



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH 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 MASS EXPLAINED
PART 5: THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

“While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, ‘Take and eat; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins’” (Matthew 26:26-28).



Continuing our study of the parts of the Mass, we look this week at the Eucharistic Prayer. This is the heart of the Mass, the moment toward which all before has built and from which all after flows. It is the moment that we say the words of institution and transform bread and wine into Christ’s Body and Blood for our salvation, but there is obviously more than that moment in the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Eucharistic Prayer begins with a prayer we call the Preface, which itself begins with a dialogue between the priest and the people. This dialogue invites us all to enter into the prayer. Even though the priest prays most of the Eucharistic Prayer himself, it is really the prayer of the whole congregation, and of the whole Church. The Preface sets the table for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, which is an extended prayer of thanksgiving for our salvation in Christ. In fact, the word Eucharist means “thanksgiving”, and the Preface invites us to “give thanks to the Lord our God.” We conclude the Preface with the hymn, “Holy, Holy, Holy,” or the Sanctus, the song of the heavenly hosts around God’s throne in the book of Revelation (4:8) and of the crowds as Jesus entered Jerusalem on his way to the victory of the cross (Matthew 21:9). This is because, in the Eucharistic Prayer, we sacramentally enter into the heavenly banquet, which is made possible by Christ’s sacrifice in Jerusalem.

In the Eucharistic Prayer, we don’t just remember Christ’s saving sacrifice, we enter into it anew, just like the disciples 2000 years ago. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, called on by the priest as he extends his hands over the bread and wine, Jesus becomes present for us on the altar through the words of consecration, taken from Christ’s words at the Last Supper: “Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you...Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of

my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.”

The Eucharistic Prayer then transitions into praying for the effects of our celebration of Christ’s saving sacrifice, namely our Communion with Christ, with each other, with the Church, and with those who have died. Finally, we conclude the Eucharistic Prayer through another hymn, the “Great Amen,” by which the people join themselves to the prayer of the priest by their affirmation, “So we believe,” similar to the covenant ceremony of the Israelites under Moses when he received the Law from God on Mount Sinai: “Then having sent young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the Lord, Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, ‘All that the Lord has said we will heed and do.’ Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, ‘This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words of his’” (Exodus 24:5-8). This prepares us for the next part of the Mass, the Communion Rite, by which we are saved by receiving the Body and Blood of our peace offering with God, Jesus Christ.

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.

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September 19, 2021

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

COFFEE AND DONUTS~ The St. Boniface Food Pantry will provide coffee and donuts in the cafeteria **this Sunday** after both Masses. Food Pantry donations will be accepted at this time and greatly appreciated. Stop in the cafeteria and socialize with your Parish Family. A bread box will also be available in the gathering space for your donation if you are unable to join us.

BAPTISM~ We welcome into the Christian Community and our Parish Family through the water of baptism **Hudson Frank Suroviec and Grayson Thomas Suroviec**, infant son's of **Frank & April (Schroder) Suroviec**. Congratulations to the proud parents!

SCHEDULING~ If you are interested in renting the Coleman Center or the St. Boniface Parish Hall for a party or family function please call the parish office at 825-4439 for more information.

14th ANNUAL GREENE TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB 100/100 CLUB FIRST 2 DRAWINGS~

Friday, August 27, 2020, at Seneca's Bob Diffenbacher Field by Lions Evelyn Shelhamer and TJ Kirsch:

- #29 Lion Steve Urash
- # 38 Dr. Richard Brozewicz
- #59 Holly Fetzner
- #12 Richard Gaber

Friday, September 3, 2021 at Past District Governor Gene Shelhamer's home with his daughter Lion Bev Kennedy drawing the tickets, to minimize Covid exposure from the public:

- #22 Lion Charles Smith
- #52 Lion Jim Hall
- #25 PDG Lion Tom Feeney
- #79 Dr. Richard Brozewicz

The remaining 3 drawings will be drawn at the Lions' next meeting, Monday, September 13, 2021, to minimize Covid exposure of the Lions who would be drawing the tickets, similarly as we did last year.

