



# *Saint Boniface*

CATHOLIC CHURCH

**MARCH 7, 2021**

**THIRD 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  
CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him’ ... So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said, ‘This one at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. This one shall be called ‘woman’ for out of ‘her man’ this one has been taken.’ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body. The man and his wife were both naked, yet they felt no shame” (Genesis 2:18, 21-25).



Continuing our journey together through the Year of St. Joseph, our theme for March is Christian marriage and family. This is because March 19th is the feast of Joseph, the Husband of Mary. As he does in so many ways, Joseph and, by extension, Mary image for us the perfect model of Christian marriage and family. They are united, not only by the natural union of marriage as intended by God from the very beginning, but by the supernatural union born through their service of their son, the Son of God, Jesus Christ. At the heart of every Christian marriage is Christ and the way the husband and wife come together to live as one and raise their children in his service.

Because the relationship between spouses is so personal, we can forget that there is a social dimension to that relationship and a responsibility to others, beginning with their children and radiating out to their extended family, their parish, and their community. A life lived for Christ is a life lived for others, and so every Christian marriage calls the spouses out of themselves and their relationship to shine the light of Christ, who has blessed their marriage and united them by the grace of a special sacrament, to lead all people around them to Christ, witnessing to his love for all by their love for each other. This is the vocation to the sacrament of marriage, or matrimony.

The social dimension of marriage, its foundation in God’s plan from the very beginning of creation, and its redemption and sanctification by Christ lead to the Church’s teachings on marriage and family, which

have become controversial of late. So we will explore these teachings this month as well as the need to minister to those who find themselves in marriages or relationships that don’t reflect these teachings. A great place to start for everyone is to read Pope Francis’ post-synodal exhortation on marriage and the family, *Amoris Laetitia*, which can be found for free here - [http://www.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20160319\\_amoris-laetitia\\_en.pdf](http://www.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia_en.pdf). As Pope Francis stresses throughout, we always need to reach out to everyone with the healing love of Christ, but pastoral concern and care for those in relationships that fall short of the God-given ideal must not stop us as a Church from teaching the ideal. With Christ, the Good Shepherd, we are called as a Church to walk with Christ’s flock, especially the stray and the lost, on the difficult and demanding journey of faith, a faith that leads through the cross of Christ, “the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), to the glory of the resurrection, which even now can be glimpsed through the grace Christ shares with the world through Christian marriages and families. May Joseph guide us along that journey together this month, and may his intercession lead to an outpouring of grace and mercy on all families.

*Fr. Marc Stockton*

**THANK YOU~** There are no words to express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy and support you have extended toward our family during this difficult time of loss. Thank you. The Family of Joseph R. Winkler

**STAFF**

- Rev. Marc Stockton, JCL.....*Pastor*
- Rev. Mister Timothy G. Good.....*Permanent Deacon*
- Jeanne Yaple.....*Faith Formation Director*
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday..... 9:00a.m.-1:30p.m.

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March 7, 2021

**MASS INTENTIONS~** We have many weekday masses still available for 2021. It is a good way to remember a loved one with a mass in their honor. If you would like to schedule a mass please call the parish office at 825-4439. The requested donation is \$10.00 per mass.

**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.

**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. 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. You may now submit your Easter Flower Memorial envelopes in memory of loved ones online! This is a beautiful way for family members and friends to be remembered at Easter time. Please visit <https://www.osvhub.com/stbonifaceparisherie/forms/easter-and> make your memorial donation by March 29th. Thank You!

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

**WE DON'T ALWAYS KNOW~** unless you inform the church office, if a family member is unable to attend Mass, or now resides in a nursing home, or who would like to be on our visiting list. If your children are grown and reside with you or no longer reside with you, they should not be listed as members under your name. They should register, themselves, as members of their Church. If you move or your phone number has changed including email, please let us know as well. Call 825-4439 with any changes or new information.

### **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 no 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 Our Lady of Mount Carmel, on Monday, April 5th at 7:00p.m. in the school. Please call the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Office at 825-7313 to register.

## ~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

*But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people.*

*He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person. ~John 2:24-25*

A Lenten Prayer for Confession:

Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open us to a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.  
~Book of Common Worship

### 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.*

### March

3/7 First Reconciliation Prayer Service, 12:00

*In-Person Confessions are scheduled this month for appropriate grade levels/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\*

### 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

**Light and Love,  
Jeanne Yaple**

### **The Word of God this Week ~Loyola Press**

Gospel Reading, John 2:13-25

Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS~** Today's Gospel invites us to reflect upon our worship of God. For Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries, the Temple was an important, holy place where they gathered to worship God. The Christian understanding of worship was transformed in light of Jesus' Resurrection. In the Christian understanding, God is worshiped in a person, the person of Jesus Christ. As we read in today's Gospel, Jesus is himself the Temple that will be destroyed, but in three days God will raise him up again.

