



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 8, 2021

NINETEENTH 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**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
PRIESTHOOD**

“Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them for they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest’” (Matthew 9:35-37).



Continuing our year-long reflection on St. Joseph, we will reflect this month on the priesthood and how Joseph can serve as model and guide for our priests and for those who are called to ordained priesthood. The primary way that Joseph does this is through his fatherhood and his support of Jesus and Mary. First, let us consider the priest as father of the people he is called to serve.

The custom of referring to priests as father seems strange, considering that in the Latin Church they practice the discipline of celibacy, remaining unmarried and without biological children. It seems especially strange when the priest in question is younger than the people calling him father. Yet, the practice reaches back to ancient times. Religious leaders in Judaism were sometimes called father, especially those considered prophets, like Abraham and Elijah, reflecting not biological parenthood but their spiritual authority to teach and shepherd the people. By the time of Jesus, the practice seems to have been abused by selfish religious leaders who were less interested in teaching and shepherding the people than they were in fattening their own purses and bellies, prompting Jesus to warn his disciples against calling these false teachers father (Matthew 23:1-12). Clearly the early Church did not consider Jesus' admonition as a prohibition against referring to any religious leaders as father, as Paul refers to himself as a father of the communities he helped establish (1 Corinthians 4:15). The practice was adopted in reference to bishops at least as early as the 4th century and was commonly applied to monks at around the same time. Priests began to be referred to as father in the early middle ages as the practice of private confession spread beyond monasteries where it originated to widespread use by secular priests,

especially in Ireland. The influence of Irish missionaries spread the use further, ultimately to the US, where it remains the common practice even today.

Obviously the title is not a reference to any biological or legal relationship. When we call our priests father, we mean a spiritual relationship, and so we must reflect on spiritual fatherhood. Joseph images this in his relationship with Jesus and Mary. While he was legally related to Jesus and Mary by virtue of marriage, he was not Jesus' biological father. Joseph carried out his role as father in every other respect, however, which included serving as the head of the family's spiritual and religious life. It would have been Joseph's responsibility to have the baby Jesus circumcised and to offer the prescribed sacrifices for a firstborn son, introducing Jesus into the Jewish faith and community. Joseph would have instructed Jesus in the faith, teaching him about the Law and the prophets and what it meant to live the law and the teachings of the prophets as a faithful member of the People of God. Joseph also modeled the faith and charity called for by the Law and the life of prayer that would characterize Jesus' later life. We cannot read about Jesus' own understanding of the Law and the ways in which he fulfilled it as an adult in fidelity to his heavenly Father without believing that he learned much of it from Joseph, his spiritual father. It is this understanding of fatherhood that is meant when we call our priests father, which we will explore further in next week's column.

Fr. Marc Stockton

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Rev. Marc Stockton, JCL.....*Pastor*
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday..... 9:00a.m.-1:30p.m.

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 Pre-School..... 825-4439 ext. 222
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August 8, 2021

~PRE SCHOOL NEWS~

Matthew 23:26

You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.

Preschool News

St. Boniface Preschool is closed for the month of August to prepare for the upcoming start of the school year. All of the classrooms will be deep cleaned. Floors are scheduled to be striped and waxed, carpets will be cleaned, chipped paint will be touched up, furniture will be scrubbed, moved, and rearranged, new cubbies are set to be installed and the playground will have some much-needed improvements done. All of this is important not only for the aesthetic look of our building but more importantly to ensure that our students enter a safe and clean space. All of this wouldn't be able to be done without the hard work of the maintenance staff. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated employees!

School office hours are limited this month.

**If you wish to contact the preschool,
please call: 814.825.4439 ext. 222**

or email: preschool@stbonifaceparisherie.org.

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). Mandates are subject to change as new information becomes available.

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.

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 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

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 and substitutes 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:

· Monday, August 2nd-30th: Preschool Closed

· 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 **Renee Drabina** from **Bill & Mary Drabina**.



~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

Upcoming News:

Please remember to register for the upcoming Faith Formation Year 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

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

CEMETERY WORK DAYS~ The cemetery restoration team will meet to work in the original parish cemetery at 6:00 PM on the following days, weather permitting: August 12 & 19; September 9 & 16; October 12 & 26; November 11. All are welcome to come and help with this historic project. Training and materials will be provided. Please come in clothes appropriate for outdoor work. Thank you to all who have already been involved, and we hope to see you there!

ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. BONIFACE~ Come and join us in an enjoyable and fun luncheon at Smugglers’ Wharf on August 10th at 11:30a.m. All are welcome. Please call Joyce DeRosa at 814-450-7194 or Barb Petrone at 814-825-9518 to R.S.V.P. Thank you.

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) 825-4439 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.

COVID-19: GET THE FACTS! - As Mentioned in last week’s bulletin, in an effort to correct the misinformation and rumors out there about Covid-19, we will include the latest, official information about the virus from the PA Department of Health here each week. Please note we are posting the total cases of Covid since the pandemic began, not the total confirmed cases as we did last week. The state’s numbers on confirmed cases actually dropped since last week, which doesn’t make sense, so we are going with the broader number, which includes probable cases as well. Below is the updated information:

- Total cases since pandemic began: PA - 1,227,519; Erie Co. - 21,451
- Total deaths since pandemic began: PA - 27,868 (+ 37 since 7/25); Erie Co. - 419 (no increase since 7/25)
- New cases 8/1: PA - 801 (+ 425 since 7/25); Erie Co. - 24 (+ 19 since 7/25)
- Total fully vaccinated 8/1: PA - 5,721,705 (44% total population); Erie Co. - 126,393 (47% total population)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, August 9, Ordinary Weekday
No Mass Today

Tuesday, August 10, Saint Lawrence
8:00 a.m. **Dorothy, Joe, Edward & Ted Zapolski** (Ray Zapolski)

Wednesday, August 11, Saint Clare
8:00 a.m. **Fran O'Connell** (Jerry & Sue Whiteford)

Thursday, August 12, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Deceased Members of the Panighetti and Krahe Families** (Gene & Karen Krahe)

Friday, August 13, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Agatha Tyzinski** (Barb Petrone)

Saturday, August 14, Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe
8:00 a.m. **Eleanor Kozik** (Trost Family)

5:00 p.m. **Beatrice Devine** (David & Pat Devine)

Sunday, August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 a.m. **Norman Rekitt, Sr.** (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)

~Week of July 25, Collection~

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| Adult..... | \$7,596.00 |
| Loose | \$58.38 |
| Catholic Service Appeal..... | \$441.00 |
| National Needs..... | \$20.00 |

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

CHURCH CLEANING~

Heavenly dusters this week are: **Cathy Rieder, Brenda Pyle, Penny Warmbrod and Mike & Nancy Allgeier**. May God bless them in their faithful work.



~LECTOR~

SATURDAY- August 14
5:00 p.m. C. Mester

SUNDAY- August 15
7:30 a.m. G. Krahe
10:30 a.m. C. Russell

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY- August 14
5:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

SUNDAY- August 15
7:30 a.m. J. Hlifka
10:30 a.m. E. Russell

~UPCOMING EVENTS~

Wednesday- August 11
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts (Classroom)

Friday- August 12
8:30a.m. Rosary (Church)

Sunday- August 15
All Masses Second Collection~ Church in Latin America (Church)

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 here at St. Boniface Church, on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00p.m. in the Allgeier Room. Please call the Parish Office at 814-825-4439 to register.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR LABOR DAY~ For Sunday, September 12, 2021, articles are due **September 3, 2021**.

~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~

Thank you for all who supported the Car Show and Spaghetti Dinner.

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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