



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 16, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.)

“First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone” (1 Timothy 2:1).

“First of all”. That’s how important St. Paul thought prayer was for the success of the Church’s mission, that he told his protegee, the young bishop, Timothy, to pray before doing anything else. Before preaching, teaching, healing, administrating, managing finances, fixing buildings, dealing with personnel issues, listening to complaints, and the million other responsibilities of a pastor, Paul advises Timothy to pray. Prayer is the foundation of everything we do as we seek to carry out the mission of the Church, because whose mission is it? Christ’s. How can we carry out Christ’s mission if we don’t stay close to him, and how do we stay close to him if not through prayer?



It is important to remember that as we prayerfully consider how to respond to our time and talent drive, “Helping Our Parish Grow”. Last week I invited and even challenged all of us to prayerfully reflect on Christ’s call to work with him as laborers in the harvest, carrying out the mission of the Church to sow and nurture the seeds of God’s saving love in the hearts and minds of all our neighbors and beyond by living the gospel. While we do this in many ways, we do it in a special way through our parish ministries. Our time and talent drive encourages us to ask Christ to guide us to the ministry or ministries he is calling each of us to do.

And make no mistake; Christ is calling each of us to participate in a parish ministry. I hear from people all the time why they can’t help with parish ministries. “I’m too busy”, or “I’m too old”, or “I’m sick or disabled”, or whatever. Are you too busy, or too old, or too sick to pray? No? Good. Then you can help with a parish ministry. Our prayer chain is a parish ministry by which people pray constantly for those named in the prayer chain notebook located in the gathering space just to the left of the church entrance near the elevator. All it takes is a moment of time to stop on the way into church, take a name or two (or more) from that notebook, and offer prayers for that person or those people, even possibly offering your personal intention at that Mass for them. The priest

isn’t the only one who offers Mass for particular intentions. We can all do that. Pray for those in our prayer chain notebook, and you are engaged in parish ministry.

It’s that easy. While we do need people to step up in bigger ways, such as leadership positions, most of our parish ministries require very little time and commitment. The time and commitment our volunteers give so quickly and bountifully multiply, like the loaves and the fishes, that I am always amazed at the power of God’s grace at work in and through his people, simply because they offered him some of their time and talent. Imagine the powerhouse our parish could be if we all did that, each of us offering our five loaves and two small fish to Jesus through our parish ministries. He would blow the roof off of this place with the superabundance of grace he would share with us! Give him the chance to do that by giving him some of your time and talent in one or more of our parish ministries, then prepare to be amazed at the working of God’s grace in and through you.

Fr. Marc Stockton

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.

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.

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Brooke Lander.....*Pre-School Director*

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**May 16, 2021**

## **~PRESCHOOL NEWS~**

*Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who gives me strength."*

The teachers at St. Boniface are self-less and hardworking. They have put their heart and soul into this preschool and its mission. This year has come with many changes, but the teachers at St. Boniface were flexible and understanding through it all. Please pray for strength and patience for ALL teachers and educators to finish out the school year with the same gumption they had when they began in September.

Teachers 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 newest teachers- Miss Kayla!

### **May's Teacher Feature:**

My name is Kayla Farris aka Miss Kayla. I have worked at St. Boniface Preschool for 2 months. I am a teacher's aide in the 4-year-old preschool. Prior to working at St. Boniface, I worked at the YMCA. I also gained experience through the Erie County Technical School program for Early Childhood Education. I love working with children because it makes me happy. I love coming to work and making a difference in their lives. I especially love working at St. Boniface Preschool because it feels like you're working with family.

My favorite scripture is:

Titus 2:7 "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* incorruptness, gravity, sincerity," because no matter where you are or what you are doing you need to be aware of who is around you. It could be a parent or a family member of one of your students, your actions affect the way people think of you.

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

### **Important Dates:**

**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>:** Closed in observance of Memorial Day

**Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>:** Preschool programs closed School age Before/After Care will operate as usual

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

**Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>:** Last Day for WASD After Care

**Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>:** Last Day WASD Before Care

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

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

**THANK YOU~** to the St. Boniface Parishioners and the St. Boniface Pre School parents who donated items for the drive held the last two weekends. Original plans changed but our parish was able to give donated items to St. Joseph Ministries and St. Martin early learning center. We practiced everyone is our neighbor.

### **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. You can also place your flower memorial online at the following link: <https://www.osvhub.com/stbonifaceparisherie/forms/fathersday-1>

**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 Holy Rosary, on Saturday, June 5th at 10:00a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Parish Office at 814-456-4254 to register.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~** The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Mario Anthony Pisano** from **Vic Pisano**.





## ~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

*Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.*

John 14:23

Almighty God,  
your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,  
ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things.

Mercifully give us faith to trust  
that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

\*Prayer by Kathy Sneller

### **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.*

5/17, 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 for Grades 3 and up!

