



Saint Boniface

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JULY 18, 2021

SIXTEENTH 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 DESKTHE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
IN-LAWS

“During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leapt in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, ‘Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.



And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leapt for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled” (Luke 1:39-45).

Sometimes I almost pity St. Joseph. Not only did he have the huge task of protecting and raising the Son of God, but his wife was one of the only two perfect people who ever lived! Not only that, but several of his in-laws also went on to be saints. How could Joseph, just an ordinary man, ever live up to such examples of holiness and perfection as Mary’s parents, Joachim and Anne, or her cousins, Zechariah and Elizabeth? Joseph must have felt threatened at least a little, from time to time, trying to live up to their standard.

But in some ways, isn’t that true of many people and their in-laws? Continuing our observance of the Year of St. Joseph, we reflect on in-laws this month in which we celebrate the feast day of Joseph’s in-laws, saints Joachim and Anne (July 26). The idea of testy relationships between people and their in-laws has become so commonplace that comedians write jokes about it. Certainly not all in-laws have adversarial relationships; in fact, some are quite close, with people calling their mother and father-in-law mom and dad. But there is a kernel of truth to the common image of feuding in-laws, and there can be strained feelings and even animosity.

Sometimes this may be for very valid reasons, but more often it stems from the feeling of being threatened by ones in-laws. All families are different, with different customs and traditions, with different values, and with different ways of relating to one another. On the part of parents, they can perceive their child’s spouse as trying to take their child away from

them and their family and to change their traditions and values. On the part of married persons, they can perceive their spouse’s parents as being intrusive and of trying to prevent them and their spouse from starting a family of their own with their own values and traditions. Without any ill intentions on anyone’s part, both sides can feel threatened by the other, which can lead to conflict and hard feelings. We can look to St. Joseph again for help getting past these misperceptions to healthier and holier family relationships, which is what we will reflect on in next week’s column, so stay tuned!

Fr. Marc Stockton

THE ST. BONIFACE PRAYER SHAWL

MINISTRY~ is once again gathering monthly in the St. Anthony Room. We meet monthly on the first Friday of the month from 1PM to 3PM. We are always happy to have new members. Whether your crochet or knitting skills are advanced or beginner, please feel free to join us. For questions regarding our ministry, please contact Mary Good at (814)739-2986 or Penny Warmbrod at (814)825-2518.

THE ST. BONIFACE 2021-2022 RCIA~

(Rite of Christian Initiation of adults) will once again be starting this Fall. Anyone who is interested or knows someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or understanding our faith more fully, may complete an application form. For an application, please call the parish office at (814)825-4805 or pick one up in the Gathering space in the back of church. Once completed, applications can be mailed or dropped off to the office.

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July 18, 2021

~PRESCHOOL NEWS~

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Preschool News

St. Boniface Preschool has just 2 weeks left of the summer program. Our last day is July 30th, 2021. The children have had a fun filled summer, playing, crafting, reading and getting outside! The children have also had the opportunity to attend church with Father Marc in the sanctuary as well as have prayer together in the gym. We have also established "Worship Wednesdays" where all the kids come to the gym for a short religion lesson. We spent this summer learning about the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) and hearing stories/lessons from these important parts of the Bible. It is our goal to have the children share the "Good News" of Jesus! We are also hoping to teach them that they can be just like him by making good choices, loving God and others, and sharing the lessons written in the Gospels with anyone who is willing to listen. The teachers and staff are happy to have been able to spend our days with our students, but do look forward to some time off to spend with their own families. St. Boniface Preschool will be closed August 1-30th to prepare for the upcoming school year.

UPDATE: Mask Mandates for St. Boniface Preschool and other child care centers

Mask mandates have been lifted for child care centers as it has for many businesses across the state of Pennsylvania. Staff, students and any others who enter a child care center (vaccinated or unvaccinated) may choose to wear a mask when proper social distancing is not available. These mandates are set forth by the Pennsylvania Dept. of Health and the Office of Child Development and Youth (OCDEL).

