

4th Sunday of Easter



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 25, 2021

FOURTH 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
(conclusion)

“Are there people sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up. If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them” (James 5:14-15).



While we do not really know when or how St. Joseph died, an ancient tradition holds that he died peacefully in his bed with Jesus and Mary at his side. Joseph's faith in the salvation Jesus would accomplish, as well as the presence of Jesus himself, shepherding Joseph through the dark passage of death, are what made Joseph's death a happy one and why he is recognized as the patron saint of a happy death.

The Church continues to make Jesus present at the bedside of the sick and dying today through the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Jesus always showed special care and compassion toward the sick, and, next to preaching, healing the sick formed the most prominent part of his public ministry. His healings served as signs of the coming of God's kingdom, which Jesus himself inaugurated, a kingdom of life, not death; of wholeness, not infirmity; of communion with each other, not the isolation of illness.

We do not have any evidence that Jesus anointed the sick as part of his healings, though there are examples of physical signs accompanying his healings, such as the laying on of hands, spitting and making mud, washing, and even touching the hem of his cloak. Before he ascended back to the Father, Jesus commissioned the apostles to continue his healing ministry as a sign of God's kingdom in our midst: “As you go, make this announcement, ‘The reign of God is at hand!’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, heal the leprous, expel demons. The gift you have received, give as a gift” (Matthew 10:7-8).

Very early, within the generation of the apostles, the Church had developed a special ritual to continue Jesus' healing ministry. As described in the letter of James above, they merged the ancient medical practice of anointing the sick with oil with the prayer of the priests, representing both Jesus and his Body, the faith community. We see in this passage too that

very early on the Church had come to understand the effects of this ritual, which we still believe today, namely healing of body and soul, including the forgiveness of sins. There is a sense too in the anointing of the sick of the ancient practice of preparing the bodies of the dead for burial by anointing them with oil as a preservative, with the spiritual effect being preserving the person for eternal life.

In time, the healing and strengthening effects of the sacrament began to recede in importance in people's spiritual lives, and they began to focus almost exclusively on the forgiveness of sins and preparation for eternal life for those who were dying. This led to reidentifying the sacrament as “Extreme Unction” and to widespread neglect of the sacrament until the point of death. Following the reforms of the Second Vatican Council of the 1960's, the Church has worked in recent decades to recover the much-needed, much fuller, original meaning of the sacrament. Nevertheless, it still retains a special place as a sacrament particularly beneficial for the dying. Through the anointing of the sick, the dying are assured of Jesus' presence with them, like he was with Joseph, in the ultimate moment of life. Through the ministry of the priest, who also represents the support of the faith community, Jesus strengthens their faith in the salvation he has won and wishes to share with them and gives them hope as they face their personal judgment, knowing their sins are forgiven. Please remember the importance of this sacrament as you or a loved one approach death and contact me to come and celebrate the sacrament with you or your loved one. It can be of great spiritual value and can help us, like Joseph, approach death with peace and even happiness. St. Joseph, patron of a happy death, pray for us.

Fr. Marc Stockton

BAPTISM~ We welcome into the Christian Community and our Parish Family through the water of baptism **Matthew Gunner McKee**, infant son of **Richard & Mikaela (Parker) McKee**. Congratulations to the proud parents.



PRAY FOR A RESOLUTION FOR THE CORONA VIRUS~ A small number of parishioners are saying the Rosary each Friday at 8:30a.m. asking Mary for guidance in understanding our part in this difficult time. Please join us. We meet outside in the shade if weather permits.

April 25, 2021

LADIES OF ST. BONIFACE~ Now that covid is relaxing and we can get together again. We are going to start our monthly luncheons again. The first one will be on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 11:30a.m. at Ricardo's restaurant. Please RSVP by May 7th. Call Joyce DeRosa at 814-450-7197 or Barb Petrone at 814-722-8580.

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>

PLEASE PRAY FOR~ Please pray for the soul of **Audrey Ross, Richard (Dick) Fugagli and Harold Buhite, Jr.** who passed away recently. Our sympathy is extended to their family.

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

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!

~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 any person living or deceased who may have received Knight of the Year Recipients.

