



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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
PATRON SAINT OF A HAPPY DEATH (cont.)

“Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken my Lord, and I don’t know where they laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there...Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni,’ which means teacher. Jesus said to her, ‘Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord,’ and what he told her” (John 20:11-14, 16-18).



Continuing this month’s reflection on St. Joseph as the patron saint of a happy death, we will look this week at the meaning and importance of Christian burial. It is no accident that the first encounter in the gospels with the risen Jesus takes place at his tomb. We tend to think of Pentecost and Jesus’ gifting the apostles with the Holy Spirit as the beginning of the Church, but Mary Magdalene’s encounter with the risen Christ at his tomb and his commissioning of her to be the first witness of the resurrection in a very real way launched the entire mission of the Church. We are all called, each in our own way, to witness to the resurrection of Jesus in the world today.

One very important and powerful way we are all called to do that is to celebrate a funeral Mass, complete with Christian burial, for our deceased loved ones. By celebrating a funeral Mass, we build up and proclaim our faith in the resurrection, that, as our loved ones shared in Christ’s death, they will also share eternal life with him. That new, risen life is not that of a ghost or spirit, just as the risen Jesus was not a ghost or spirit. We are not simply spirits, but embodied spirits, and Jesus did not come to save only our souls but our whole life. At the end of time, in the final judgment, Jesus will raise all the faithful to a bodily resurrection, just as he rose.

Our faith in bodily resurrection is the reason we treat the bodies of our deceased loved ones with special reverence. When we sprinkle the casket with holy

water at the beginning of the funeral Mass and incense it at the end, we are actually sprinkling and incensing the person’s body within the casket and, through our reverence for their body, the whole person. The same is true for how we bury the body in a consecrated grave or inter the body in a consecrated crypt or niche. The bodies of our deceased loved ones are sacred, so, as an expression of our faith and hope in their bodily resurrection, we bury or inter them in a sacred place. Every Catholic cemetery, including both of ours, is consecrated as sacred ground, and every mausoleum and columbarium in those cemeteries is also a sacred place. Even when a Catholic is buried or interred in a non-Catholic cemetery, we normally bless their grave, crypt, or niche.

We have not yet consecrated our new columbarium, but we plan to do so at this year’s Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 31, at 9:00 AM. Weather permitting, we plan to celebrate that Mass at the top of the circle in front of the columbarium at Mount of Olives Cemetery, so please bring your own lawn chair and join us for Mass and the consecration of our columbarium. Mary Magdalene was the first witness of the resurrection, encountering the risen Christ and receiving her mission to be his witness at his tomb. Recalling this experience, the beginning of the mission of the Church, we have named our new columbarium the St. Mary Magdalene Columbarium. May those who will be interred there encounter the risen Christ too, and may those who inter their loved ones there experience the same gift of faith in the resurrection that Mary received and, like her, share that faith with others.

Fr. Marc Stockton

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April 18, 2021

~PRESCHOOL NEWS~

Proverbs 9:9: Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

The teachers at St. Boniface are self-less, giving, and kind individuals. They share their kindness, love and respect with their students each day. Many of us have teachers to thank for who we've grown into today. This month I would like to feature one of our hardworking, reliable teachers- Miss Carianne!

April's Teacher Feature: My name is Carianne Bozenhard aka Miss Carianne. I have worked at St. Boniface Preschool for 7 months. I am a part time teacher's aide in the 3-year-old preschool room and Group Supervisor/school before and after care program teacher. Prior to working at St. Boniface I gained experience in child care at Penn State Early Learning Center, Lynn's Little Rascals and through working at a Head Start program. I love working with children because I can make an impact on a child that can help them throughout their lives! I especially love working at St. Boniface Preschool because as the Group Supervisor, I get a chance to work with all the children of every age that are enrolled at St. Boniface.

My favorite scripture is: Corinthians 13 "If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres," because it talks about love and the way love should be.

We here at St. Boniface are Thankful for Miss Carianne and her dedication to our school and our families.

Important Dates:

- 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**

~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~

Received A Thank you notice from the Greene Twp. Food Bank. Thanks to YOUR GENEROSITY, YOU HAVE ACHIVED 1,000 POUNDS OF FOOD. WOW!! We will still be accepting donations till the end of April. THANK YOU!!!

Our next Rosary Sunday will be First Communion Sunday May 1,2. Please join us before Each Mass on this special Weekend to pray for these special Children. May God bless each and everyone of these children in a very special way on this Blessed Day.

Our next Meeting will be on our regular Night (1st Thursday of the month) May 6th at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

Special Request; We would like to update our records. If anyone is aware of a family member or friend who was a Knight and has since been deceased, PLEASE let me know at Fred Regal > derflager2@yahoo.com. Thank you for your concern. We are also in need of past Knight of the Year Recipients.

BASKET RAFFLE~ One of the favorite parts of our upcoming St. Boniface Virtual Summer Raffle is, no doubt, the BASKET/GIFT RAFFLE! And as usual, we ask for your kind donation of a prepared basket or gift item of approximate \$40 value. Once again we will sell tickets for \$5 each with a chance to win any one of the many baskets/gift items. We ask that your donation be one that anyone might enjoy winning, as we will not be able to select the prize we might want to win. Suggestions include gift cards of any kind, non-perishable food-themed baskets, family games, summer fun items, lottery tickets, snacks/candy, small appliances (toaster, blender, popcorn popper, etc.). And everyone always welcomes cash!