We appreciate families who understand and abide by the rules set forth by the state of PA concerning the safety of children enrolled in child care programs and summer camps.

FALL PROGRAMS UPDATE:

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 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.

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 WASH to provide transportation for elementary students from WASH to St. Boniface Preschool. An approved transportation request MUST be obtained from the WASH bus garage and provided to St. Boniface. These forms can be found on the WASH 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

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.

St. Boniface Preschool is Hiring:

Our preschool is in need of a part-time employee for the 2021/2022 school year who will work with children between the ages of 2-5 and school age children grades K-4. Requirements: Minimum 1 year of verifiable experience working with children and appropriate clearances. If you or someone you know is looking for a fun and fulfilling part-time job, please send a resume to Preschool@stbonifaceparisherie.org!

Important Dates:

- Friday, July 30th: Last day for Summer Programs
- Monday, August 23rd: Meet the Teacher Night (all classes) & Usborne books book fair
Session 1: 5:30 PM (Last name A-L)
Session 2: 6:15 PM (Last name M-Z)
- Tuesday, August 31st: First day for Wattsburg Area School District.
St. Boniface Before/After Care school age programs ONLY.
- Wednesday, September 1st: First day of Preschool.
All St. Boniface Preschool programs will be in full operation.

Be Grateful in all things and God Bless,

Brooke Lander

St. Boniface Preschool Director

SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Benjamin Cermak and Alex Johnson** from **Tom, Ann & Thomas Cermak.**



~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want."

~Psalm 23:1

He leads us, He guides us, He's always with us, and we can be assured and feel safe under His protective care.

The Lord is My Shepherd Prayer *Crosswalk.com*
Dear God, Thank you that you are our good Shepherd and we can trust you with our lives. Thank you for your leadership and Sovereignty. Thank you for your guidance and care in all our days. Thank you that you restore our souls, give us peace, and bring us to hope in all of our tomorrows. Thank you for your protection and strength that surrounds us like a shield. Thank you that we never have to fear. Thank you for your goodness and love that follows after us, chases us, even when we're unaware. Thank you, Lord, that you are trustworthy and able, that you are our Refuge and hope. In You alone are rest and peace. We praise you for the assurance that we will dwell with you forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Upcoming News and Events:



Thank you to all who supported this summer's Family VBS experience. Our hope is for families 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 July! For more information, email faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.org. We're happy to provide additional resources to guide you along this faith-enriching journey!

Please remember to register for the upcoming Faith Formation Year by August so that we can arrange for materials to arrive promptly! We are looking forward to monthly events for both parents *and* children, guiding *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 6:30-34

Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ Family demands can make us feel like Jesus and the twelve apostles. We wish for times of relaxation and renewal, but there are errands to do, household chores to keep up with, volunteer commitments to keep. These are all good things, but we can be left feeling drained and tired as we try to keep up. Perhaps we might take the opportunity this week to give ourselves permission to find the rest and relaxation that Jesus seeks for his disciples in today's Gospel. One of the gifts we can give to one another in our family life is assistance in finding the time and space to renew ourselves through prayer. When you gather together as a family this week, bring your family calendar. Together review your family calendar and spend some time reflecting on your family activities. In particular, ask if your family has an appropriate amount of time for rest and relaxation. If not, discuss ways in which this time for renewal might be included in the week ahead. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 6:30-34. Notice how Jesus tried to find time and space for his disciples to rest and relax after they returned from their mission. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help us find time to renew ourselves so that we might be better disciples of Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS! What good news? – The Good News of Jesus and our Catholic faith! This fall, families will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow 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, thank you!



