became my second homeland."

In the end, Pope Benedict wrote, "I humbly ask: pray for me, so that the Lord, despite all my sins and inadequacies, may receive me into his eternal dwelling."

Cindy Wooden: Catholic News Service, December 31, 2022

On March 25, 1977 Pope Paul VI nominated him Archbishop of Munich and Freising and he received the Episcopal ordination on May 28. He was the first diocesan priest in 80 years to assume the pastoral governance of the great Bavarian Archdiocese. He chose "collaborator of the truth" as his motto, giving the following explanation: "On the one hand I saw it as the link between my previous assignment as a professor and my new mission. Even if I used different approaches, I have always followed the truth and I have always been at its service. On the other hand I chose that motto because today the idea of truth is hidden, almost as something too great for mankind; but everything collapses if truth is missing." Source: *Vatican Foundation*

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**Statements Regarding
the Death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

From Archbishop Bernard Hebda:

United in prayer with Pope Francis and the shepherds and faithful of the Universal Church, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis mourns the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, a faithful servant of Christ and his Church.

I was in Saint Peter's Square the evening that Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected as successor of St. Peter and I recall his amazement that the cardinals gathered in conclave had chosen to elect a "humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord." I had already personally experienced his exceptional kindness and had long admired his world-class intellect but my love and respect for him grew as the world came to know him as a humble and selfless shepherd, with a unique gift for proclaiming the truth with love. It was only my confidence in his discernment that led me to say "yes" when I was named by him in 2009 to serve as a diocesan bishop. I will always be grateful for his magnanimity and example.

Please join me in praying that the Good Lord will now mercifully welcome the Pope Emeritus to the heavenly banquet table. A Mass will be offered at the Cathedral of Saint Paul this Wednesday (January 4, 2023) for the eternal repose of his soul and in thanksgiving for his Petrine ministry. All are welcomed to join us on that occasion.

From Auxiliary Bishop Joseph A. Williams:

I was saddened to hear of the passing of our Holy Father, Benedict XVI, but I rejoice in the gift that his life was to the Church. Few things in this world have given me greater delight than meditating on his writings. Surely, I was experiencing the joy of having found Christian truth so clearly and beautifully expressed in our modern world, and I know that I shared this joy with countless believers throughout the world. Together we owe debt of gratitude to Jesus for gifting us this faithful "coworker in the truth." May he rest now from all his labors in the house of the Father.

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