



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH 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 (cont.)

“On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servers, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, ‘Fill the jars with water’ ... Then he told them, ‘Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.’ So they took it. When the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine...he called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves good wine first, and then, when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have saved the good wine until now’” (John 2:1-10).



The “good wine.” Of what sacrament does that remind us? The Eucharist, of course, the life-giving outpouring of Christ’s saving blood on the cross that gives us the grace to share in his resurrection, the Paschal Mystery we prepare to celebrate at Easter throughout the Lenten season. But we see in the story of the wedding at Cana, Jesus’ first miracle in the gospel of John, the establishment of a new sacrament, matrimony. This story reminds us that the two are intimately connected.

What are sacraments? They are effective signs of God’s grace in the world. By taking the natural institution of marriage and using it to reveal himself and his plan, Jesus makes marriage a sacrament. This was already foreshadowed in God’s plan by the prophets, like Hosea, whose marriages God used to reveal his love for his people, no matter how often they strayed. But in Jesus, marriage not only represents or reminds us of God’s love, it makes it present, makes it real, makes it grow, and it becomes a vital part of God’s saving plan for us.

That is what we mean by “effective signs”, that sacraments make what they represent happen. In sacramental marriage, God’s love and life happens, for the couple and for those around them, in what we call grace. This manifests itself and grows through their self-sacrificing love for each other and their

family in union with Christ. That is why the “good wine” of the Eucharist is so important to sacramental marriage. By regularly and attentively celebrating the Eucharist together, Christ’s saving sacrifice nourishes and enlivens the couple’s own love. The couple then goes out from Mass to give of themselves in union with Christ more and more for each other, which overflows into self-giving love for their children, their extended families, their neighbors, parish, and community. That is how God’s love and life comes through them into the world - that is the sacrament of marriage. Let us pray for all married couples - for those in sacramental marriages, that their celebration of the Eucharist together may nourish their relationship and lead them out into the world to share that life with others - and for those not in sacramental marriages, that their thirst for Christ may move them to bring their marriages into his saving light by celebrating them as a sacrament and receiving and sharing the grace that only he can bring.

Fr. Marc Stockton

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.

STAFF

- Rev. Marc Stockton, JCL.....*Pastor*
- Rev. Mister Timothy G. Good.....*Permanent Deacon*
- Jeanne Yaple.....*Faith Formation Director*
- Sandee Krivonak.....*Business Manager*
- Melanie Kennerknecht.....*Parish Secretary*
- Brooke Lander.....*Pre-School Director*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

DIRECTORY

- Parish Office..... 825-4439
- Pre-School..... 528-3810
- Center..... 825-8101
- Hall Rental..... 825-4439
- Parish Website..... www.stbonifaceparisherie.org
- Pastor..... pastor@stbonifaceparisherie.org
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March 21, 2021

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION~

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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 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.

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

GENERATE DONATIONS THIS SPRING!

Looking for an extra little way to support our Parish? It is easy! Just shop AmazonSmile at smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1031947 to generate donations for Saint Boniface Church. Just click St. Boniface, bookmark the page, and you're all set. Happy Spring!



SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Maxine Kaveney** from **Family**.



HEAVENLY DUSTERS~ Your new schedule is ready. Please pick one up. They are on the counter in the gathering space.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~ Your response was so great, we are sold out. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. WISHING YOU ALL GOOD LUCK.

Extending Prayers to our First Communion Class. May God bless them and their Families.

Our next meeting will be moved to April 8th, April 1 being Holy Thursday. Hope to see you there.

Sunday, April 4 is our regular Rosary Sunday, However this will be Easter Sunday, so we will be moving our Rosary Sunday to April 11. We will be including our First Communion Class in our praying of the rosary April 11. Please join us.

The Knight's will be collecting non perishable food items throughout Lent. There is a box at the bottom of the stairs before you go into the gathering space. Thank you for your donations.

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).

CHURCH DECORATING~ Please help us decorate the Church for Easter at 6:00pm on Good Friday, April, 2. We need many hands to carry the white lighted swags from the downstairs storage room to hang by the pillars in the Church Body. The white swags are already steamed and ready to hang. What a great opportunity for the youth of the Parish to earn service hours! Thank you and God bless you!

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.

~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

*Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.*

~John 12:26

A Prayer in Spring

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.
Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.
And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid-air stands still.
For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfill.
Robert Frost

Upcoming News and Events

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

March

***In-Person** Confessions are scheduled this month for
appropriate grade levels and their families throughout
the Lenten Season from 9-10:00*

3/21 Grades 6/7/8
3/28 Extra day, if needed*

3/21 Sign-up for this year's virtual Easter Story Short
Skit/Recording by today!
3/28 Way of the Cross for Grades 6-12, 12:00 p.m.

