



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 28, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

OUR MISSION

Christ Jesus, you call us together as a parish to sow and nurture the seeds of God's saving love in the hearts and minds of all our neighbors and beyond by living your gospel.

OUR VISION

Christ Jesus, bless us as you blessed our patron, St. Boniface, so that, by carrying out the mission entrusted to us, our parish will yield a bountiful harvest of passionate disciples, united to you by the sacraments and sent by you to further your mission.



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OUR VALUES

Christ Jesus, enable us to reap this bountiful harvest by staying rooted in the "good soil" of the basic principles in which we as a parish believe.

- We are a parish who prays, studies, and acts in accord with the Scriptures and the traditions of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Erie.
- We are a parish who stands firmly on the foundation of our past;
- We are a parish who understands and responds to the changing needs of all families today;
- We are a parish who welcomes and enjoys fellowship with all people;
- We are a parish who lives within our means and exercises responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us;
- We are a parish who works together as God's family for the good of all, putting our common mission above all else.

This we pray, in your name. Amen.

St. Boniface, pray for us.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
RIGHTEOUSNESS (conclusion)

“For just as through the disobedience of the one man, many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one man, many will be made righteous” (Romans 5:19).



To conclude our month-long reflection on righteousness as modeled by St. Joseph, we will look this weekend at some practical suggestions as to how we can also cultivate righteousness in our lives. The first suggestion is to remember that righteousness is first and foremost a characteristic of God, and so any righteousness on our part must begin with and lead us back into God’s life - what we call grace - which unites us to God and makes us more like him. We encounter grace in many ways but primarily through prayer, both personal and communal. Like Joseph, who communed with God even in his dreams, we must develop a deeply personal prayer life in which we don’t just give God a few minutes of our time here and there but invite him to come and make his home with us, giving God the time and attention we ourselves need to let his Spirit penetrate through the busy-ness of our lives and permeate all we are and do. Also like Joseph, who fully observed the prescribed rites and sacrifices of the Law as part of the People of God, we need to fully participate in the prescribed rites and sacrifices of the newly constituted People of God, the Church. This means full and active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, especially the central sacrifice of our communion with God in the sacrifice of the Mass.

The next suggestion is to practice self-denial. Joseph denied himself many times as he heard God’s call in prayer and responded in faithful action. As we hear God’s often challenging call to us through our prayer, we need to be able to respond with the same commitment and faith exemplified by Joseph. This doesn’t happen automatically. It requires an inner strength born through spiritual exercise, begun in prayer and developed through fasting. When we think of fasting, we think of giving up things like meat on Fridays or snacks between meals, and these are good places to start, sort of like the necessary warmup before the heart of the workout. But the real work of fasting takes place within ourselves, struggling with temptations by relying more and more fully on God, in whom alone we find true peace, joy, and salvation, even in times of deprivation. The “self” we deny through fasting is the false self that comes from the deceit of the devil: “If you deny God, you will be like gods” (Genesis 3:5). Through fasting we discard that lie and embrace the truth, that God has already made us in his own divine image and likeness, lost by sin but restored and even elevated in Christ, and only by living in ever-closer communion with him will our exalted likeness to God, our Christ-likeness, be realized.

The third suggestion is to engage in Christian action, or charity. Joseph didn’t just deny himself; he actively chose to be like God, who is love, and did so in and through his constant love toward Mary and Jesus. Love here is not a passive emotion but an action verb; it is putting our false self aside and committing our true self to the good of another. It means using our gifts, talents, and abilities to serve others’ needs, just as God does for us, and by so doing reveal God to those whom we serve. That is the whole purpose of the charitable works of the Church, and by engaging in those works, we cultivate our own God-likeness. By doing so we also develop the virtue of charity within ourselves and so become more disposed to promptly and fully answer God’s call to us, which is always a call to love, whenever it comes and wherever it leads.

Attentiveness to God and commitment of ourselves to fully and faithfully respond to God’s call, all flowing from, enabled by, and leading us deeper into God’s life and love - that is righteousness. May our reflection on Joseph’s life help us to cultivate a true spirit of righteousness in our lives and in the life of our Church throughout this year.

