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MAY 30, 2021

THE HOLY TRINITY

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 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church-yard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.



We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose among other things, 'of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion.' What can aid more to assure this result than cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

So reads, in part, the official proclamation establishing Memorial Day as a day of national remembrance by honoring the graves of those who gave their lives in the service of our country in the American Civil War. In subsequent years, as more American men and women died in our country's service, the day's purpose expanded to remember all who have given their lives in our armed forces in any war or conflict. While the scope has changed, the solemn duty we share as Americans remains the same - to honor those who have died so that we could live in safety; who sacrificed their freedom to preserve our liberty; who suffered pain and horrors most of us cannot even imagine so that we can be free to pursue happiness.

There will be many ceremonies this weekend, both civil and religious, to carry out this solemn duty. We will celebrate Memorial Day Mass at 9:00 AM here at St. Boniface. Weather permitting, we will do so at the top of the circle of Mount of Olives Cemetery in front of the new columbarium, which we will also bless at that Mass. All are welcome to attend and to please bring a lawn chair as no seating will be provided. We also ask those who are able to please park in the lower lot and walk up to the columbarium in order to leave room for parking at the top

of the circle for those who are not able to walk that distance. In the event of inclement weather, we will celebrate Mass in the church and bless the columbarium at a later date.

No amount of flowers, flags, or services will ever repay the impossible debt we owe the men and women of our armed forces who have given their lives for us. May our humble observance of Memorial Day nonetheless remind us of their sacrifice and renew our commitment as a nation to live up to the example of selflessness they exemplify, and let our own service of others in some small way be a token of gratitude for so great a gift.

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.

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.

ST. BONIFACE VIRTUAL SUMMER RAFFLE - SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021~ Ticket envelopes will be available for pick-up after all masses in the Gathering Space starting Saturday, May 29, 2021. Inside each packet will be chances to win cash prizes, grocery and gas gift cards, afghan and quilt, wine & mead basket and many homemade baskets donated by our generous parishioners. To purchase raffle tickets online, go to St. Boniface OSV Hub: <https://www.osvhub.com/stbonifaceparisherie/forms/st-boniface-summer-raffle-tickets-1>

PARISH OFFICE~ will be closed Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, June 1st.

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~PRE SCHOOL NEWS~

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

What's Happening in St. Boniface Preschool? On, Thursday, May 27th and Friday, May 28th St. Boniface Preschool had the privilege to celebrate our preschool students' accomplishments this past year. Prior to the last day of school, teachers asked our students, "What was your favorite thing about preschool this year?" Here are some their responses:

Preschool 2:
"Playing"- Matthew
"Playing with dinosaurs"-Brady
"Coloring with crayons"-Linkin
"Paint"-Quinton
"Dressing up like super heroes"-Elsie
"Playing with friends"-Dayne
"Magnetic Blocks"-Eli
"Dancing" -Bryson
"Going to church"- Allyson

Preschool 3:
"Playing in the gym"- Gabby
"Playing with Lego's"-Joey
"The playground"-Owen
"Circle time"-Andie
"Playing with blocks"-Rowan
"Magnets"-Bennett
"Learning about God"-Myla
"Coloring" -Kinleigh
"Spray bottle paint"-Wesley
"Pulling the wagon"-Fenton
"My teachers"-Amelia
"The dollhouse"-Teresa
"Running in the gym"- Wyatt
"Cutting the baby's hair"-Leena
**Please note: students did not actually cut a baby's hair. It was a planned scissors skills activity that involved paper. ☐

Preschool 4:
"Playing in the gym"- McKenna
"Watching movies before nap"-Mayah
"When I go to After Care"-Raegan
"Going outside"-Aubrey
"Playing with toys"-Izzy
"The fire pole at the playground"-Bella
"Playing with magnetiles"-Everett
"Playing outside with my friends" -Tyler
"Miss Amy and playing"- Harper
"Because I love Miss Amy and Harper"-Mia
"When mommy and daddy bring me and pick me up"-Maci
"The butterflies we got to release"-Julie
"Playing outside"-Madison
"I like my class"-Willow
"Playing outside"- Miles
"Learning"-Brayden
"Playing with friends" Kensley

Congratulations to all of our students,
especially to Preschool 4:
CLASS OF 2034!!
May God bless your future!
Ms. Brooke, Ms. Emily, Ms. Donna,
Ms. Bree, Ms. Candace, Ms. Amy, Ms. Carianne

FALL PROGRAMS UPDATE:

Are you or someone you know in need of care for a 2-year-old this fall? St. Boniface Preschool has spots available in the 2-year-old program for full day and half day care. *Child MUST be 2 by August 1st to enroll in this program and does not need to be potty trained.* The 2-year-old program provides students with an opportunity to interact with other children, learn appropriate social and self-help skills while also providing students with a developmentally appropriate academic program. Enrolling your child at age 2 can provide him/her with the building blocks for his/her future. Your child will gain skills that allow for success in our Pre-3 and Pre-4 programs. Enrolling a child for 2021/2022 school year also comes with the extra benefit of being able to pre-register in spring 2022 for the 2022/2023 school year.

Is there room in Preschool 3 and Preschool 4?

No, both the 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs are at capacity. Families who had students enrolled in our 2020/2021 programs were provided the opportunity to pre-register children for the upcoming school year prior to St. Boniface opening enrollment to the public. Open enrollment for new families began March 15th. Due to heightened interest in our programs, room capacity limits, and teacher/student ratio requirements Preschool 3 and 4 programs filled up rather quickly.

Are there spots available in either Before or After Care for school age students (Grades K-4)?