**Love and Light,**

**Jeanne Yaple**

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

**Press~** Gospel Reading, Mark 16:15-20

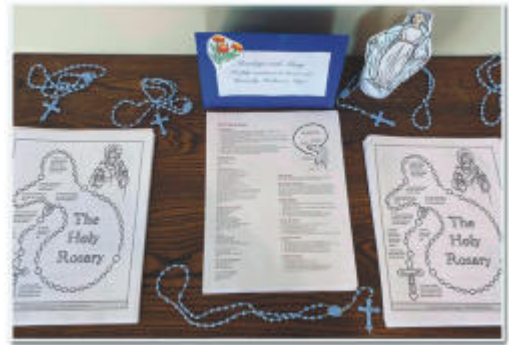
Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.

**FAMILY CONNECTION~** It can be very important whom we sit next to. Any family that has tried to sit down to a family dinner or packed the car for a trip has heard children argue at least once about who should sit where. To sit next to someone, especially if that person is important, is to have a place of honor. Jesus has this place of honor seated at God's right hand, but there's more to this metaphor than where Jesus sits in relation to God. To be in the place of honor is also to be in a place of power. Knowing people in powerful places can be helpful. Our children remind us of this each time we are called upon to referee a conflict. Jesus, honored at God's right hand, is a powerful ally for us.

As you gather as a family, recall a time when there was a discussion, or perhaps even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it

might be important to a person to sit in a particular place. Observe that in today's Gospel we will learn about Jesus' place in heaven. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 16:15-20. Talk about what we might learn about the relationship between God and Jesus from today's Gospel and what we learn about Jesus' relationship to us. Observe that one of the things we learn is that Jesus continues to help us from this place of honor in heaven.

**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!**



### **BLESSINGS TO BRIGHTEN THE HYMNALS~**

All are invited to celebrate the feast day of our patron, St. Boniface, by decorating our newly gifted hymnals. During the weekend of June 5 & 6 after all Masses, crafting materials & light refreshments will be available in the Cafeteria. For fun, there will also be a special drawing by submitting photos of decorated hymnals to the Parish Office or email [faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.org](mailto:faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.org) by June 21. Winners will be announced during our Live-Streamed Summer Raffle 6/26 @1:00! \*Please note that we fully understand that some families may have busy weekends or prefer designing from home, so let us remind you, that *everyone* is welcome to pick-up craft materials and participate from home or in person.



### **ALTAR SERVING TRAINING~**

After all Masses, the weekend of May 22-23 for interested students in Grades 3 and up. Please visit our Facebook page or email [faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.org](mailto:faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.org) for more information. Thank you for your consideration!



## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Monday, May 17, Easter Weekday**  
No Mass Today

**Tuesday, May 18, Ester Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **No Mass Today**

**Wednesday, May 19, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Mario Anthony Pisano**  
(Vic Pisano)

**Thursday, May 20, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Marge Lorei**  
(Joe Lorei)

**Friday, May 21, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Ralph Filipkowski**  
(Vic Pisano)

**Saturday, May 22, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Blessed Mother**  
(Annette & Chris Fuhrman)

5:00 p.m. **Salvatore Randazzo**  
(Family)

**Sunday, May 23, Pentecost**  
7:30 a.m. **Irene Gorski**  
(Ray & Barb Orlemanski)

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 May 2, Collection~

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Adult.....                   | \$11,412.00 |
| Loose .....                  | \$57.00     |
| Catholic Service Appeal..... | \$1,020.00  |
| Ascension .....              | \$55.00     |
| Easter.....                  | \$110.00    |
| Good Shepherd.....           | \$818.00    |
| Holy Land.....               | \$60.00     |

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

## CHURCH CLEANING~

Heavenly dusters this week are: **Therese Dunn, Cheryl Ferrie, Martha Kaveney and Tom & Barb Galkowski.** May God bless them in their faithful work.



## ~LECTOR~

**SATURDAY- May 22**

5:00 p.m. D. Golombieski

**SUNDAY- May 23**

7:30 a.m. G. Stantoon

10:30 a.m. R. Jaworski

## ~ALTAR SERVER~

**SATURDAY- May 22**

5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

**SUNDAY- May 23**

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 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~

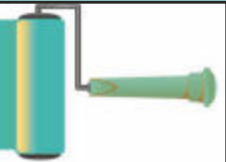
Our next Rosary Sunday will be June 5th,6th. before each Mass. We will be praying for ALL OUR MOTHERS AND FATHERS, GRANDMOTHERS AND GRANDFATHERS LIVING AND DESEASED. Please join us before each Mass that weekend and help us HONOR our Parents and Grandparents.

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

**PEOPLE FOR LIFE~** Thank you for your support of the Mother's Day carnation sale. We received \$582.00



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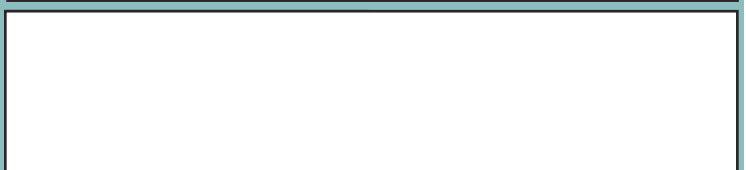
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