



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 2, 2021

FIFTH 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
THE WORKER

“At the time when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens...the Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being...The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it” (Genesis 2:4, 7, 15).



“Jesus came to his native place and taught the people in their synagogue. They were astonished and said, ‘Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter’s son?’” (Matthew 13:54-55).

When we think of the many titles of Jesus, we usually think of the more exalted ones, like Christ, Lord, or Son of God. One we don’t often think of is carpenter’s son, which the people of Nazareth use to identify him in the above passage. They undoubtedly meant it as an insult, but I suspect Jesus accepted it with love and pride in his adoptive father, Joseph, and the hard work by which Joseph supported and cared for the Holy Family.

This weekend, May 1st, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, the worker. This feast day was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to counter the rise of atheistic socialism, especially in the Soviet Union, which transformed the ancient holiday of May Day into a secular celebration of labor and the socialist state. By establishing the religious feast day of Joseph, the worker, Pius XII celebrated the dignity of work in the Catholic tradition by restoring it to its proper place, not primarily in the service of the state, though we certainly do owe reasonable allegiance and support to our government, but rather in the service of God.

As our reading from Genesis above reminds us, from the beginning God created human beings to be his coworkers in creation, “to cultivate and care for it.” Work was not meant to be a burden but the joyful fulfillment of our God-given nature by which we shared in his divine image as creator. As it did to everything else, though, sin corrupted work, rendering it a drudgery: “To the man God said, ‘Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat, cursed be the ground because of you! In toil shall you eat its yield all the days of your life. Thorns and thistles shall it bring

forth to you, as you eat of the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face shall you get bread to eat, until you return to the ground from which you were taken” (Genesis 3:17-19).

As he did for everything else, though, Christ redeemed human work, restoring God’s divine image within us and thus restoring work to its intended dignity. How special it must have been for Joseph to work side-by-side with a young Jesus, teaching Jesus his trade, all the while contemplating the saving work that Jesus was here to accomplish. Joseph participated in that saving work by his labor as a carpenter, supporting Jesus and helping him enter more fully into the human condition. In a similar way to how Mary foreshadowed the grace that Christ would pour into the world through his death and resurrection, Joseph’s work with and for Jesus foreshadowed the renewed dignity of human work done in union with and in service of Christ. Let us reflect this weekend on how our work, whether paid or volunteer, whatever it is, can also serve Christ and continue his saving work in the world today. St. Joseph, the worker, pray for us.

Fr. Marc Stockton

ALLGEIER SCHOLARSHIP~ The Allgeier Catholic Education Scholarship Application for St. Boniface Parish youth attending Catholic elementary schools (grades K-8) is now due in our church office.

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 814-450-7194 or Barb Petrone at 814-722-8580.

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May 2, 2021

## ~PRESCHOOL NEWS~

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

### What's Happening in St. Boniface Preschool?

As we near the end of this school year, this scripture reminds us that God plans and intentions are always good. Remembering and knowing this provides us all with hope for our future. Lots of GOOD things are happening! Our preschool year is winding down to its last weeks in session for the 2020/2021 school year. The teachers are proud of each of their students and the accomplishments they have made this year! It was AMAZING to be able to encourage growth and development in these little minds.

To say this year has been full of uncertainty is an understatement, a year ago our whole world came to a screeching halt. Children were no longer allowed to attend school, parents were forced to work from home, and many businesses were forced to close their doors. St. Boniface Preschool was one of the many businesses who had to close last spring. Upon reopening for the fall, we were unsure if we were going to be able to survive this tumultuous year. Because God was with us every step of the way...we were able to successfully open our doors and keep them open throughout the school year. Although opening and staying open did come with many changes to our program and the way we were accustomed to operate. Teachers, students and parents were forced to adapt. We were all required wear a mask, change the way we interact with another, increase our cleaning protocols, rearrange classrooms to meet health and safety standards, and at times provide both students and employees with extended time away from school until we knew everyone was healthy upon their return. These changes came with challenges, but we made it through and are THANKFUL for what we learned along the way.

God's plan was always GOOD! God has plans for the future of our students and we want to CELEBRATE the accomplishments they made during what could have been a difficult year. Because we had God on our side, we made it through better than we ever thought we could. At the end of May, we will celebrate the Pre-K Graduation of 23 students headed to Kindergarten in the fall. We also plan to celebrate the other 33 students who plan to continue their early childhood education here at St. Boniface Preschool. THANK YOU to ALL WHO BELIEVED in GOD'S PLAN for ST. BONIFACE PRESCHOOL.

### SUMMER PROGRAM:

Are you or someone you know in need of care for the summer? St. Boniface Preschool will operate a summer program for *Preschool Children Ages 2-5* beginning Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and for *School Age children (grades K-4)* beginning Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Summer Programs will operate through July 30<sup>th</sup>. Hours of Operation:

Before Care: 7:00-8:15 AM

Summer program: 8:15 AM-3:15 PM (12:00 PM half day)

After Care: 3:30-5:30 PM

Please contact the preschool if you are interested in enrolling in any of our summer programs.

