

Saint Boniface Catholic Church

Celebrating 165 Years 1858-2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 2, 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

Sunday 10am English

12pm—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.

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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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Partners in Prayer

Phone prayer intentions any time to 763.588.9626

Email prayer requests to: boniface1858@usfamily.net

READINGS for the Week of April 2, 2023

Sun.: Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14—27:66
 Mon.: Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11
 Tues.: Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wed.: Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25
 Thurs.: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 I Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
 Fri.: Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42
 Sat.: Gn 1:1—2:2 Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15—15:1
 Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 Is 54:5-14
 Is 55:1-11 Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4
 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Mt 28:1-10
 Sun.: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 Mt 28:1-10

MASS INTENTIONSSaturday, April 1, 2023

4:00pm Carolyn Schiffer, Jeanette Dick†, Rose Lund†

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 2, 2023

10:00 am Don Garski †, Council of Catholic Women

12:00pm (French) Parishioners of St. Boniface Church

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

9:00am The Holy Souls in Purgatory/Lost souls on earth

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023

(No 9:00am Holy Mass)

6:30pm All priests and deacons living and deceased

Good Friday, April 7, 2023 (Day of fast and abstinence)

6:30pm Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023 (No 4:00pm Holy Mass)

7:00pm Parishioners of St. Boniface Church

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

10:00am Evelyn Zukowski †

12:00pm (French) Parishioners of St. Boniface Church

Gospel Meditation - We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we intensely focus our minds and hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us also examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him..." "In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." While we do not know this man's name, we do know he agreed to this request - he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea - he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb."

Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talent, and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

HOLY WEEK AT ST. BONIFACE CHURCHThursday, April 6, 2023 - Holy Thursday

(No 9:00am Holy Mass)

6:30pm - Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper

This Holy Mass is livestreamed.

Intention: All priests and deacons living and deceased.
 Eucharistic Adoration follows the Holy Mass

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

Day of Fast and Abstinence

6:30pm - Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Stations of the Cross

The Good Friday Service is livestreamed.Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023 - Easter Vigil

(No 3:30pm Confessions) (No 4:00pm Holy Mass)

We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00pm Easter Vigil MassThis Easter Vigil Holy Mass is livestreamed.Sunday, April 9, 2023 - Easter Vigil**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

10:00am Holy Mass, English; 12:00pm Holy Mass, French

**Liturgy Preparation for Holy Week**

Everyone can participate in the
 Sacred Paschal Triduum services.
 We need volunteers in the following areas:

- Practice and sing in the joint choir (English and French) for all services of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.
 (Call Bruce K 612.323.2953)
- Needed are people to Carry the Cross and the candles for the Entrance procession for each Mass.
- Servers at all the Holy Masses.
- Help distribute the Palm Sunday palms after they are blessed.
- Many are needed for the readings during Holy Week.
- Volunteer to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday.
- Easter Vigil we will need folks to spread the light from the Easter Candle to all those in the congregation.

Please sign up on the sheet by the piano (name & contact #)

Our Gifts to the Lord

March 26, 2023 - Not Available at time of Publish

Thank You for your generosity!

Raymond Joseph Brandes
April 19, 1929 - March 15, 2023

Ray brought out the best in everyone with his sheer joy of being with you, knowing you and being interested in all that you were doing. In his self-deprecating way, he built everyone else up. Mostly, with humor, a lot of fun stories and by being present in our lives.

Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, March 23, 2023 at St. Boniface Catholic Church.

The family would like to thank everyone who had attended the funeral service and also those who keep Ray in their hearts and prayers.

Rest in Peace - Marilyn Dady

She was placed in the gentle arms of Jesus on Friday, March 17, 2023. Funeral service was held Saturday, April 1, 2023 at St. Boniface Catholic Church.



May the soul of Raymond Brandes
and the soul of Marilyn Dady,
and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Chrism Holy Mass

All are invited to attend the Chrism Holy Mass on April 6, Holy Thursday, at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

Holy Land Collection on Good Friday, April 7, 2023

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the land where this great story unfolded.

Supporting the church in the Holy Land is an historic mission. Since the time of St. Paul, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked. (cf. 2 Cor. 8-9)

It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, Christians are experiencing unique hardships. We have an opportunity to help them through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.

Although often through adversities, a Christian presence always remained in the Holy Land since the beginning of the Church. It is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land, where everything started. Please be as generous as you are able.

For more information visit www.myfranciscan.org.

Episcopal Ordination of Reverend Michael John Izen
April 11, 2023, Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul MN

On January 5, 2023, Pope Francis appointed Rev. Michael J. Izen as auxiliary bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Father Michael John Izen, ordained May 28, 2005 by Archbishop Harry Flynn, has served in our Archdiocese as a priest for the last 17 years.

Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Michael John Izen will be Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 1:00pm at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul MN. This ordination is open to all. 7:00pm Vespers with Bishop-elect Izen will be Monday, April 10 at Church of St. Michael, Stillwater MN.

The Ordination of a Bishop

One of the many interesting things about the ordination of a bishop is that it shows how the Church is bigger than any one parish or even any one diocese. Part of the Rite of Ordination of a Bishop is that there must be at least three bishops present - a principal consecrator and two co-consecrators. Usually there are many more than just three at an ordination.

The multiple bishops has a two-fold purpose. Firstly, the minimum of three bishops assures that the newly ordained bishop was ordained authentically and secures a connection back to the apostles and Christ Himself. The second reason is that the bishop of a diocese (and the diocese itself) is not an island or lone-ranger. The bishop and the diocese are part of a larger whole - the universal Church. The presence of multiple bishops helps to show that the bishop and diocese are connected and must be united in the Holy Faith with the larger Church; rather than believing whatever we want to believe, the Deposit of Faith connects all of the bishops together and even unites us with all other Catholic faithful the world over.

The deference we show to the bishop as the leader of the Diocese has a similar purpose. In reverence to a bishop, we recognize that it is his job to both unite us with all of the others in our Diocese and also to keep unity with the other Dioceses of the world and the pope himself.

Let's all pray for the new bishop; pray that he will be a great bishop who helps everyone become Christian, become better Christians and become fully converted to the Holy Faith.

Father Jeremy J. Ploof (Diocese of St. Cloud) February 19, 2023

All are invited to the Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Michael John Izen as Titular Bishop of Newport and Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Cathedral of Saint Paul in St. Paul, Minnesota:

Rosary at 11:50am

Prelude at 12:30pm

Procession begins at 12:45pm

Holy Mass at 1:00pm.

The Holy Mass will be livestreamed on the [Cathedral of Saint Paul's Facebook page](#). The ordination also will be carried live on [Metro Cable Channel 6](#) (on cable and online) and broadcast live on Relevant Radio 1330AM.

Please join in praying for our Auxiliary Bishops Michael Izen and Joseph Williams who will assist our Archbishop Bernard Hebda (the twelfth archbishop in our archdiocese) in administering Minnesota's largest ecclesiastical district which is home to over 700,000 Catholics. It covers twelve counties in the Twin Cities metropolitan area and out of Minnesota's six dioceses it has the largest population.

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The World through God's Eyes

"When your heart beats with Christ's heart you see the whole world differently. You look into the womb of every mother and see the image of the Son of God."

- John Cardinal O'Connor -

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