

St. Boniface

Catholic Church

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Also Serving St. Martin of Tours, Geneseo and Sts. Peter & Paul, Cayuga

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saint Boniface

Saturday - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Saint Martin of Tours - Geneseo

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

Saints Peter & Paul - Cayuga

Sunday - 7:00 pm

(Even Numbered Months)

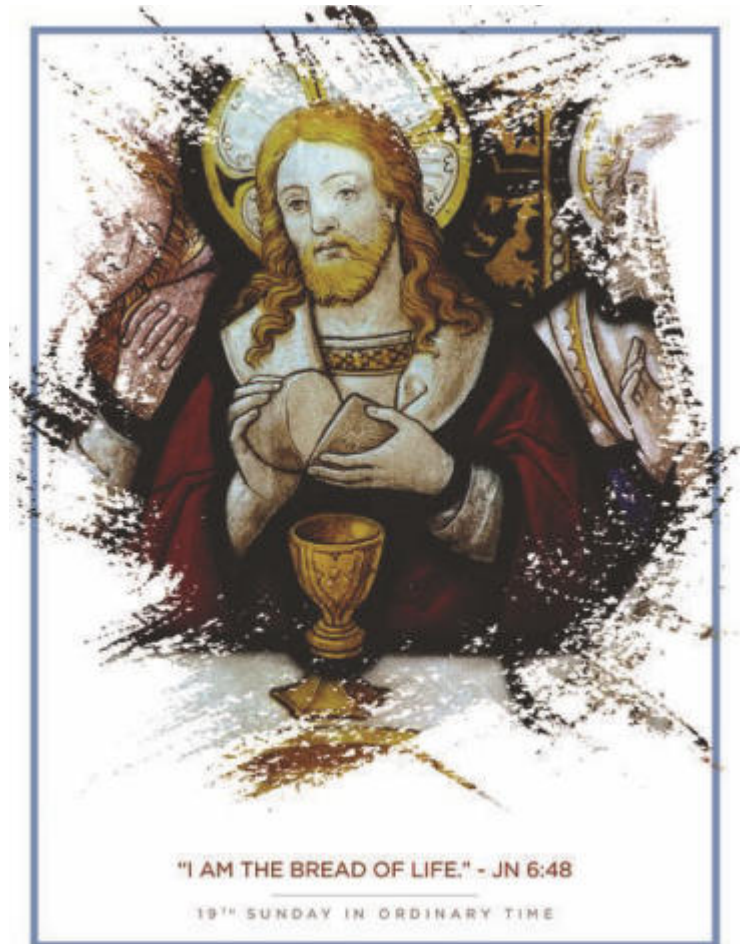
August 8, 2021 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Q How do we know moral law?

A Genesis 1:26-27 tells us that man is created in the image of God. Many people fail to grasp how profound this revelation is. Of all the thousands and thousands of creatures in the visible world, only man is made in the image and likeness of the all-knowing, all-loving, all-powerful, eternal God who created this awesome universe. Unlike all other animals, we have spiritual souls; we have intellects and wills. Like God, we can know and love. We can receive God's own Spirit into our souls. We are capable, one day, of living a life of unimaginable glory in heaven.

Because we are made in God's image (and thus have spiritual souls), we are truly free, unlike all other creatures in the visible world that are moved by instinct. Because we are free, we are moral beings: we can choose to do either good or evil. Through our intellect, we can discover the morality or goodness of an action. This judgment of the intellect is called conscience. Through our free will we can choose the good or we can reject it and do evil.

In making us in His image, God gives us a most precious gift. However, with this gift comes accountability. God commands us to use our free will to live according to the divine image. We must be moral agents: doing what is good, avoiding what is evil. If we do, we will attain the final destiny that God has planned for us: eternal glory in heaven. There, we will possess the all-good God Himself; we will no longer be able to choose evil. But in this earthly life, we can still sin and disfigure the divine image God gave us. We can even lose the life of God in our souls through deadly or mortal sin.



**1 Kings 19:4-8 | Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51**

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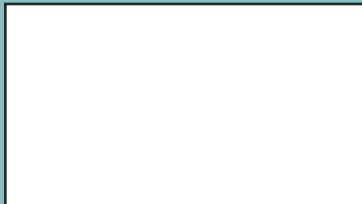
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