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**JUNE 6, 2021**

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## **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  
CHRISTIAN FATHERHOOD**

“Jesus next went to his native place and spent his time teaching in their synagogue. They were filled with amazement and said to one another, ‘Where did this man get such wisdom and miraculous powers? Isn’t this the carpenter’s son?’” (Matthew 13:54-55).



Returning to our journey through the Year of St. Joseph, in honor of Father’s Day our theme for the month of June will be Christian fatherhood. While it should in no way be controversial to say this, and, until very recently, it was not, fathers play a vital role in the lives of their children far beyond simply contributing half their genetic material. Sadly, in a misguided effort to build up the dignity of women, LGBTQ persons, and those who do not have a father present in their lives, there is a strong push in western society today to tear down the importance of fathers. By reflecting on the fatherhood of St. Joseph this month, it is our hope that we can recover and even deepen our understanding and appreciation of fatherhood in the Christian family.

The first and most basic characteristic to note about Joseph’s fatherhood is that he is a man and, as such, taught Jesus what it means to be a man. Again, that should not be controversial. In the beautiful complementarity between men and women written into the very fabric of creation by God (Genesis 1:27; 2:18-25), manhood is essential to fatherhood just as womanhood is essential to motherhood. But what does it mean to be a man, and how does Joseph embody that? The following reflection on these questions is drawn from the essay: “The Mission of Fatherhood,” by William E. May, which can be found at <http://www.christendom-awake.org/pages/may/father.htm>.

Manhood can only be understood in relation to womanhood, just as womanhood can only be understood in relation to manhood. The complementary differences between men and women are not accidental or mere products of particular cultures but form an essential part of God’s plan for creation. This is true not only of the obvious physical differences but for the whole person, all the way

down to our souls. We are not souls trapped in fleshy containers we call a body. We are whole beings in whom the body and soul form a unity we refer to as the human person. Our bodies are the physical manifestation of the whole person and reveal the inner, spiritual reality of the soul. Thus the differences between male and female bodies reveal the inner differences between male and female persons, which are also manifested in the uniquely masculine and feminine ways that men and women relate to each other and to the world around them.

If the body reveals the inner reality of male and female persons, the fullest, clearest, and deepest expression of this is sexual communion between a husband and wife open to the creation of a new human person, when the two literally become “one flesh” and fully reveal together the image of our loving creator God. In the act of sexual communion between a husband and wife open to life, we see the essence of manhood and womanhood that shapes and directs everything men and women do. Remember, the human body and soul are not separate but form one whole person. When someone does something, it is not just the body that acts but the whole person. So it is with sexual communion between spouses. They aren’t just engaged in bodily communion, but the communion of the whole person. So what does sexual communion reveal about the unique character of male and female persons, or manhood and womanhood?

I do not intend to go into graphic detail. I assume if you are reading this that you are an adult with at least a basic understanding of human reproduction. In essence, the man gives his sperm to the woman, who receives it into herself. The woman gives the man an ovum. The man receives the ovum, but not into himself. It remains inside the woman. Thus, while sexual communion is an act of giving and receiving by both people, the nature of the giving and receiving is distinct. May refers to the male form of sexual communion, and thus the male character, as “giving in a receiving way”, while the female form of sexual communion and character is “receiving in a giving way” (5). Both give and receive, but the different ways they do this reveal the unique essences of manhood and womanhood, which I will explore further in next week’s column as we continue to reflect on the fatherhood of St. Joseph.

*Fr. Marc Stockton*

**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>

**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>

**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.

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS- TEACH YOUR CHILD TO PROTECT HIM/HERSELF AT HOME~**

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children but, being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not with them at home: Teach children to never answer the door if home alone. Don’t tell anyone, on the phone, on social media or while gaming, that your parents are not home. Do not allow friends into the home without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Check in with Mom or Dad at set times during the day. Parents should reinforce the rules each time they leave a child home alone. For additional parent resources visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>.