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



~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

“Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
~John 10:11

For the Loving Care of the Good Shepherd
O Lord Jesus Christ,
good Shepherd of the sheep,
you came to seek the lost
and gather them to your fold.
Have compassion on those who have wandered from
you.
Feed those who hunger,
make the weary lie down in your pastures,
bind up those who are broken in heart,
and strengthen those who are weak,
that we rely on your care,
find comfort in your love,
and abide in your guidance to our lives 'end;
for your name's sake. Amen.
Source: An Ancient Collect, Sixth Century
Source of this version: Freely modified from Prayers
of the Middle Ages, edited by J. Manning Potts

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

4/25 9:00-10:00
First Communion Retreat Wrap Up/ Meeting in
the Church
*First Communion Banners are due
5/2 First Holy Communion Mass, 12:00

Love and Light,

Jeanne Yaple

THE WORD OF GOD THIS WEEK ~LOYOLA PRESS

Gospel Reading, John 10:11-18
Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his
sheep.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ The Good Shepherd
makes sacrifices for the sheep not because it is
required, but because it is a choice. That sounds a lot
like parenting and the dynamics of a healthy family
life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their
children out of love, not obligation. Christian parents
model and invite their children to choose to make
sacrifices for other family members and for other
people, acting out of love rather than obligation.

When you gather as a family, invite each family
member to consider the attitude that permeates their
participation in family life. Read a common examen,
such as any of the following: Do we do family chores
cheerfully and without having to be asked multiple
times? Do we gladly share with others? Do we
willingly contribute to the family good when asked?
Read aloud today's Gospel, John 10:11-18. Discuss
together how the example of the Good Shepherd
might inspire your family life. Invite each family
member to make a renewed commitment to one
action/attitude to focus on in the upcoming week that
show that we will choose to follow the example of the
Good Shepherd. Pray together that we will be able to
honor our commitment.

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

Gabriella Krawczyk

Brea Kuhl

Faith Lyle

Grayson Nies

Zofia Salter

Tanner Wisniewski

Sawyer Wyten

Wellie Yaple



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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, April 26, Eater Weekday
No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 27, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Michael Gregorek, M.D.**
(Richard Brozewicz, DDS & Staff)

Wednesday, April 28, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Joan Pisano**
(Vic Pisano)

Thursday, April 29, Saint Catherine of Siena
8:00 a.m. **Carole McFadden**
(Trost & Matczak Families)

Friday, April 30, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Dennis Krumpe**
(Rich & Bonnie Panighetti)

Saturday, May 1, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **For The Living and Deceased
Members of the Walter and Helen
Breindel Family** (Walt Breindel)

5:00 p.m. **Jerome & Mary Mroz**
(David & Pat Devine and
Chris & Rick Bayle)

Sunday, May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of
St. Boniface Parish**

10:30 a.m. **Garrett Conn**
(Family)

RECONCILIATION

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

~LECTOR~

SATURDAY– May 1
5:00 p.m. J. Wise

SUNDAY— May 2
7:30 a.m. L. Hogan
10:30 a.m. K. Praetzel

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY— May 1
5:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

SUNDAY— May 2
7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer
10:30 a.m. E. Whiteford

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

~Week of April 11, Collection~

Adult.....\$10,542.00
Loose.....\$30.00
Catholic Service Appeal.....\$1,060.00
Rice Bowl.....\$5.00
Holy Land.....\$60.00
Easter.....\$180.00

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and to all who have increased their offerings.~*

CHURCH CLEANING~

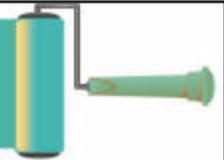
Heavenly dusters this week are: **Cathy Rieder, Brenda Pyle, Penny Warmbrod and Mike & Nancy Allgeier.** May God bless them in their faithful work.



CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH: MANDATED REPORTERS~

in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are considered mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

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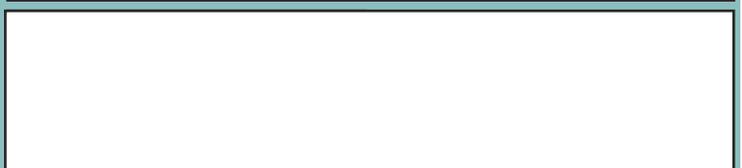
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