First Holy Communion Class

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 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ Family life is often a balancing act in which we prioritize and attend to a variety of competing needs. We learn the value of putting others' needs ahead of our own. In family life we also learn that when we make personal sacrifices to serve others, we gain so much more than we may have lost.

As you gather as a family, talk about how important it is to your family life to gladly serve one another. Ask each person to consider the last time that another family member asked for help. What was your response? Did you cheerfully try to honor the request, or did you ask "Why me?" Read today's Gospel, John 12:20-33. How do you think Jesus would want us to respond when someone in our family asks for help? Invite each family member to make a commitment for the next week to try to respond cheerfully to requests for help. Pray together, asking God's help with this commitment.

Special blessings to the following 2021 First Holy Communion Students as they continue a prayerful retreat experience to prepare for receiving the Sacrament in May:

Gabriella Krawczyk

Brea Kuhl

Faith Lyle

Grayson Nies

Zofia Salter

Tanner Wisniewski

Sawyer Wyten

Wellie Yaple



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, March 22, Lenten Weekday
No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 23, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Hugh Consider**
(Vic Pisano)

Wednesday, March 24, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Fritz & Detta George**
(Kathy & Kevin)

Thursday, March 25, Annunciation of the Lord
8:00 a.m. **Agatha Tyzinski**
(James Tuszynski)

Friday, March 26, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Mary Farak**
(Ed & Pam Zajac)

Saturday, March 27, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Anthony Pisano**
(Vic Pisano)

5:00 p.m. **Cheryl Rouse**
(Brent & Stacy Vecchi)

Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday
7:30 a.m. **Joan Pisano**
(Vic Pisano)

10:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members
of St. Boniface Parish**

RECONCILIATION

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

~LECTOR~

SATURDAY- March 27
5:00 p.m. J. Bitters

SUNDAY- March 28
7:30 a.m. B. Panighetti
10:30 a.m. K. Praetzel

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY- March 27
5:00 p.m. L. Pinzok

SUNDAY- March 28
7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer
10:30 a.m. S. Praetzel

HELP NEEDED FOR EASTER MASSES

If you are able to serve in one of the following roles at the dates and mass times indicated, please call Melanie in the Parish Office at 825-4439.

~LECTOR~

HOLY THURSDAY- April 1
7:00 p.m. D. Golombieski

GOOD FRIDAY - April 2
3:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

HOLY SATURDAY- April 3
8:30 p.m. Need Volunteers

EASTER SUNDAY - April 4
7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Need Volunteer
10:30 a.m. Need Volunteer

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2021 Soup-er Sunday Spectacular

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Total</u>
Food	\$3,443.00	-\$1,322.00	\$2,121.00
Mystery Raffle	\$1,205.00		\$1,205.00
Gas Card Raffle	\$1,395.00	-\$ 300.00	\$1,095.00
Grocery Raffle	\$1,440.00	-\$ 300.00	\$1,140.00
Donations	\$1,157.00		<u>\$1,157.00</u>
			\$6,718.00

SUMMER FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING~ will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:30p.m. in the Zapolski Room. All are welcome to attend.

~BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR EASTER~

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

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

~Week of March 7, Collection~

Adult.....	\$9,594.00
Loose.....	\$47.00
Catholic Service Appeal.....	\$1,801.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$55.00

CSA Pledges 136 Families Pledged \$55,965

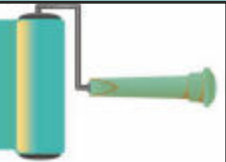
*~Thank you to those who use their envelopes regularly
and to all who have increased their offerings.~*

CHURCH CLEANING~

Heavenly dusters this week are:
Cathy Rieder, Brenda Pyle, Penny Warmbrod and Mike & Nancy Allgeier. May God bless them in their faithful work.



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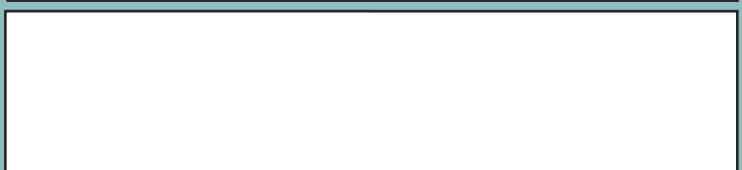
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