



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 11, 2021

FIFTEENTH 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

“Jesus said to all, ‘Whoever wishes to be my disciple must deny himself, take up his cross each day, and follow me. Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it’” (Luke 9:23-24)



“Jesus came forward and addressed his disciples in these words, ‘Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth; go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,’” (Matthew 28:18-19).

Christianity is a missionary religion and has been since Christ established the Church 2000 years, giving his disciples the great commission to bring all people to faith in him. That is what his disciples have been doing ever since, shining the light of the gospel in every place and culture and winning souls for Christ.

There is a movement in the Western world today, however, attempting to demonize missionary work. This movement is based on the false premise that Christianity is hopelessly entangled in European colonialism of the 15th - 20th centuries and is essentially nothing more than a tool used by European powers to subdue native populations against their will, destroying their rich, noble, native cultures. This movement has led to campaigns, both organized and by mobs, to erase any Christian or European influence from the public forum, particularly as it relates to missionary work and colonization. We see this, for example, in places that have changed Columbus Day to Indigenous People’s Day or when mobs have vandalized or destroyed statues of historic figures like the great missionary Junipero Serra or even images of Jesus and Mary because they are depicted as being white.

This movement is flawed for many reasons, but one of those is the false belief that native peoples did not convert to Christianity willingly but were forced to convert. We need look no further than the example of the saint whose feast day is this Wednesday, July 14th, to see that this belief is simply not true. I am referring to St. Kateri Tekwitha, a Native American woman who was born to a Christian Algonquin mother in 1656 and taken captive by the Iroquois, whose chief was fiercely anti-Christian. Her family

was enslaved, but a peace treaty with the French led the chief to allow Christian missionaries into his community. These missionaries profoundly affected the young Kateri, who longed to be baptized but was not permitted by her master. Finally, her burning faith moved her to run away and trek 200 miles through the wilderness to a Christian village, where she took on a life of prayer, penance, and celibacy until her death as a baptized Christian in 1680.

Kateri is just one example of the millions of native people who have willingly and gladly converted to Christianity over the centuries through the tireless, often dangerous work of holy missionaries. Even in the face of opposition and hardships, Kateri persevered in her desire to be with Jesus. May her witness inspire us to a deeper love of Christ as well and a greater commitment, even in the face of contemporary opposition, to witness the gospel to all nations today.

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.

HEAVENLY DUSTERS~ Your new schedule is ready. Please pick one up. They are on the counter in the gathering space.

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**STAFF**

Rev. Marc Stockton, JCL.....*Pastor*  
Rev. Mister Timothy G. Good.....*Permanent Deacon*  
Jeanne Yaple.....*Faith Formation Director*  
Santee Krivonak.....*Business Manager*  
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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**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 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, on Monday, August 2nd at 7:00p.m. in the School. Please call the Parish Office at 814-825-7313 to register.

**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.

**CELEBRATING A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?** Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude in Erie. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m. To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit <https://www.eriescd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261.

**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, July 13, 2021 at 11:30a.m. at Beechwood on Wattsburg Rd. Please RSVP by July 10th. Call Joyce DeRosa at 814-450-7194 or Barb Petrone at 814-722-8580.

**~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~**

Coming Event; The first Saturday of August, the 7th from 4 to 8 pm., we will be having our 9th Annual Car Cruise in and Spaghetti Dinner. All you wonderful people who love to Bake and feel left out the last 2 Festivals, We have you in mind. Please watch this SPACE for further details. Also anyone who has a business and would like to advertise Please check the bulletin board for information and Posters that are available (Contact Fred at 814-504-3221) also anyone who would like to help but don't like to bake can put a donation in the collection basket addressed to St. Boniface KOC. Thank You for helping us serve your parish.

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS~** Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- **Know the Warning Signs of a Predator:** Those who abuse children look like everyone else. They don't look like scary people that we should know to avoid. Rather, most abusers are known to the child, such as the parent, sibling, parent's paramour, parent's spouse, other relative or babysitter. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with children in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows children to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. For more information and resources visit <https://www.eriescd.org/childprotection/>.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~** The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Fred Kerecman, Jr.** from **Fred & Marlene Kerecman.** 

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## ~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. Ephesians 1:17-18*

Prayer to the Holy Spirit by Loyola Press 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:

Thank you for signing up for this summer's Family VBS Kit. They are now ready for families to enjoy a step-by-step Family Bible Study and Materials. Remember, the purpose of this Bible study is to grow to know God better by knowing His Word, to learn, discern, and share truths, and to enjoy a deeper relationship with God together as a family. Missed the sign-up deadline? No worries, additional Family Bible Study Packets are available at the Faith Formation Table for all parishioners during the month of July!

Registration for the upcoming Year in Faith has begun. It is also exciting to announce that registration for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation Year is available online. Please remember to register by August so that we can arrange for materials to arrive promptly! The upcoming year will include monthly events for both parents and children, to guide all families through "faith-talk" discussions, faith-filled activities, and an increased involvement within our parish community. More importantly, study after study has shown that the role of parents is more decisive than religious education or schooling on whether their children remain Catholic. Committed to creating lifelong learners of faith, we at St. Boniface Parish, are dedicated to fully engaging our parish families!

