



# *Saint Boniface*

CATHOLIC CHURCH

**MAY 9, 2021**

**SIXTH 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 (cont.)

“Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest’” (Matthew 9:35-38).



When we read the above gospel passage, we generally think of the need for vocations to the priesthood, which we certainly do need, so please encourage the young men of our parish to prayerfully consider a priestly vocation. But we are all called to labor in the harvest, each in our own way. We are all called to serve the mission of the gospel. That’s what discipleship means.

Each of us is called to do that in our own way, though. We have many opportunities for serving the Lord in the mission of the gospel right here at St. Boniface through our various parish ministries. Our new parish directories, which you should have received in the mail, list those ministries and describe what each of them is. You should also have received a mailing about our time and talent stewardship drive, “Helping Our Parish Grow.” If you didn’t, brochures with a commitment form are available in the gathering space. We ask everyone to prayerfully consider the gifts of time and talent you can offer back to God through our parish ministries and to sign up by filling out the commitment form in the brochure. If there are also needs in our community that are not currently being met and you feel called to address them by starting a new parish ministry, please write that on the commitment form. We ask that you return your completed commitment forms by dropping them in the basket at Mass the weekend of May 15-16 or by dropping them off at or mailing them to the church office.

So often, like Jesus, we see the great needs present in our community, but, unlike Jesus, we do nothing to meet them. We think that is someone else’s job, or that someone else will take care of it, or that I don’t

have the time or ability to address those needs. Like the apostles at the feeding of the multitude, we think, “What good is so little for so many?” We forget the power of God’s grace, which Jesus so bountifully revealed by taking the meager five loaves and two small fish, blessing, breaking, and sharing them with the people until, not only were all the people fed, but the apostles themselves each had a whole basket full of food to eat. That’s how the work of God’s harvest goes. We offer Jesus our seemingly meager gifts of time and talent, and he takes, blesses, breaks, and shares them with the people until all, including ourselves, are fed with a superabundance of his grace. May we remember that as we prayerfully consider how to fill out our “Helping Our Parish Grow” commitment form, and may we offer our gifts, whatever they may be, in Christ’s service through our parish ministries.

*Fr. Marc Stockton*

**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 no 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 Holy Rosary, on Saturday, June 5th at 10:00a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Parish Office at 814-456-4254 to register.

**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**

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- Pre-School..... 528-3810
- Center..... 825-8101
- Hall Rental..... 825-4439
- Parish Website..... [www.stbonifaceparisherie.org](http://www.stbonifaceparisherie.org)
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May 9, 2021

**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 approximately \$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~**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the Mothers and Grandmothers. May they have a Blessed and Joyous Day.

Our next Rosary Sunday will be June 5th, 6th. before each Mass. We will be praying for ALL OUR MOTHERS AND FATHERS, GRANDMOTHERS AND GRANDFATHERS LIVING AND DESEASED. Please join us before each Mass that weekend and help us HONOR our Parents and Grandparents.

Our next meeting will be on April 3rd at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

### **FATHERS DAY FLOWER DONATION~**

Reminder to fill out your Father's Day Flower Memorial envelopes in memory of your loved ones. This is a great way to remember the Fathers on Father's Day. The envelopes are located on the back counter in the gathering space. Turn in your envelopes to the parish office or in the collection basket at Saturday or Sunday Mass.

**BAPTISM~** We welcome into the Christian Community and our Parish Family through the water of baptism **Eleanor Rose Will**, infant daughter of **Joseph & Terri (Rinadli) Will**. 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.

**WE DON'T ALWAYS KNOW~** unless you inform the church office, if a family member is unable to attend Mass, or now resides in a nursing home, or who would like to be on our visiting list. If your children are grown and reside with you or no longer reside with you, they should not be listed as members under your name. They should register, themselves, as members of their Church. If you move or your phone number has changed including email, please let us know as well. Call 825-4439 with any changes or new information.

**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.

### **A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**

*Heavenly Father, to you I pray....*

*On this day called,*

*"Mother's Day."*

*Let all mother's on earth give praise,  
To you...for the children that you gave.*

*For you have blessed them from above,  
with little souls to nourish and love.  
Let them mold each one with care...  
And teach them to be kind and share.*

*Forgiveness is the special key....  
Start early on, to help them see.  
Their fragile minds are easily impressed.  
Please teach them ways, so they'll be blessed.*

*Sow godly seeds into their minds.  
With careful pruning, you will find...  
Young adults with such strong roots,  
all through life, will bear rich fruit.*

*And then have faith for God to show...  
Them all the rest they have to know.  
Remember they're His children too.  
For they were only lent to you.*

**SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~** The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Regina Lewis** from **Jack & Penny Warmbrod**.



# ~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

*"And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart."*

~Luke 2:51

Happy Mother's Day!

A blessing and prayer tribute to all mothers...

Blessed be all mothers

Who have come into our lives

Whose kindness, care, and loving

Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us

Made us strive in every way

Especially to remember

Helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute

Flows directly from my heart

You are so loved and cherished

Invaluable, one and all, you are.

-Susan Kramer

## 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.*

5/10, 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 15:9-17

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

**FAMILY CONNECTION~** In family life, we have many opportunities to show love in action. Each time we postpone a task to tend to the needs of another, we show ourselves to be on the path to following the example of love shown to us by Jesus. Sometimes the sacrifices we are called upon to make for others are small. But these small choices to love and to serve others prepare us for the larger choices and sacrifices that we may be called upon to make. If we are people who have practiced showing our love for others with generosity, we will also be people who are willing to lay down our lives for those we love.