Please bring your prepared basket/gift to the church office during regular hours or leave it in the back of church clearly marked for Basket Raffle. It is helpful to name and itemize the contents of the basket so we can advertise it appropriately. Donations will be accepted up until June 18, but the sooner the better so that we will have time to post pictures and prepare lists. Please contact Rosanne Jaworski at 814-823-3117 with questions. Thank you!

CHURCH CLEANING~

Heavenly dusters this week are: **Jean Conn, John Giewont, Vicki Zboyovski, Judy Bitters and Gerry Tomczak.** May God bless them in their faithful work.



~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

“Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.”~ Psalm 4:5

A Prayer for Fulfilling God’s Purpose for Families
By Flourishing Today

Father, thank you for creating our family with a purpose. We know that you have plans for each of us individually and for our family as a whole. Lord, I pray that you would reveal this purpose to each one of us and help us to walk it out daily. Help us to have an appreciation for each other’s personalities, gifts, and even our weaknesses. Lord, teach us and guide us in all that we do, that we may glorify You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Upcoming News and Events:

Keep an eye out for upcoming family-based activities, events, and new information about the 2021-2022 Family Faith Formation year.

First Holy Communion Class

4/18 Retreat Week 5: First Communion Banners and Symbolism

*Banner kits will be available for pick up on 4/17

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

Love and Light,

Jeanne Yaple

The Word of God this Week ~Loyola Press

Gospel Reading, Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God’s word in Scripture and by Christ’s presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today’s Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favorite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared

together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. Similarly, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God’s Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today’s Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ’s witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God’s word and by Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ.

Special blessings to the following 2021 First Holy Communion Students as they continue a prayerful retreat experience to prepare for receiving the Sacrament, May 2nd:

Gabriella Krawczyk

Brea Kuhl

Faith Lyle

Grayson Nies

Zofia Salter

Tanner Wisniewski

Sawyer Wyten

Wellie Yaple



Additional thanks this week to the students who participated in this year's *Virtual* production, *The Empty Tomb*. Another round of applause goes to Maxwell, Melanie (trumpet), and Mallory Campbell (flute) for doing an amazing job sharing the Easter Story, while showcasing their skills. Their time and talents are greatly appreciated!



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, April 19, Easter Weekday
No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 20, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Agatha Tyzinski**
(James Tuszynski)

Wednesday, April 21, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Agnes Kanonczyk**
(Ron & Cathy Dombrowski)

Thursday, April 22, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Ernest Truffa**
(Judy Miculandra)

Friday, April 23, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Fr. Ed. Matuszak**
(Trost & Matczak Families)

Saturday, April 24, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Richard Allgeier**
(Annette & Chris Fuhrman)

5:00 p.m. **Debbie Kennerknecht**
(Joe & Mary Winkler)

Sunday, April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter
7:30 a.m. **Peter & Betty Biebel**
(Gene & Jean Conn)

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

RECONCILIATION

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

~Week of April 4, Collection~

Adult.....\$10,125.00
Loose.....\$369.00
Catholic Service Appeal.....\$2,015.00
Easter.....\$3,117.00
Rice Bowl.....\$134.00
Holy Land.....\$527.00

*~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 **Ralph Lewis** from
Jack & Penny Warmbrod.



~LECTOR~

SATURDAY— April 24
5:00 p.m. D. Golombieski

SUNDAY— April 25
7:30 a.m. R. Panighetti
10:30 a.m. K. Praetzel

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY— April 24
5:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

SUNDAY— April 25
7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer
10:30 a.m. S. Praetzel

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 here at St. Boniface, on Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00p.m. in the Allgeier Room. Please call the Parish Office at 825-4439 to register.

MOTHERS DAY FLOWER DONATION~
Reminder to fill out your Mother's Day Flower Memorial envelopes in memory of your loved ones. This is a great way to remember the Mothers on Mother's Day. The envelopes are located on the back counter in the gathering space. Turn in your envelopes to the parish office. You can also place your flower memorial online at the following link:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stbonifaceparisherie/forms/mothersday>

SAVE THE DATE FOR:

**St Boniface
Virtual Summer Raffle**

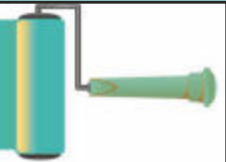
**Saturday, June 26, 2021
1:00 pm live-streamed drawing**

-Basket Raffle, \$5.00 ticket puts you in for chance to win any of the many great baskets.

-Drawings for handmade Quilt, handmade Afghan, \$300 Grocery card, \$300 Gas card, \$1500 Total Cash prize

-Portion of proceeds to benefit Kuhl Hose Co. and St Boniface Food Pantry

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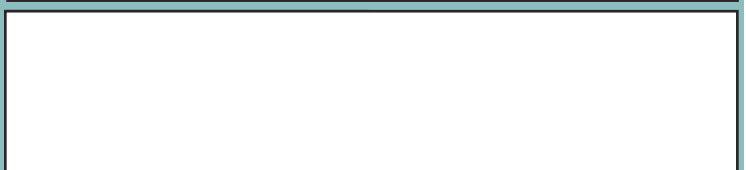
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