Fr. Marc Stockton

PLEASE PRAY~ Please pray for the soul of parishioner **Colton Michael Evan**, who passed away recently. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL~ A Sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. You have joined together with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Erie to share of your blessings to help advance the mission of the church. I am grateful. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked “CSA” in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is appreciated.

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February 28, 2021

~PRESCHOOL NEWS~

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" ~ 2 Timothy 3:16

What's New at St. Boniface Preschool?

Our students celebrated our 100 day of school on Wednesday, February 17! The staff here at St. Boniface can't believe how quickly this year has gone by! March is just around the corner and both the students and teachers are looking forward to Spring and fresh air.

Our students are completing winter assessments this month. Some may ask "Why do we assess our students at such a young age?" It is our mission to promote growth and development while students are enrolled in the program offered at St. Boniface. If the teachers take the time to measure a child's academic, social, emotional, and physical growth, then we as educators can better offer a program that is suitable to each child's individual needs as well as the classroom as a whole.

St. Boniface assesses each student 3 times a year. These assessments are done through large group observations, small group and one-on-one settings with their teachers. The first assessment takes place in the Fall to ensure that right from the beginning of the school year we are providing the appropriate foundations to promote growth and learning. The second assessment takes place around this time of year, to measure how much growth & development has happened from our initial assessment. The third assessment takes place in the spring closer to the end of our school year. This provides parents with a clear picture of how much their child has learned and the skills they have mastered since their first day of school.

Once the assessments are completed on each student, the teachers can use this information as a tool to help them adjust the curriculum. Sometimes this means that a teacher may need to review information already taught, seek other ways to help the students learn, or other times a teacher may see that their students are ready for a more challenging curriculum/activities. It also provides parents with peace of mind that their child is ready to enter the next phase of education, whether that means the child is 2-years-old and ready to enter our 3-year-old program the coming fall or the child is 5 and ready to enter Kindergarten the next school year. Families are provided with their child's assessment so they can also be made aware of how their child is doing in school. It helps keep an open line of communication between families and teachers, as well as provide us with a consistent way to ensure St. Boniface is doing everything, we can to help children reach academic/social/emotional achievement. Assessing our students is a very important and integral part of St. Boniface Preschool.

Spring Fundraiser Success!!

Thank you for supporting our school by purchasing

Daffin's Easter Candy and Country Meat Smoked Meat Sticks. All Proceeds from these fundraisers will directly benefit St. Boniface Preschool.

Daffin's candy delivery date is set for Friday, March 19th. More details about pick up will be available closer to the delivery date.

Country Meat Smoked Meat sticks should arrive any day now! If you placed an order, you will be contacted once beef sticks are delivered. Once contacted you will be able to schedule a pickup time at the St. Boniface Preschool office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Beef sticks will also be available for purchase for \$1.00 per stick at both the Church Office and Preschool Office. Be on the look out for our display in the coming days!

If you have any questions about your order please contact Brooke Lander Preschool@stbonifaceparisherie.org or stop by the Preschool office.

Important Dates:

Sunday, March 14th: Daylight Savings Time Begins, spring clocks ahead 1 hour

Monday, March, 15th: Snow Make-up day: School IN session

Friday, March 19th: Daffin's Easter Candy Delivered. Pick up info will be available closer to delivery date.

Thursday, April 1st to Monday, April 5th: Easter Break/NO School

Tuesday, April 6th: Preschool IN session/Covid-19 Make-up Day: 3 of 3 due to closure in November

Be Grateful in all things and God Bless,
Brooke Lander
St. Boniface Preschool Director

ST. BONIFACE PARISH OUTREACH FOR THOSE IN NEED~

St. Boniface Parish is answering the question, "What can I do to help?" The parish office has obtained a list of social service agencies designed to assist those in financial need. Call the office if your family needs help or if you know of a family who needs help (825-4439).

