



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
TWENTY-THIRD 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 3: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

“The Word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).



Continuing our series on the parts of the Mass, we turn this week to the Liturgy of the Word. Having prepared ourselves to celebrate Mass through our personal, pre-Mass preparation, and having entered fully into Mass through the Introductory Rites, we are then ready for God to feed us with his written Word in the Scriptures. That is not entirely accurate, though. Yes, the Scriptures are written, but we don't all sit quietly and read the Scripture readings ourselves at Mass. While we may follow along in our hymnals or personal missals, a reader, also called a lector, stands at the ambo and proclaims the readings aloud. This is because God's Word is alive in our midst, shaping the life of our community, and not just some ink on a page. God's Word is packed with saving power because it is an expression of himself and his will for us, just as Jesus himself is. In fact, it is Jesus, God's living Word through whom he made and redeemed the universe, who comes to us in and through the proclamation of the Word at Mass. That is why we treat it with such reverence, especially the Book of the Gospels, but that is getting a bit ahead of ourselves.

The Liturgy of the Word follows a three-year cycle of readings, years A, B, and C, over which time we hear the story of our salvation in the Bible proclaimed. We are currently in year B. The Liturgy of the Word usually begins with a reading from the Old Testament, the story of the first People of God, through whom God prepared the way for salvation in Christ. In response to that promise of salvation, we sing together the Responsorial Psalm. The Psalms are hymns inspired by God, and so, by singing the Psalms, we unite ourselves to God's Word and thus to God himself. We next hear a reading from the New Testament, typically a letter of St. Paul or one of the other apostles. These readings tell the story of the Church, the newly constituted People of God, in whose company we ourselves are counted. They tell us of the difference Christ makes, or should make, in our lives and inspire us to follow in their footsteps to the kingdom.

Christ is the key to understanding the whole Bible, the defining moment toward which the whole Old Testament builds and from which the whole New Testament flows, and so we treat the proclamation of the Gospel, the story of Jesus Christ, with special reverence. We stand for the Gospel, a gesture of special attention, and greet it with a hymn of praise, called the Gospel Acclamation. It is proclaimed by a deacon or priest, who is conformed to Christ in a special way through the sacrament of Holy Orders. It is then followed by a homily, a reflection by the priest or deacon that helps the people see how God's Word, which they just heard proclaimed, is alive in their midst, not just in the church at Mass, but in their homes, workplaces, schools, and community. The people then respond to God's Word with a proclamation of faith, which comes from hearing the Word, and a proclamation of their needs, which they voice to God in the faith they just professed, trusting that, as he fulfilled his promises of old, he will fulfill them now in Christ.

God's Word is alive; it strikes to the heart. May our hearing of God's Word at Mass strike our hearts and transform us to be true doers of the Word and not hearers only so that it lives in and through us in our daily lives.

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.

STAFF

- Rev. Marc Stockton, JCL.....*Pastor*
- Rev. Mister Timothy G. Good.....*Permanent Deacon*
- Jeanne Yaple.....*Faith Formation Director*
- Sandee Krivonak.....*Business Manager*
- Melanie Kennerknecht.....*Parish Secretary*
- Brooke Lander.....*Pre-School Director*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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- Parish Office..... 825-4439
- Pre-School..... 825-4439 ext. 222
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September 5, 2021

~UPCOMING EVENTS~

Sunday— September 5

11:30a.m. Baptism (Church)

Monday— September 6

9:00-1:30p.m. Parish office Closed

Tuesday— September 7

7:00p.m. Baptism Class (Allgeier Room)

Wednesday— September 8

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

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.

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!

ATTENTION LADIES OF

ST. BONIFACE~ Come and join us in an enjoyable and fun luncheon at Max & Erma's on September 14th 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 parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6th and will reopen on Tuesday, September 7th. Wishing everyone a Happy Labor Day from the Parish Staff.

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

THANK YOU~ What a wonderful blessing our parish has been during such a difficult time! Your prayers, cards and visits have been a great source of comfort.

Special Thanks to Fr. Marc, the Sympathy Committee, and all who attended the Mass for Richard, Madison and Zachary. We couldn't have made it through such a difficult time without each of you! Thanks for your thoughtfulness and continued prayers. God Bless You! The Zimmer family

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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION~

The 2021 Catholic Education Collection will take place on September 18-19. This important collection supports lifelong faith formation for all generations throughout our diocese. Please give generously and know that half of what you give will remain here at St. Boniface Parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs.

THANK YOU~ to everyone who sent us cards. We really appreciated it and the cards brightened our day. Walter & Rose Farak.



SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Richard Fugagli** from **Joyce A. Fugagli**.



~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with
steadfast love and mercy.

~Psalm 103:2-4

A Prayer of Blessing for Labor Day

Bless the work of our hands, O God.

Bless the hands that work the land;
hands that move earth, plant seeds and harvest,
hands with callouses and dirty fingernails, strong hands.

