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CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 23, 2021

PENTECOST

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.)

“That I may come to the altar of God, to God, my joy, my delight. Then I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God. Why are you downcast, my soul? Why do you groan within me? Wait for God, for I shall again praise him, my savior and my God” (Psalm 43:4-5).



Throughout the month of May we have been reflecting on the dignity of work for Christians, exemplified in the work of St. Joseph, who offered his work in the service of Jesus. We at St. Boniface are called to offer our work for Jesus, whatever that work may be. Most obviously, we are called to offer our work in Christ’s service through our parish ministries. We have many ministries here, something for everyone, though obviously there are always more needs and more gifts to meet them than can be contained in any single list, and I encourage you, if you see a need in our community and envision a ministry we don’t currently have to meet that need, to come talk to me and get that ministry started. Every ministry is vital to helping our parish grow, and we need to thank everyone who gives their time and talent in the work of our parish ministries.

Some of the most visible ministries we have are liturgical ministries. Our greeters, ushers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, and choir all help us to celebrate the center of our life as a parish at Mass every weekend. With Covid-19 restrictions relaxing, I hope everyone involved in those ministries will return and resume their service to Christ and our community if you have not already done so. I also want to thank the Covid-19 helpers who have answered the call to make public Masses possible during the pandemic.

In a special way, though, I would like to focus this weekend on our altar servers. For many people, including yours truly, altar service is the gateway to further ministry in the Church. It is the first ministry that young people can personally take part in, though they may help with other ministries, such as the liturgical environment team, before that. But altar service is its own ministry, where the young people of our parish carve out their own niche and take their place among the adults as disciples and servants of Christ.

That’s why I urge parents to encourage your children to prayerfully consider being altar servers. In truth, I can celebrate Mass just as well without servers as I do with servers. But Mass, while valid and effective, misses something important without altar servers. It misses the visible service of the young people of our parish on the altar, the place where Christ becomes present for us and with us. He doesn’t just do that for the adults; he becomes present for and with all of us, including our young people. The presence of our servers on the altar, actively helping to make Christ present, enhances the sacramental presence of Christ for all of us.

We will have altar server training for anyone who has received their first Holy Communion after all Masses this weekend. If your son or daughter has received their first Holy Communion, please encourage them to be altar servers. If you cannot get them to the trainings this weekend, please contact me, and I will be happy to schedule a personal training session. The more young people from the parish we can get serving on the altar, the better, for them and for all of us. Thank you to all of our altar servers. Your work does not go unnoticed and is most appreciated. May your example inspire all of us to greater service of Christ ourselves in all the ministries of our parish springing from the life-giving Spirit Christ has given to his Church.

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.

STAFF

- Rev. Marc Stockton, JCL.....*Pastor*
- Rev. Mister Timothy G. Good.....*Permanent Deacon*
- Jeanne Yapple.....*Faith Formation Director*
- Sandee Krivonak.....*Business Manager*
- Melanie Kennerknecht.....*Parish Secretary*
- Brooke Lander.....*Pre-School Director*

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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!

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.

~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 DECEASED. 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.

We will be honoring our deceased members this year by serving and participating at the Mass on Memorial Day. Those who are available to participate, please wear your blue shirts.

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.

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



~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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.

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

5/24 Mondays with Mary: Weekly resources to honor our Heavenly Mother during the month of May.

Love and Light,
Jeanne Yaple

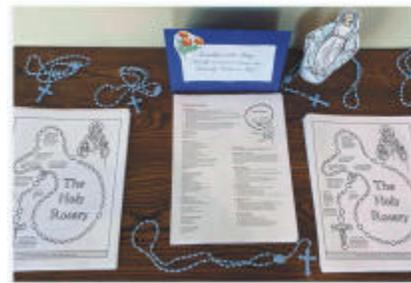
THE WORD OF GOD THIS WEEK ~LOYOLA PRESS

Gospel Reading, John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation. As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's psalm or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another the Sign of Peace.

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 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.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS- NATIONAL CYBERTIPLINE~

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline is the nation's centralized reporting system for the online exploitation of children. Anyone can make reports of suspected online enticement of children for sexual acts, molestation, child pornography, child sex tourism, child sex trafficking (includes prostitution), child sextortion and unsolicited obscene materials sent to a child. Misleading domain names, misleading words or digital images on the internet can also be reported to the CyberTipline. NCMEC staff review each tip and work to find a potential location for the incident reported so that it may be made available to the appropriate law-enforcement agency for possible investigation. NCMEC provides resources/help in removing an online image. Reports can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week online at www.cybertipline.org or by calling (800) 843-5678. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, May 24, Ordinary Weekday
No Mass Today

Tuesday, May 25, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Jacob and Alice Moritz and Louis**
(Dottie Wagner)

Wednesday, May 26, Saint Phillip Neri
8:00 a.m. **Ernest Truffa**
(Ed & Carol Pfeiffer)

Thursday, May 27, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Richard Lorei**
(Kathy Gross)

Friday, May 28, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Joan Pisano**
(Vic Pisano)

Saturday, May 29, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Blessed Mother**
(Chris & Annette Fuhrman)

2:00 p.m. **Nuptials~ Jake Post and**
Amy Ellsworth

5:00 p.m. **Marge Lorei**
(Joe Lorei)

Sunday, May 30, The Holy Trinity
7:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of**
St. Boniface Parish

10:30 a.m. **Mr. & Mrs. George McElhoe**
(John & Diane Patalon)

RECONCILIATION

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

~LECTOR~

SATURDAY- May 29
5:00 p.m. J. Lorei

SUNDAY- May 30
7:30 a.m. R. Panighetti
10:30 a.m. R. Jaworski

MONDAY- May 31 (Memorial Day)
9:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY- May 29
5:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

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

MONDAY- May 31 (Memorial Day)
9:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus

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 May 9, Collection~

Adult.....\$7,814.00
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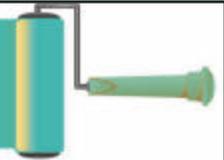
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and to all who have increased their offerings.~*

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



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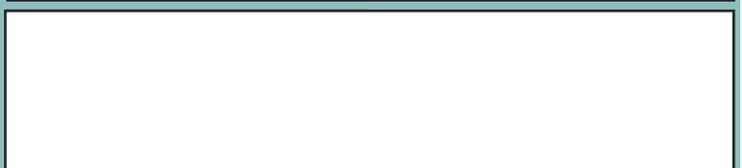
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