

Easter

SUNDAY

C H R I S T I S R I S E N

Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

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

“For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live may no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, new things have come” (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).



We all love new things - new cars, new clothes, new gadgets. Easter is all about new things, or, perhaps more accurately, one new thing, but it is the greatest new thing that ever happened: Jesus rose from the dead to new life. Jesus had already raised other people from the dead, like Lazarus and Jairus’ daughter, but they did not receive a new life. They rose to the life they had before they had died, and they would eventually die again. These temporary resurrections were merely signs, a foretaste of the new resurrection that Christ came to accomplish to a whole new life that has no end.

We see this in his resurrection appearances to his disciples. A recurring theme in these stories is that the disciples do not recognize the risen Jesus at first. He is still Jesus, but in a completely new way, a way that can only be seen by the gift of faith. That is the purpose of his appearances to his disciples, seen most clearly in his appearance to “doubting” Thomas - to give them the gift of faith and commission them to go out and share that gift with the world. This is the faith that saves because through it we are not only able to see the risen Christ but to share in his new life.

If the past year has accomplished anything good, it has stirred up our hunger for new life, so easily forgotten among the busyness and pleasures of this world. The dying we have all in some way experienced, whether literally through Covid-19 or figuratively through the collapse of American society as we knew it, has left us feeling hopeless and abandoned, like Joseph of Arimathea must have felt after the crucifixion when he placed Jesus’ lifeless body in the tomb. But we know something that Joseph didn’t. Jesus’ story doesn’t end in death. It ends in

new life, for him and for us, when we stay united to him by faith.

During our celebration of Easter, the risen Christ comes to us to renew in us the gift of faith. We can never go back to the way things were before 2020. Those things have passed away. But, by the light of faith in the risen Christ, we can go forward, out of the darkness of the tomb, to a whole new life, and by following his commission to his disciples to go out and witness this saving faith to all nations, we can raise our world up to new life. From all of us here at St. Boniface parish, have a Blessed Easter, and start living the new life of Christ.

Fr. Marc Stockton

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~ 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 you donations.

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.

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April 4, 2021

~PRESCHOOL NEWS~

Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

Happy Easter from St. Boniface Preschool! Children LOVE Easter! Often times they recognize the BIG bunny more so than the true reason for Celebration. Most of our preschoolers don't quite understand the concept of why Christians celebrate Easter or the gift the we all were given when God gave us Jesus. St. Boniface Preschool strives to provide our students with strong Christian principles and values: to try and live our lives as Jesus did. The concept of God and Jesus can be a bit abstract for our young students. To help them understand and gain exposure we attend church in the sanctuary with Father Marc every other Friday. Father also comes to visit our students each Thursday for prayer and a song. Along with these experiences, our teachers also provide religion lessons within their weekly curriculum. Our most recent religion lessons share the story of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus with our students. We have also been practicing the chorus to the old hymn "He Lives." What a wonderful thing it is to hear young children sing loudly and proudly "He LIVES, He LIVES, He LIVES within my heart!" While the teachers do their best to provide exposure, we must also remember that, they are young and have only experienced a few Easters themselves.

Students were asked "*What is your Favorite thing about Easter?*" Listed below are the responses:

Preschool 2's Favorite things about Easter:

"Chocolate"-Eli
"Easter Bunny"-Brady
"Cotton Candy from the Easter Bunny"-Allyson
"Baby Bunnies"-Elsie
"Candy"-Dayne
"Playing with Daddy outside"-Bryson
"Toys in Easter basket"-Matthew
"Finding Easter Eggs and Easter Candy"-Linkin

Preschool 3's Favorite things about Easter:

"Finding Eggs"-Owen
"Easter eggs"-Bennett
"The Easter Bunny"-Teresa
"Chocolate"-Wesley
"Eating eggs"-Joey
"When the Easter Bunny comes"-Kinleigh
"Coloring eggs"-Allison
"Bunnies and Kitties"-Willow
"Having eggs"-Myla
"Monster trucks"-Fenton
"Pretty clothes"-Abby
"Candy"-Kylie
"The bunny"-Amelia
"Finding eggs"-Gabby
"Flowers"-Andie

Preschool 4's Favorite things about Easter:

"Coloring Eggs"-McKenna
"When the Easter Bunny brings baskets and eggs!"-Tyler
"Hiding and collecting Eggs"-Raegan
"Getting money from the Easter Bunny!"-Aubrey
"The chocolate"-Miles
"Frozen eggs"-Madison
"The chocolate for the eggs"-Willow
"Watching people get Easter clothes"-Isabella
"Easter!"-Maci
"Giving candy to people!"- Amelia
"The Easter Eggs!"- Everett
"I get Easter eggs and candy. I get to play all day!"- Tucker
"I like the bunny!"-Mia
"The Eggs!"-Kensley
"The Easter Bunny brings eggs!"-Rylee
"Because you get to find eggs."-Ava
"When I get stuff from the bunny"-Nash
"The Easter basket and finding eggs"-Mayah
"All the candy!"-Brayden

HAPPY EASTER from St. Boniface Preschool!