Bless the hands that use machines;
hands that drive cars, trucks and forklifts,
hands on computer keyboards, capable hands.

Bless the hands that make things;
hands that manufacture and create,
working wood and metal and plastic, practical hands.

Bless the hands that clean;
hands that wash, mop and scrub,
hands that know what to do with soap, determined hands.

Bless the hands that make music and art;
hands that play instruments and hold paintbrushes,
hands that are creative tools, artistic hands.

Bless the hands that care for people;
hands that cook and feed, heal and nurture,
hands with a gentle touch, loving hands.

Bless the hands that are generous;
hands that give away money and food,
hands that are always trying to be empty, Christ-like hands.

Bless the tiny, baby hands.
Bless the strong adult hands.
Bless the hands that are folded in prayer.
Bless the hands that are lifted in praise.
Our hands do the work of your hands,
O God our Creator. 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!

September:

9/12 9:00 First Family Faith Formation Session in the

Church, Grades K-8. Welcome Back! We are also excited to announce that there will be a special Formation Themed Mass for everyone at 9:00! Please let me know if your child is interested in being a greeter, reader, altar server, or participate in the choir as soon as possible, thanks! Please note that after mass, 30 minute peer group sessions will be held for Grades K-8 in the classrooms, while parents meet in the cafeteria.

9/19 9:30-10:30 First Youth Ministry Session, Grades 9-10. Please enter through the Faith Formation Door and head to the first Classroom on the right.

Confirmation Class:

9/19 9:00 Introductory Session & Parent Meeting in the Church with class to follow in the Zapolski Room.

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

Love and Light,
Jeanne Yaple

The Word of God this Week ~Loyola Press

Gospel Reading, Mark 7:31-37

Jesus restores a mans hearing and speech.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ Today's Gospel invites us to consider how we witness the healing presence of Christ in our care for and ministry to those who are sick. We notice that the deaf man is brought to Jesus for healing by his friends. These people beg Jesus to lay his hands on this deaf man so that he might be healed. Jesus healing power is shown in his opening of the mans ears and the restoring of his speech. When family members care for one another when they are sick, they bring Christs healing presence. When we pray for those who are ill, we ask God to show his healing power. When health is restored, we share that good news with others.

As you gather as a family, recall a time when a family member was ill. What steps were taken to help restore this family member to health? Talk about what it feels like to care for a person who is ill, and about how it feels to be the sick person being cared for. In today's Gospel, we hear about a time when Jesus healed a man who was deaf. Read today's Gospel, Mark 7:31-37. Notice how the man who was cured and his friends could not honor Jesus request to keep quiet about Jesus power to heal. We continue to celebrate Jesus healing presence in our lives by giving thanks to God for the gift of healing and health. Conclude in prayer, thanking Jesus for the gifts of health and healing. Pray together for those who are sick. After each person is named, pray, Jesus, heal us."

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, September 6, Ordinary Weekday (Labor Day)

9:00 a.m. **Carl (Jim) Carlson**
(Valeria Carlson & Family)

Tuesday, September 7, Ordinary Weekday

8:00 a.m. **Fr. Dan Arnold**
(Edith Chetnik)

Wednesday, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. **Daisy Dibble**
(Mark Coursey)

Thursday, September 9, Saint Peter Claver

8:00 a.m. **Joe Winkler**
(David & Pat Devine)

Friday, September 10, Ordinary Weekday

8:00 a.m. **Colby Simkovic**
(Yaple Family)

Saturday, September 11, Ordinary Weekday

8:00 a.m. **Ernest Truffa**
(Ed & Carol Pfeiffer)

5:00 p.m. **Richard Lorei**
(Tim & Antoinette Herbstritt)

Sunday, September 12, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of St. Boniface Parish**

10:30 a.m. **Jay Peeso**
(Family)

RECONCILIATION

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

~Week of August 15, Collection~

Adult.....\$5,195.00
Catholic Service Appeal.....\$555.00
Assumption of Mary\$158.00
Church in Latin America.....\$427.00

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

~Week of August 22, Collection~

Adult\$4,400.00
Catholic Service Appeal\$280.00
Assumption of Mary\$40.00
Church in Latin America\$5.00

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CHURCH CLEANING~ Heavenly dusters this week are: **Jean Conn, John Giewont, Vicki Zboyovski, Judy Bitters, Gerry Tomczak, Rose Pencille and Janet Cross.** May God bless them in their faithful work.

~LECTOR~

SATURDAY– September 11

5:00 p.m. J. Bitters

SUNDAY— September 12

7:30 a.m. C. Mester

10:30 a.m. R. Jaworski

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY— September 11

5:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

SUNDAY— September 12

7:30 a.m. J. Hlifka

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

COVID-19: GET THE FACTS!

Total cases: PA 1,297,119; Erie Co. 22,667

Total deaths: PA 28,235 (+137); Erie Co. 429 (+3)

New Cases: PA 2504 (+905); Erie Co. 56 (+19)

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