As you gather as a family, talk about the meaning of the word generosity. Ask each family member to describe an action that shows generosity. To be generous is to give freely to others without counting the cost. Recall that generosity is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Introduce today's Gospel reading by saying that Jesus taught us to be generous in showing our love for one another. Read together today's Gospel, John 15:9-17. What examples did Jesus give to us that show this kind of love? (washing his disciples' feet; accepting death on the cross) Jesus helps us to show this kind of love to others. In today's Gospel, Jesus promised that God will give us whatever we ask for. One of the things we can ask for from God is a generous spirit so that we can love others as Jesus did.

Congratulations to our 2021 First Holy Communion Class. May you have a beautiful life as you accept Jesus into your heart. We hope you feel the amazing love of God through the Holy Spirit every day.

**Gabriella Krawczyk**

**Brea Kuhl**

**Faith Lyle**

**Grayson Nies**

**Samuel Noonan**

**Zofia Salter**

**Tanner Wisniewski**

**Sawyer Wyten**

**Wellie Yaple**



Many thanks to the following for helping to make our First Communion Mass a success:

*Most importantly, our families, who have guided the students through the preparation of celebrating the Sacrament, God Bless.*

Father Marc Stockton, Pastor

Jeanne Yaple, Faith Formation Director

Cindy Srnka, Catechist

Mercita Hodapp, Music Director

Gabriel & Grace Lyle, Altar Servers

Readers: Chloe & Wellie Yaple and Brea & Brenna Kuhl

Melanie Kennerknecht, for the production of certificates

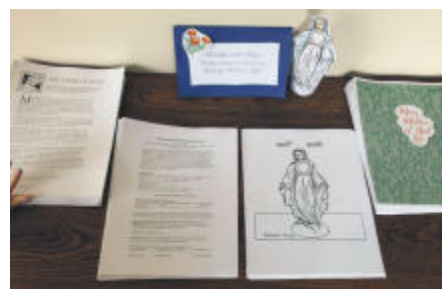
Dottie Wagner, taking care of our Church

Ruth Stiles, designing masks

Jeanne Wise, beautiful decorations

Tara Schupp and Gene Conn, videography/live-streaming the Mass

Remember to visit the Faith Formation Table for Mondays with Mary for weekly activities and resources to honor our Heavenly Mother during the month of May!



## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Monday, May 10, Easter Weekday**  
No Mass Today

**Tuesday, May 11, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Richard Lorei**  
(Kathy Gross)

**Wednesday, May 12, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Blessed Mother**  
(Annette & Chris Fuhrman)

**Thursday, May 13, Ascension Thursday**  
8:00 a.m. **Cathy Zapolski**  
(Ray Zapolski)

7:00 p.m. **For the Living and Deceased Members of the Ivan and Peggy Breindel Family**  
(Walt Breindel)

**Friday, May 14, Saint Matthias**  
8:00 a.m. **Michael Gregorek, M.D.**  
(Richard Brozewicz, DDS & Staff)

**Saturday, May 15, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Fritz & Detta George**  
(Kathy & Kevin)

5:00 p.m. **Thora Bliley**  
(St. Boniface Prayer Shawl Ministry)

**Sunday, May 16, Ascension of the Lord (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

7:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of St. Boniface Parish**

10:30 a.m. **Mary Piuta**  
(Nancy & Forrest Mindek)

### RECONCILIATION

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

## ~Week of May 2, Collection~

Adult ..... \$5,018.00  
Loose..... \$61.00  
Catholic Service Appeal ..... \$405.00  
Good Shepherd ..... \$701.00

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

## MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE~

Mother's Day carnations provided by People for Life will be available at the church entrances after Mass today. Help celebrate Mother's Day by getting some beautiful carnations for mom or another special person in your life. Your donation of \$2 per carnation will help support pro-life educational programs and activities right here in our local communities.

## ~LECTOR~

**SATURDAY– May 15**  
5:00 p.m. J. Wise

**SUNDAY— May 16**  
7:30 a.m. G. Krahe  
10:30 a.m. K. Praetzel

## ~ALTAR SERVER~

**SATURDAY— May 15**  
5:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

**SUNDAY— May 16**  
7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer  
10:30 a.m. S. Praetzel

## ~BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR MEMORIAL DAY~

Memorial Day is approaching fast and with it comes early deadlines for the bulletin. They are as follows:  
For **Sunday, June 6, 2021**, articles are due  
**Friday, May 28, 2021.**

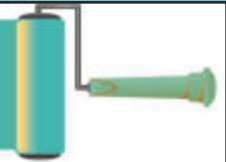
**CHURCH CLEANING~** Heavenly dusters this week are: **Suzie Lyle & Family and Marlene Kerecman.** May God bless them in their faithful work.



**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS~** Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- **Digital safety and keeping your child's personal information personal:** If your child gives out personal information over the internet, it is easy to track and tough to completely remove. Teach your children to never give out personal information, such as: full name, address, phone number, email, school, or birthday on any social media site. Help your child set up strong passwords (alphanumeric) and do a yearly checkup on passwords. Adjust privacy settings for online games, apps, social media sites and your child's electronic devices. Don't forget to check the GPS settings ability to unintentionally share your child's location. Avoid using public wi-fi when sharing personal information. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION~** In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information — including a request for gift cards of any type — exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

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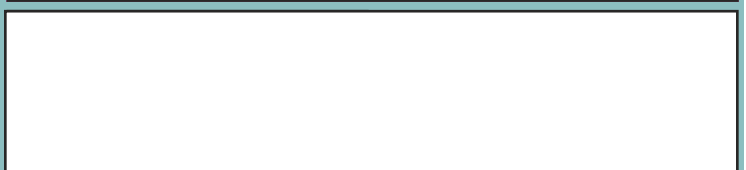
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