



# *Saint Boniface*

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**AUGUST 29, 2021**  
TWENTY-SECOND 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 MASS EXPLAINED  
PART 2: THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

“The mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths’” (Isaiah 2:2-3).



Continuing our reflection on the parts of the Mass, begun last week with our personal preparation before Mass, we reflect this week on the beginning of Mass, the Introductory Rites. The primary purpose of the Introductory Rites is to gather us all together from our different lives throughout the week and to reunite us as the Body of Christ to hear God’s Word and to celebrate the sacrament of Christ’s Body, the Eucharist. It recalls for us that the Mass is not just the work of the priest or the ministers on the altar but of the entire gathered community and focuses all of us on our one, shared purpose, to become together what we celebrate and receive at Mass.

We see this from the very beginning of Mass with the entrance procession and gathering hymn. The ministers process up the aisle right through the heart of the gathered community, with Christ, the head of his Body, held high on the cross at the head of the procession. Like a magnet gathering metal shavings, the procession visibly and symbolically pulls us all together into the sanctuary where the principal actions of the Mass will take place. We also typically sing the gathering hymn during the procession. Singing engages our whole self, mind, body, and spirit, in a way merely speaking does not, and by singing the gathering hymn together we unite our whole selves together in our celebration of the Mass.

Once the community has gathered in the sanctuary, visibly symbolized in the ministers, we continue our prayer with the sign of the cross and greeting, recalling that it is God, our one Lord, who gathers us and unites us together by uniting us to himself and that it is in his name that we gather. However, to be fully united, we know that we need to remove from our lives whatever divides us, in particular sin (Matthew 5:23-24). Thus we next celebrate together

the Penitential Rite, calling to mind our sins and entrusting ourselves to God’s mercy, in response to which we sing together the Gloria, praising God for his goodness that heals us and makes us one.

The Introductory Rites conclude with the Opening Prayer. Traditionally, this prayer is referred to as the Collect because its purpose is to collect, or gather together, all our individual prayers and intentions that we bring to the Mass. That is why it is preceded by a brief silence, enabling us to call our own prayers and intentions to mind and offer them to God in union with the prayer offered by the priest on behalf of the whole community. In the Mass, silence is not just downtime between the real actions of the Mass; it is included as a time of prayer and reflection that is just as important as every other part of the Mass. By taking advantage of the silent periods at Mass we internalize the more public actions and make them our own, helping the grace of our celebration sink in and have a fuller effect in our lives and that of our community.

*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.

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

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Rev. Marc Stockton, JCL.....*Pastor*  
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## ~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~

Our next meeting night will be September 2nd at 6:30pm. Mask will be required.

Our next Rosary Sunday will be September 4,5. Please join us as we Pray for the suffering people of Haiti. They are STILL recovering from the Earth Quake of 2010, are cleaning up from the present Earth Quake and are preparing for a POSSIBLE HURRICANE coming their way? PLEASE GOD WATCH OVER THESE PEOPLE IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.

**BACKPACK BLESSINGS~** We will bless the school supplies that you have so generously donated for needy families in our area at all Masses the weekend of August 28-29. As part of that blessing, we invite our families to bring your own children's school supplies to be blessed as they prepare to begin a new school year. Just bring the supplies in a book bag or backpack to Mass that weekend, and thank you for your generosity to the children of our area!

**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: 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!

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE~** In today's gospel Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That can be good or bad news, depending on what's being learned!

### **COVID-19: GET THE FACTS!**

Total cases: PA 1,269,555; Erie Co. 22,190

Total deaths: PA 28,098 (+ 105); Erie Co. 426 (+4)

New Cases: PA 1599 (+342); Erie Co. 37 (+12)

Total fully vaccinated: PA 5,883,754 (45% total pop.); Erie Co. 129,804 (49 % total pop.)

**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 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.

**ATTENTION LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS~** If you would like to be placed back on the schedule to be an Altar Server or Lector at this time please call the parish office at 825-4439 to be placed on the schedule. 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.

## **DIOCESE INTRODUCES REMEMBERING OUR SUNDAY STORY INITIATIVE~**

On the day he was introduced to the Diocese of Erie, Bishop Lawrence Persico said he had only one item on his agenda: to share with you the love of Jesus Christ. He promised he would encourage us to embrace Jesus, and to open our hearts to the God who loves us so much that he sent his only son to die for us so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. At the bishop's request, the Office of Faith Formation, with the help of a task force, has created the *Re-membering Our Sunday Story* initiative designed to help parishioners discover a deeper appreciation for what it means to gather for Mass, to receive the Eucharist and to be part of a community. Watch for the theme as it appears in various outreach efforts through the end of the year, including video testimonials from parishioners across the diocese now available at [www.eriercd.org/SundayStory.html](http://www.eriercd.org/SundayStory.html).

**SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~** The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Dottie Deutsch** from **Keith & Cindy Zajac**.



## **~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the  
simple. ~Psalm 19:7

For Favor and Blessing Over the School Year

by Debbie McDaniel

Dear God, we pray for your blessing and favor today over our teachers, our kids, and our schools. Please allow your face to shine on them today, be gracious to them Lord. Fill them with your Spirit and light; and give them peace in every circumstance. We know that every gift and blessing come straight from your hand. We will not take it for granted. Remind us today of your great love and care over all those we love. We thank you Lord that you work powerfully on our behalf, and we commit our ways to you. May each purpose and plan you have for our teachers, succeed, flourish, and prosper in every way. In Jesus Name, Amen.

### **Upcoming News and Events~**

If you haven't already done so, please register for the upcoming Faith Formation Year and/or Sacrament Prep Sessions as soon as possible to ensure learning materials for your family. Starting on Sunday, September 12, 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!

### **August~**

8/28-8/29 Backpack Blessings

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### **September~**

9/12 9:00 First Family Faith Formation Session in the Church, Grades K-8

9/19 9:30 First Youth Ministry Session, Grades 9-10  
Confirmation Class

9/19 9:00 Introductory Session & Parent Meeting in the Church

\*When attending sessions, please remember to follow all current CDC guidelines, including checking for symptoms and wearing masks.

**Love and Light,  
Jeanne Yaple**

### **THE WORD OF GOD THIS WEEK ~LOYOLA PRESS**

Gospel Reading, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

**FAMILY CONNECTION~** Children have learned the importance of following rules. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they often bring to our attention the infractions of others. Even parents sometimes get caught off guard by their children's observations: "Why don't you have to go to bed at 8:00?" or "But I saw you eat a cupcake before breakfast once." Our rules for our children are not arbitrary. We establish and enforce family rules with the intention of helping our children grow to be healthy and mature adults. We foster this maturity when we also initiate conversations with our children about the purposes behind family rules and teach them the essential values that rules help us observe. As you gather as a family, list some of your most important family rules. Together, try to write a single, positive statement that captures the essential value behind your family rules. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus criticize the Pharisees for making their rules about ritual purity equal to the commandments of God's Law. Read today's Gospel, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23. When we remember the essential element behind our rules, we see that our rules help us be the good people that Jesus wants us to be. Conclude in prayer together that we may always honor God's Law in our words and deeds. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 15.

**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.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Monday, August 30, Ordinary Weekday**  
No Mass Today

**Tuesday, August 31, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **For the Living and Deceased Members of the John and Loretta Breindel Family** (Walt Breindel)

**Wednesday, September 1, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **For the Living and Deceased Members of the Raymond and Sally Breindel Family** (Walt Breindel)

**Thursday, September 2, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **For the Living and Deceased Members of the John and Loretta Breindel Family** (Walt Breindel)

**Friday, September 3, Saint Gregory the Great**  
8:00 a.m. **Eleanor Kozik** (Trost Family)

**Saturday, September 4, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Maxine Kaveney** (Family)

5:00 p.m. **Living and Deceased Members of St. Boniface Parish**

**Sunday, September 5, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 a.m. **For the Living and Deceased Members of the Andrew and Eileen DePrator Family** (Walt Breindel)

10:30 a.m. **Susan Kirby** (Sara)

### RECONCILIATION

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

## ~LECTOR~

**SATURDAY— September 4**  
5:00 p.m. N. Latcovich

**SUNDAY— September 5**  
7:30 a.m. P. Mowery  
10:30 a.m. K. Praetzel

## ~ALTAR SERVER~

**SATURDAY— September 4**  
5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

**SUNDAY— September 5**  
7:30 a.m. Campbell Family  
10:30 a.m. S. Praetzel

## CHURCH CLEANING~

Heavenly dusters this week are: **Therese Dunn, Cheryl Ferrie, Martha Kaveney and Tom & Barb Galkowski.** May God bless them in their faithful work.



**BAPTISM~** We welcome into the Christian Community and our Parish Family through the water of baptism **Dan Andrew Percy**, infant son of **Coy & Nicole (Huber) Percy.** Congratulations to the proud parents!

## 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

## ~UPCOMING EVENTS~

### Tuesday— August 31

6:30p.m. Knights of Columbus Priest Picnic (Center)

### Wednesday— September 1

6:30p.m. Knights of Columbus Picnic (Center)

7:00p.m. Boy Scouts (Classroom)

### Thursday— September 2

6:30p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting (Zapolski Room)

### Friday— September 3

1:00p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (St. Anthony Room)

### Sunday— September 5

11:30p.m. Baptism (Church)

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