CALLING ALL THOSE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN SOCIAL SERVICES~

We are looking for guidance from parishioners involved in local social services to determine which agencies are most effective in meeting the needs of their clients. Please call the parish office and leave your contact information, and Marty Kosiorek will be in touch.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS~ Will be held every Thursday during Lent at 6p.m. in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **David Allgeier** from **Tom, Ann & Thomas Cermak**.

~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
"This is my beloved Son, listen to him."~Matthew 17:5

Lenten Prayer for Sundays during Lent
Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.

In your name, I pray, Amen.

Prayer from dynamiccatholic.com

Upcoming News and Events:

Remember to check your emails and/or visit the Church for this Lenten season's family-based weekly activities, prayers, and reflections.

February:

2/28 First Reconciliation Rehearsal/Meeting, 9:00-10:00 at the Church

2/28 First Holy Communion Class: At-Home Lesson

March:

In-Person Confessions are scheduled this month for appropriate grade levels and families throughout the Lenten Season from 9-10:15:

3/7 Grades 9-11 3/14 Grades 3/4/5 3/21 Grades 6/7/8

3/28 Extra day, if needed*

3/7 First Reconciliation Prayer Service, 12:00

First Holy Communion Class:

3/7 Sacrament Prep Session: Virtual Class, 9:30-10:15

Lesson #5: Our Community Shares a Meal

3/14 *Weekly Retreat Activities begin via email! Week 1: Prayer

3/21 Sacrament Prep Session: Virtual Class, 9:30-10:15

Retreat Week 2: The Mass

3/28 At-Home Retreat Activity

Retreat Week 3: The Gift of the Eucharist

Lesson #6 My First Eucharist Book

Confirmation Class:

2/28 *Mandatory Virtual Class Session with Sponsors, 9:30 a.m.

3/2 Confirmation Ceremony, 7:00 p.m. @ St. Boniface Church

Light and Love, Jeanne Yaple

THE WORD OF GOD THIS WEEK ~LOYOLA

PRESS~ Gospel Reading, Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ Every family has special moments that they remember and share again and again. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of these events develop and deepen over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' death and Resurrection. As they told other believers about this event and recorded the story for us in the Bible, our understanding of what it means to call Jesus God's own Son has also deepened.

As you gather as a family, think about some special family memories that your family tells over and over again. Talk about why these memories are important to you. Recall that in the Bible we find many important memories about Jesus that have been recorded for us so that we can believe that Jesus is God's Son. Read today's Gospel, Mark 9:2-10. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfills the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the prophets. God glorified Jesus in his Resurrection. Jesus is God's Son.) Conclude in prayer together that as we continue to read the Bible, we will deepen our understanding of and our love for Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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Special blessings to the following 2021 Confirmation Students as they celebrate the Sacrament, March 2, 2021:

**Lindsay Brinker**

**Izaak Bryson**

**Joseph Fugagli**

**Isaac Jud**

**Garrett Kuhn**

**Amanda Mateczak**

**Jack Pikiewicz**

**Justin Walker**

Thoughts and prayers to our First Reconciliation Students as they wrap up this year's retreat experience, and continue to prepare for receiving the Sacrament on March 7, 2021.



## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Monday, March 1, Lenten Weekday**  
No Mass Today

**Tuesday, March 2, Lenten Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Albert Lorei Family**  
(Joe Lorei)

**Wednesday, March 3, Lenten Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Michael Gregorek, M.D.**  
(Richard Brozewicz, DDS & Staff)

**Thursday, March 4, Lenten Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Agatha Tyzinski**  
(Bill & Ann Spring)

**Friday, March 5, Lenten Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Leon & Kathleen Matczak**  
(Trost & Matczak Families)

**Saturday, March 6, Lenten Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Melvin Edwards**  
(Walt Breindel)

5:00 p.m. **Marge Lorei**  
(Joe Lorei)

**Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent**  
7:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of**  
**St. Boniface Parish**

10:30 a.m. **Mary Pluta**  
(Mary Smith)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....4:15-4:45 p.m.  
(and anytime by appointment)