Important Dates:

Thursday, April 1st to Monday, April 5th: Easter Break/
NO School (Preschool office closed April 2nd-5th)

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

Friday, May 7th: No School/Teacher In-service

Monday, May 10th: No School

Thursday, May 27th: Last Day of Preschool! (School age
Before & After Care programs will continue until WASD's
last day of school)

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

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

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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Nancy Fuhrman** from **Annette & Chris Fuhrman**.

~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

~Psalm 118

Resurrection Sunday

Lord God,

You loved this world so much that you gave your one and only son that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.

All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

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Upcoming News and Events:

4/4 After all Masses, Families should keep an eye out for little Easter Egg Blessings for the kids from Faith Formation, Happy Easter!

First Holy Communion Class

4/11 Last Virtual Class, 9:30-10:15 *All students
Retreat Week 4: What is Communion?

4/18 At-Home Retreat Activity
Retreat Week 5: First Communion Banners and Symbolism

4/25 9:00-10:00
First Communion Retreat Wrap Up/ Meeting in the Church

*First Communion Banners are due today!

5/2 First Holy Communion Mass, 12:00

Easter Blessings,

Jeanne Yaple

The Word of God this Week ~Loyola Press

Gospel Reading, John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ In the Easter Gospel, we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us

how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

Here are a few of our fantastic fourth and fifth grade Beatitude Projects. Thank you for all of your hard work and participation!



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, April 5, Easter Monday
No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 6, Easter Tuesday
8:00 a.m. **Walter Kanonczyk**
(Ron & Cathy Dombrowski)

Wednesday, April 7, Easter Wednesday
8:00 a.m. **Fran O'Connell**
(Betty Gaber & Family)

Thursday, April 8, Easter Thursday
8:00 a.m. **Josephine Consider**
(Vic Pisano)

Friday, April 9, Easter Friday
8:00 a.m. **Ed Zajac**
(Ed Zajac & Family)

Saturday, April 10, Easter Saturday
8:00 a.m. **Michael Gregorek, M.D.**
(Richard Brozewocz, DDS & Staff)

5:00 p.m. **Tony Evan**
(Family)

Sunday, April 11, Second Sunday of Easter
7:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members
of St. Boniface Parish**

10:30 a.m. **Doris Davitt**
(Leo & Judy Bliley)

RECONCILIATION

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

~LECTOR~

SATURDAY- April 10
5:00 p.m. D. Golombieski

SUNDAY- April 11
7:30 a.m. G. Krahe
10:30 a.m. K. Praetzel

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY- April 10
5:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

SUNDAY- April 11
7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer
10:30 a.m. S. Praetzel

Prayer for Vocations

Lord God, creator of all things and source of all gifts and talents, your Son came to this world to fulfill his vocation as the Redeemer of all humanity.

Grant the sons and daughters of the parishes of the Diocese of Erie a profound awareness of their own vocations. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, may they come to realize their distinct place in your divine plan.

Give them the grace to recognize and the courage to pursue vocations as devoted priests, deacons and consecrated women and men to assist the Diocese of Erie in fulfilling her mission.

With the intercession of Saint Patrick, our patron, who preached the Gospel in word and deed, we pray that they may find happiness and fulfillment in a life of service to others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Perisco, JCL
Bishop of Erie

CHURCH CLEANING~

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



HAPPY EASTER FROM THE PARISH STAFF

Fr. Marc Stockton

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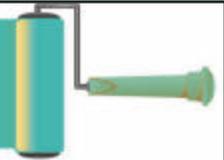
Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

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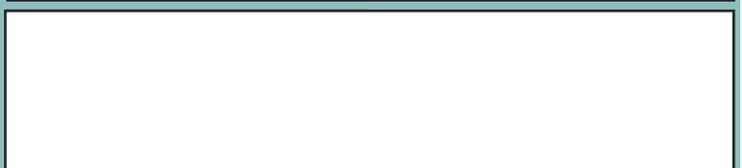
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