**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!

**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.

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~** The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Jim Petrone, Sr.** from **Barb Petrone.**



## ~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. ~John 6:51*

### Corpus Christi Prayer

*The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a Christian liturgical feast day celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist.*

Oh Lord Jesus Christ, we come before You today, we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Body and Blood through which we get strengthened body, soul and mind. We solemnly pledge that we will offer You our undivided love and also service to our brothers and sisters as it is Your Holy will. We pray this in the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 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](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.

*Love and Light,*

*Jeanne Maple*

## THE WORD OF GOD THIS WEEK ~LOYOLA PRESS

Gospel Reading, [Mark 14:12-16,22-26](#)

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

**FAMILY CONNECTION~** In the beginning of today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples to make preparations for the Passover meal. Like most meals, the Passover meal required planning and preparation. Our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist also requires planning and preparation. Certainly the ministers at the Eucharist prepare for their roles: the person presiding prays and prepares the homily; the prayers of petition are written; the music ministers prayerfully select music and practice it before Mass; Eucharistic ministers, lectors and altar servers prepare carefully for their roles. As the worshipping assembly, we can also prepare for the Mass through our prayer during the week, by reading the Scripture before Mass, and by making ourselves present to the Eucharistic celebration.

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the things that are required to prepare for your family meals. Plan together a special Sunday meal by choosing the menu, preparing the shopping list, and assigning duties for cooking, setting the table, preparing decorations, leading the prayers, and cleaning. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 14:12-16,22-26. Notice how Jesus instructed his disciples to prepare for their Passover meal. All meals require some kind of planning and preparation; so, too, our Sunday Eucharist requires planning. What might we do as a family to better prepare for our celebration of the Eucharist? Choose one or more ideas to begin to implement together as a family. Pray together that God will help your family make your celebration of the Eucharist the highlight of your week. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Enjoy yet another beautiful hymnal entry from a very creative Parishioner, Ava Northrup! We thank you for sharing and look forward to seeing more decorated hymnals in the upcoming weeks.



Many thanks to the children who attended and volunteered their time and talents to our team of Altar Servers. We are very proud of you!

Still interested? You may always contact the office or email [faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.com](mailto:faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.com) if you missed the training and would still like to learn more about becoming an Altar Server for St. Boniface Parish.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Monday, June 7, Ordinary Weekday**  
No Mass Today

**Tuesday, June 8, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Richard Lorei**  
(Kathy Gross)

**Wednesday, June 9, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Ernest Truffa**  
(Joyce DeRosa)

**Thursday, June 10, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Robert Vomero**  
(Ron & Cathy Dombrowski)

**Friday, June 11, Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
8:00 a.m. **Edward Gorski, Sr.**  
(Ray & Barb Orlemanski)

**Saturday, June 12, Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8:00 a.m. **Mario Anthony Pisano**  
(Vic Pisano)

5:00 p.m. **Dolores Jagodinski**  
(Sue & Mike Abt)

**Sunday, June 13, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 a.m. **Helen Breindel**  
(Walt Breindel)

10:30 a.m. **Jim Petrone, Sr.**  
(Barb Petrone)

### RECONCILIATION

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

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## ~LECTOR~

**SATURDAY- June 12**

5:00 p.m. J. Bitters

**SUNDAY- June 13**

7:30 a.m. B. Panighetti

10:30 a.m. R. Jaworski

## ~ALTAR SERVER~

**SATURDAY- June 12**

5:00 p.m. Campbell Family

**SUNDAY- June 13**

7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer

10:30 a.m. E. Whiteford

## 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

## CHURCH CLEANING~

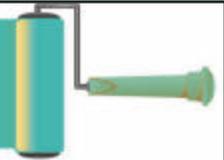
Heavenly dusters this week are: **Beth Allgeier, Nancy Dinges, Cathy Dombrowski, Molly Johnson, Helga Russell and Kris Waskiewicz.** May God bless them in their faithful work.



## 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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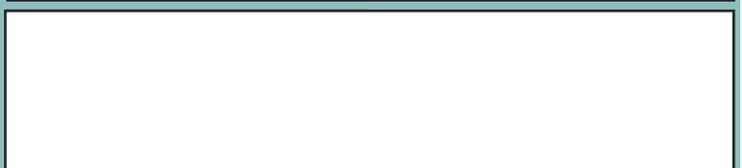
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