**Love and Light,**

**Jeanne Yaple**

## THE WORD OF GOD THIS WEEK ~LOYOLA PRESS

Gospel Reading, Mark 6:7-13

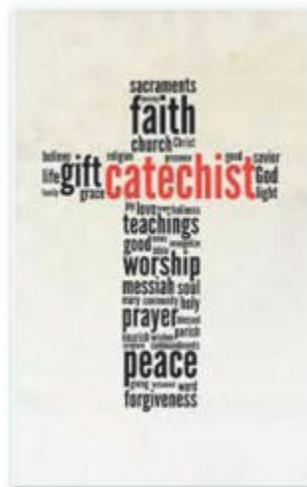
Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

**FAMILY CONNECTION~** Families who work together to accomplish routine household tasks know that the benefits are more than efficiency. In sharing daily tasks, we accomplish more, but we also build relationships that last—and it's a lot more fun! Jesus sent his disciples in pairs to minister in his name. Perhaps the job was accomplished more effectively this way, but more importantly, Jesus' mission was accomplished more authentically. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

As you gather as a family, talk about some household tasks that are more easily accomplished when two or more people work together. Talk about how working together not only makes the job easier, but also makes the task more fun because we are able to spend time together. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 6:7-13. Ask: Why do you think Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs? Observe that Jesus continues to give us a community with which we share our life of discipleship—our family and the community of the Church. Conclude in prayer together that we will continue to rely on the support of the community of the Church in our life of discipleship. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

### **PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!** What good

news? – The Good News of Jesus and our Catholic faith! This fall, many families will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow in faith by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation. As you coach and nurture the faith of our families, you will learn and grow as well! We will provide you with training, materials, and support. For more information, please email Jeanne Yaple at [faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.org](mailto:faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.org), thank you!



## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Monday, July 12, Ordinary Weekday**  
No Mass Today

**Tuesday, July 13, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Helen Orlemanski**  
(Janet & Charles Szewzykowski)

**Wednesday, July 14, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Josephine Jasinski**  
(Jerry & Sue Whiteford)

**Thursday, July 15, Saint Bonaventure**  
8:00 a.m. **Richard Kanonczyk**  
(Ron & Cathy Dombrowski)

**Friday, July 16, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Barb Yeager and Bud Whiteford**  
(Jerry & Sue Whitefod)

**Saturday, July 17, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Sally Vallimont**  
(Barb Petrone)

5:00 p.m. **Tom Evan**  
(Family)

**Sunday, July 18, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. **Richard Mogel**  
(Nicholas & Amanda Rekitt)

10:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of St. Boniface Parish**

### RECONCILIATION

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

## ~LECTOR~

**SATURDAY– July 17**  
5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

**SUNDAY— July 18**  
7:30 a.m. L. Hogan  
10:30 a.m. J. Bitters

## ~ALTAR SERVER~

**SATURDAY— July 17**  
5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

**SUNDAY— July 18**  
7:30 a.m. N. Szymanski  
10:30 a.m. E. Whiteford, M. Brocious

### 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.

Imprimatur, July 29, 2013

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Perisco, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

## ~Week of July 26, , Collection~

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| Adult.....                   | \$6,302.00 |
| Loose .....                  | \$32.00    |
| Catholic Service Appeal..... | \$335.00   |
| Holy Father.....             | \$508.00   |

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

## CHURCH CLEANING~

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

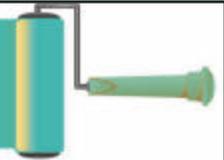


## CELEBRATE NFP AWARENESS WEEK~

Looking for family planning that respects your faith, your marriage, your body *and* that is effective? Couples from around the diocese are learning about a way of life that helps them work with God to grow their families or space children. Find studies verifying Natural Family Planning's (NFP) effectiveness and class schedules at [www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm](http://www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm) or contact the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Coordinator at 814-512-0818.

*Natural Family Planning: Supporting God's Gifts of Love and Life in Marriage* is this year's theme for National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. Join other families in celebrating God's vision for married love on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Jude Parish with Bishop Persico. Following Mass, all are invited to a picnic luncheon at the Pine Tree Pavilion by Beach 9 at Presque Isle. Drinks and dessert will be provided. More information at [www.eriercd.org/awareness-mass.htm](http://www.eriercd.org/awareness-mass.htm).

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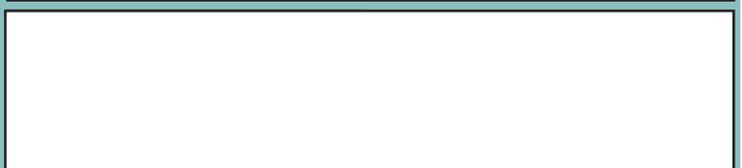
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