DIOCESE INTRODUCES REMEMBERING OUR SUNDAY STORY INITIATIVE~

The Faith Formation and Communications Offices of the Diocese of Erie, along with a committee including several pastors, have spent months coordinating an effort to ensure people feel welcome as they return to public worship. Over the next six months, the Re-membering Our Sunday Story initiative will provide parishes with an array of resources, from prayer cards and bulletin announcements to social media posts and a pastoral letter from Bishop Lawrence Persico. Watch for the logo indicating the information is part of the effort to make sure the return to parish life after the pandemic is transformative. A story about the effort can be found at nwpaCatholic.com.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, July 19, Ordinary Weekday
No Mass Today

Tuesday, July 20, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Debbie Kennerknecht**
(Larry & Jan Kosin)

Wednesday, July 21, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **James Fletcher**
(Family)

Thursday, July 22, Saint Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord
8:00 a.m. **Albret Lorei Family**
(Joe Lorei)

Friday, July 23, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Fritz & Detta George**
(Kathy & Kevin)

Saturday, July 24, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Helen Orlemanski**
(Barb Petrone)

5:00 p.m. **Richard Lorei**
(John & Debi Mitchell)

Sunday, July 25, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of**
St. Boniface Parish

10:30 a.m. **Mary Pluta**
(Andera & Flex Orzechowski)

RECONCILIATION

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

~Week of July 4, Collection~

Adult.....	\$13,077.00
Loose.....	\$53.00
Catholic Service Appeal.....	\$120.00
Holy Father.....	\$55.00
National Needs.....	\$25.00
International Needs.....	\$25.00

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

CHURCH CLEANING~ Heavenly dusters this week are: **Suzie Lyle & Family and Marlene Kerecman**. May God bless them in their faithful work.

BAPTISM~ We welcome into the Christian Community and our Parish Family through the water of baptism **Oliver Ray Wasielewski**, infant son of **Jeremy & Holly (Weisbrodt) Wasielewski**. Congratulations to the proud parents!

PLEASE PRAY~ Please pray for the soul of parishioners **Richard Zimmer, Madison Zimmer and Zachary Zimmer**, who passed away recently. Our sympathy is extended to their family.

~LECTOR~

SATURDAY– July 24

5:00 p.m. N. Latcovich

SUNDAY— July 25

7:30 a.m. G. Krahe

10:30 a.m. K. Praetzel

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY— July 24

5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

SUNDAY— July 25

7:30 a.m. Campbell Family

10:30 a.m. S. Praetzel

SUMMER CARDS~ St. Boniface Parish will soon be collecting summer cards to distribute to parishioners. If you have a family member or friend who would enjoy summer cards, please call the parish office at (814) 825-4439 with name and address and we will add the name to our list. Thank you.

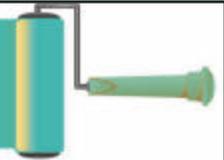
~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~

We are having our 9 Annual Car Show and Spaghetti Dinner on August 7 from 4 to 8 PM. Anyone who would like to donate a Basket of goodies or an appropriate item may drop them off at the church at the Kitchenette across from the Church Office. Attention All Bakers, Now is your time, if you would like to show off your skills, we are asking for Cookies, Brownies, Cup Cakes, or Minnie pies. These items can be dropped off at the Center on August 7 from 8AM to 4PM. Thank you all for your HELP. Hope to see you there to enjoy the handy work of so many car enthusiasts and help make this event a boost for your parish. Next meeting August 5th at 6:30p.m. Next Rosary will be July 31st and August 1st masses offering the Rosary for those who are sick and recovering.

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 no 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.

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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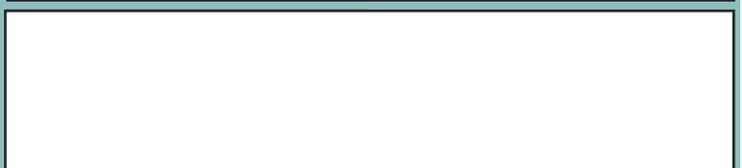
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