As you gather as a family, talk about places and times when you have experienced God's presence. After his Resurrection, Jesus' disciples understood that Jesus was present with them as they gathered to pray and especially when they gathered to share a meal. Read together today's Gospel, John 2:13-25. Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that he is God's presence with us. Thank God for Jesus' presence with us, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

**Special blessings to the following 2021 First Reconciliation Students as they celebrate the Sacrament, March 7, 2021:**

<b>Adam Bayhurst</b>	<b>Tanner Kosiorek</b>
<b>Liam Brocious</b>	<b>Ava O'Donnell</b>
<b>Mia Drake</b>	<b>Lucas Szymanski</b>
<b>Eli Galkowski</b>	<b>Emmett Williams</b>
<b>Emily Heisler</b>	



### **~Week of February 21st, Collection~**

Adult.....	\$7,799.00
Loose.....	\$25.00
Catholic Service Appeal.....	\$13,965.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$171.00

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

### **SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN**

**MEMORY~** The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Joe Winkler** from **Keith & Cindy Zajac.**



## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Monday, March 8, Lenten Weekday**  
No Mass Today

**Tuesday, March 9, Lenten Weekday/ St. Frances of Rome**

8:00 a.m. **Joe Neilsen**  
(Esther Neilsen)

**Wednesday, March 10, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 a.m. **Fran O'Connell**  
(Jerry & Lisa Puckley)

**Thursday, March 11, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 a.m. **Richard Lorei**  
(Family)

**Friday, March 12, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 a.m. **Fr. Ed Matuszak**  
(Trost & Matczak Families)

**Saturday, March 13, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 a.m. **Mario Joseph Pisano**  
(Vic Pisano)

5:00 p.m. **Brian Biletnikoff**  
(St. Boniface Quilters)

**Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of St. Boniface Parish**

10:30 a.m. **John Jagodzinski**  
(John & Jeanette Griebel)

### RECONCILIATION

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

## ~BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR EASTER~

Easter is approaching fast and with it comes early deadlines for the bulletin. They are as follows:

For **Sunday, March 28, 2021**, articles are due **Monday, March 22, 2021**.

For **Sunday, April 4, 2021**, articles are due **Friday, March 26, 2021**.

## CHURCH CLEANING~

Heavenly dusters this week are: **Therese Dunn, Cheryl Ferrie, Martha Kaveney and Tom & Barb Galkowski**. May God bless them in their faithful work.



## ~LECTOR~

**SATURDAY- March 13**

5:00 p.m. J. Bitters

**SUNDAY- March 14**

7:30 a.m. G. Krahe

10:30 a.m. C. Driscoll

## ~ALTAR SERVER~

**SATURDAY- March 13**

5:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

**SUNDAY- March 14**

7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer

10:30 a.m. S. Praetzel

**Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2021** on celebrating the Sacrament, Tuesday, March 2, 2021! May you have a beautiful life as you accept Jesus into your heart. We hope you feel the amazing love of God through the Holy Spirit every day.



Many thanks to the following for helping to make our Confirmation Mass a success:

*Most importantly, our families and sponsors, who have guided the students through the preparation of celebrating the Sacrament, God Bless.*

Father Marc Stockton, Pastor

Jeanne Yaple, Faith Formation Director

Don and Dawn Smith, Catechists

Mercita Hodapp, Music Director

Samuel Praetzel, Altar Server

Joseph Fugagli, Lector

Jean Urash and Kathe Skobieranda, Prayers of the Faithful

Melanie Kennerknecht, for the production of certificate/programs.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry, for gifting beautiful prayer squares.

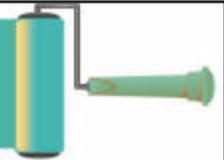
Tara Schupp, for her videography skills/ live-streaming the Mass for our families.

Dottie Wagner for disinfecting the pews.

## ~LENTEN DINNERS (TAKE OUT ONLY~

Place	Date	Time
All Saints	March 12th, 19th, 26th	4:30-7p.m.
Holy Trinity	March 12th	4-7p.m.
Mt. Carmel (order deadlines for each dinner are at noon on Tuesday)	March 9th for the March 12th Dinner March 23rd for the March 26th Dinner	4-7p.m.
St. Stanislaus	March 19th	4-7p.m. or until sold out

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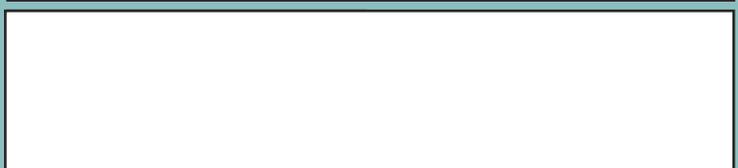
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