Currently there are NOT spots available for our Before Care Program. Because our existing families were offered pre-registration for fall 2022, the Before Care program was able to retain many of our current students including some Pre-4 graduates who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall. Again, due to capacity limits and teacher/student ratio requirements, the Before Care program is currently unable to enroll any more students.

However, the After Care program for preschool and school age (grade K-4) students HAS SPOTS AVAILABLE! Both school age and preschool children will be provided with enriching activities, gym/playground time and a light snack. St. Boniface Preschool effectively communicates with WASD to provide transportation for elementary students from WASD to St. Boniface Preschool. An approved transportation request MUST be obtained from the WASD bus garage and provided to St. Boniface. These forms can be found on the WASD website or the St. Boniface Preschool office. The kind and caring staff at St. Boniface will ensure school age students have time to complete homework assignments. If you have a preschool student enrolled at St. Boniface or school age student (grade K-4) who is in need of care for after school hours, please contact St. Boniface Preschool 814.825.4439 ext. 222 or preschool@stbonifaceparisherie.org.

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

~PRE SCHOOL NEWS CONT.~

Please contact the preschool if you are interested in enrolling in any of our fall programs. **St. Boniface Preschool will be closed the month of August to prepare for the upcoming 2021/2022 school year.

Important Dates:

Monday, May 31st: Preschool Closed in observance of Memorial Day

Monday, June 7th: Preschool Summer Program Begins

Monday, June 14th: School Age Summer Program Begins

Monday, July 5th: Preschool closed in observance of Independence Day

Friday, July 30th: Last day for Summer Programs-

Wednesday, September 1st: First day of Preschool

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

~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” ~Matthew 28:19

A Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We pray 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.

6/1 Registrations for our upcoming Year in Faith begin!

6/5-6/6 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 (or bring your own ideas!) & 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.

Love and Light, Jeanne Yaple

THE WORD OF GOD THIS WEEK ~LOYOLA

PRESS~ Gospel Reading, Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity invites us to remember that God has revealed himself to us as one God in three Persons. As Jesus departed from his disciples, he shared with them the power to make disciples of all nations. He taught his disciples to invite others to share in the life of the blessed Trinity by sharing with others the gift of Baptism. This continues to be the mission of the Church. Each of us who has been baptized shares in the life of the blessed Trinity and also shares in the Church's mission of inviting others to share in God's love.

As you gather as a family, bring out pictures and other mementos of family celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism. Talk about the significance of Baptism with your family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Notice that Jesus taught his disciples to baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. What else does this remind you of? (The Sign of the Cross) Recall that whenever we pray the Sign of the Cross, we are reminding ourselves that we are united with God through our Baptism and share in the life of the blessed Trinity. Conclude by thanking God for sharing his life with us. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father.

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Enjoy these beautiful first three entries from some very creative Parishioners. We thank you for sharing and look forward to seeing more decorated hymnals in the upcoming weeks!



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, May 31, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial Day)

9:00 a.m. Eleanor Kozik
(Bill & Agnes Cermak)

Tuesday, June 1, Saint Justin

8:00 a.m. Ray, Walter, Marjorie, Jeanne
(Ray Zapolski)

Wednesday, June 2, Ordinary Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mary Allgeier Dombek
(Ed & Carol Allgeier)

Thursday, June 3, Saint Charles Lwanga

8:00 a.m. Blessed Mother
(Annette & Chris Fuhrman)

Friday, June 4, Ordinary Weekday

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Ella Allgeier
(Ed & Carol Allgeier)

Saturday, June 5, Saint Boniface

8:00 a.m. Dennis Krumpke
(Mike & Nancy Allgeier)

5:00 p.m. Fred Kerecman, Jr.
(Fred & Marlene Kerecman, Sr.)

Sunday, June 6, the Body and Blood of Christ

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

10:30 a.m. Debbie Kennerknecht
(Jerry & Pat Porsch)

RECONCILIATION

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

~Week of May 16, Collection~

Adult.....	\$6,389.00
Loose	\$62.45
Catholic Service Appeal.....	\$925.00
International Needs.....	\$50.45
Ascension Thursday	\$74.00

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

FAMILY OF FAITH~ As a family of faith we have made significant progress. We appreciate your continued generosity in support of our parish. Thank you for all those that have responded to our program. If you have not responded yet, it's not too late, please turn in your commitment card as we will be sending out a summary shortly. And as our family continues to grow please be sure to use our online resources.

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>

SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Patti Massing** from **Family**.



~LECTOR~

SATURDAY- June 5

5:00 p.m. J. Wise

SUNDAY- June 6

7:30 a.m. L. Hogan

10:30 a.m. K. Praetzel

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY- June 5

5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

SUNDAY- June 6

7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer

10:30 a.m. S. Praetzel

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.

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!

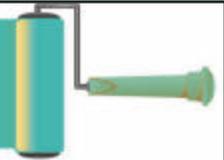
~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~

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.

LADIES OF ST. BONIFACE~ Now that covid is relaxing and we can get together again we have started our monthly luncheons again. The next one will be on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 11:30a.m. at Olive Garden. Please RSVP by June 5th. Call Joyce DeRosa at 814-450-7194 or Barb Petrone at 814-722-8580.

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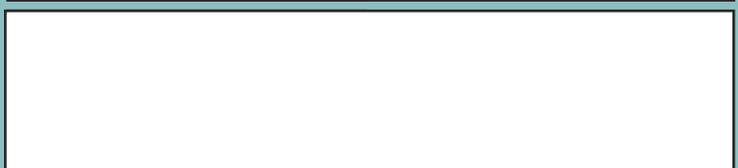
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