### ST. PATRICK'S VIRTUAL REVERSE RAFFLE~

Early bird drawing for the St. Pat's Virtual Reverse Raffle is Sunday, March 7th after the 10:30a.m. mass. To be eligible for the \$100 Early Bird drawing, your ticket must be returned to the church office by noon on Thursday, March 4th.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~** We are going to be selling our annual COAL tickets through February and March. The proceeds from the sale goes to support scholarships to Family members through out Pennsylvania. The prizes have changed, they are all cash prizes, mainly because almost all winners in the past liked cash instead of trips. The list of prizes are as follows: \$15,000, 10,000, 7,500, 5,000, 5,000, 5,000, 2,500, 2,500, 2,500, 2,000, 2,000, 2,000, 1,000, 1,000, 1,000, 1,000, 1,000. The tickets are \$5.00 ea. and can be purchased from the Knights or in the gathering space, after each Mass. Thank You in advance for your continued SUPPORT.

**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS~** Reminder to fill out your Easter Flower Memorial envelopes in memory of your loved ones. This is a great way for family members and friends to be remembered at Easter time. Turn in your envelopes to the parish office or in the collection basket at Saturday or Sunday Mass.

## ~LECTOR~

**SATURDAY- March 6**  
5:00 p.m. D. Golombieski

**SUNDAY- March 7**  
7:30 a.m. L. Hogan  
10:30 a.m. R. Jaworski

## ~ALTAR SERVER~

**SATURDAY- March 6**  
5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

**SUNDAY- March 7**  
7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer  
10:30 a.m. E. Whiteford

### ~Week of February 14th, Collection~

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| Adult .....                   | \$5,407.00 |
| Catholic Service Appeal ..... | \$6,100.00 |
| Rice Bowl .....               | \$111.00   |

*~Thank you to those who use their envelopes regularly and to all who have increased their offerings.~*

**CHURCH CLEANING~** Heavenly dusters this week are: **Suzie Lyle & Family and Marlene Kerecman.** May God bless them in their faithful work.

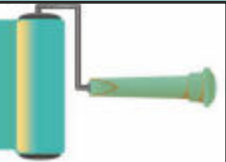
### 2021 LIONS 100/100 CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM~

We were able to provide 3 scholarships of \$1,000 each to deserving graduating high school senior students of the Wattsburg Area School District regardless of the townships they may live in. Five areas are included: Amity, Greene, Greenfield, Venango Townships and Wattsburg Borough. We have designated May 7th, 2021 as the cutoff date to return the completed forms with instructions included with the forms and my address as the location to return completed forms. As you can see, we are trying to make it easier for students to retrieve an application and a bit less work for them to drop off at the various locations of the past. Please call or text me at 814-490-3276 or TJ Kirsch at 814-440-9995 with any questions. These scholarships are a result of our 13th Annual 100/100 Club raffle which concluded in November from a complete sell through of the 100 ticket raffle. Thank you all in advance for your support of this activity to help our local students! PS We will again begin the work for our 14th Greene Township Lions 100/100 Club soon which also benefits ticket holders and our local St. Boniface Food Bank! Respectfully, Lions TJ Kirsch and Mike Allgeier

**BAPTISMAL CLASS~** New parents are required to take a Baptismal preparation class prior to having their first child baptized. Parents who have already attended baptism class and kept documentation of that attendance do not need to take the classes more than once. Please call the parish office for class dates or check the weekly bulletin for upcoming classes. There is a class being held at Holy Rosary, on Saturday, March 6th at 10:00a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Holy Rosary Parish Office at 456-4254 to register.



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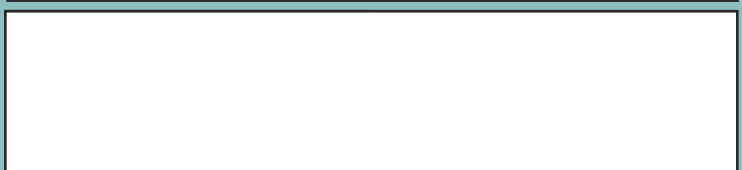
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