\*\*St. Boniface Preschool will be closed the month of August to prepare for the upcoming 2021/2022 school year.

### Important Dates:

**Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>:** No School/Teacher In-service

**Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>:** No School

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

**Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:** Preschool Closed in observance of Memorial Day

**Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>:** Preschool Summer Program Begins

**Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>:** School Age Summer Program Begins

**Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>:** Preschool closed in observance of Independence Day

**Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>:** Last day for Summer Programs

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

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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>.

### **ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION**

**SALE~** Mother's Day carnation provided by People for Life will be available after Mass next week. Help celebrate Mother's Day by selecting some beautiful carnations for that special mom in your life. Your donation of \$2.00 per carnation or 6 for \$10.00. This will help support pro-life educational programs and activities right here in northwestern Pennsylvania.



## ~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.”  
~John 15:4

God of love,  
plant us in the soil of your grace.  
Nurture us with the strength of Christ,  
the vine of everlasting life.  
Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit,  
which flows through us today and all days.  
Abide in us,  
that we may abide in you  
and live in your love.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.  
~ Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012

### 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.

5/2 First Holy Communion Mass, 12:00

5/3, 10, 17, 24 Mondays with Mary: Weekly resources to honor our Heavenly Mother during the month of May!

5/22-5/23 Altar Server Training available after all Masses!

*Love and Light,*

*Jeanne Yaple*

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

Gospel Reading, John 15:1-8  
Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

**FAMILY CONNECTION~** The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us. Our life of prayer and our union with Jesus will lead us to fruitful service to others.

Place a plant in your gathering space. Invite everyone to look at the plant, noting the connection between the plant and its leaves. Talk about the integral connection between all the parts of a healthy plant. Introduce today's Gospel by saying that Jesus talked about his relationship to his disciples using this metaphor. Read today's Gospel, John 15:1-8. Talk about the ways in which we are invited to relate to Jesus as his disciples today—prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, and so on. When we do these things, Jesus promises to remain with us and to lead us to serve others well. Pray together that we will continue to be attentive and open to Jesus as he works in our lives today.

### **Congratulations to our 2021 First Holy Communion Class:**

**Gabriella Krawczyk**

**Brea Kuhl**

**Faith Lyle**

**Grayson Nies**

**Samuel Noonan**

**Zofia Salter**

**Tanner Wisniewski**

**Sawyer Wyten**

**Wellie Yaple**

Enjoy these beautiful First Communion Banners created by our students!



**SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~** The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Joe Winkler** from **Tom, Ann & Thomas Cermak**.



## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Monday, May 3, Saint Phillip and James**  
No Mass Today

**Tuesday, May 4, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **David Allgeier**  
(Tom, Susan & Larry Allgeier)

**Wednesday, May 5, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Ernest Truffa**  
(Bill & Mary Ellen Haynes)

**Thursday, May 6, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Richard Lorei**  
(Family)

**Friday, May 7, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Alex DeRosa**  
(Joyce DeRosa)

**Saturday, May 8, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Josephine Jagodinski**  
(Brian & Kathleen Praetzel)

5:00 p.m. **Dolores Jagodinski**  
(Ed & Judy Bitters)

**Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
7:30 a.m. **Dennis Krumpe**  
(Bill & Agnes Cermak)

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 18, Collection~

Adult.....\$5,752.00  
Loose.....\$71.66  
Catholic Service Appeal.....\$1,720.00  
Easter.....\$10.00

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

### 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.

**CHURCH CLEANING~** Heavenly dusters this week are: **Beth Allgeier, Nancy Dinges, Cathy Dombrowski, Molly Johnson, Helga Russell and Kris Waskiewicz.** May God bless them in their faithful work.

**ADORATION~** Please join us the last Thursday of each month at 6:00p.m. in the Church for Adoration. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions contact the parish office.

## ~LECTOR~

**SATURDAY- May 8**

5:00 p.m. J. Lorei

**SUNDAY- May 9**

7:30 a.m. B. Panighetti

10:30 a.m. R. Jaworski

## ~ALTAR SERVER~

**SATURDAY- May 8**

5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

**SUNDAY- May 9**

7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer

10:30 a.m. E. Whiteford

**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~

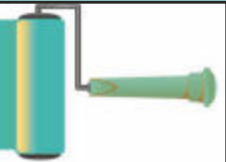
Our next Rosary Sunday will be First Communion Sunday May 1,2. Please join us before Each Mass on this special Weekend to pray for these special Children. May God bless each and everyone of these children in a very special way on this Blessed Day.

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.



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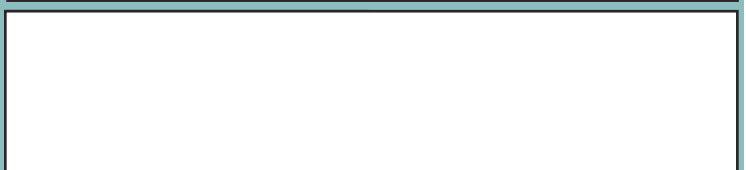
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