We will inform you of the results as soon as they are available. A tremendous thank you to all participants of this 14th year— **All 100 Tickets have been purchased again!** **THANK YOU~** Respectfully, Lions TJ Kirsch and Mike Allgeier.

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 Holy Rosary, on Saturday, October 2nd at 10:00a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Parish Office at 814-456-4254 to register.

KUHL HOSE 16TH ANNUAL TALLADEGA 500 PARTY~ Sunday, October 3, 2-6 pm, Coleman Center. Race to be shown on 12 x 17 ft video screen. Chances to win memorabilia. \$10 donation includes food and beverages. Must be 18 to attend. Tickets available at Hammett Motors. Please call 739-9514 for more information.

DIAPER DRIVE~ In recognition of the "Respect Life" month of October, Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services is again reaching out for our "diaper drive" to collect baby supplies and gently used maternity clothes. The "diaper drive" will occur during the month of October. St. Boniface Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a box in the gathering space. We thank you for your support.

THANK YOU~ To all who have sent me the beautiful cards. Dee Francis.

COVID-19: GET THE FACTS!

Total cases: PA 1,350,719; Erie Co. 23,753

Total deaths: PA 28,651 (+299); Erie Co. 442 (+9)

New Cases: PA 2852 (-583); Erie Co. 50 (-43)

Total fully vaccinated: PA 6,072,710 (46% total pop.); Erie Co. 133, 329 (50% total pop.)

CDC transmission rate: High. All people, including those fully vaccinated, are strongly urged to wear a face mask when attending Mass.

SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Colby Simkovic** from **Yaple Family**.



~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."~Mark 9:37

A Catechist's Prayer

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ.

Render my mind and heart so open, receptive, and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive.

Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of your Son.

I ask this through Christ our Lord. 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. This year, 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:

9/19 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 that everyone is 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 9:30-37

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ Conversations such as the one described in today's Gospel are common in family life. Perhaps these examples are familiar: "I should get the first piece of cake because I am the youngest;" "I did the dishes yesterday; someone else should do them today." How might we respond if Jesus asked about our family arguments? What would Jesus say to us in reply? All of us need the reminder found in today's Gospel: To be great in God's Kingdom is to be the servant of all. As you gather as a family, recall a recent family argument about household chores or an example of bickering among family members. Talk about what was at issue in the argument. Together imagine that Jesus entered the room just as the argument ended. What would you tell Jesus your argument was about? What might Jesus say in reply? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:30-37. How was your family argument like the argument among Jesus' disciples? What might your family do to remember that those who are great in God's kingdom are those who willingly serve others? Pray together that your family life will reflect your commitment to serve one another with love. Pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity.

Prayer for Generosity

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,

Teach me true generosity.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve.

To give without counting the cost,

To fight heedless of wounds,

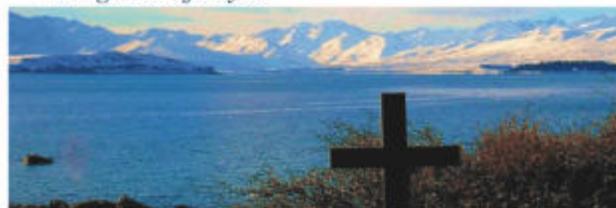
To labor without seeking rest,

To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward

Save the knowledge that I have done your will.

Amen

-St. Ignatius of Loyola



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, September 20, Saint Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang
No Mass Today

Tuesday, September 21, Saint Matthew
No Mass Today

Wednesday, September 22, Ordinary Time
No Mass Today

Thursday, September 23, Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
No Mass Today

Friday, September 24, Ordinary Weekday
No Mass Today

Saturday, September 25, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **In Thanksgiving for 50th Wedding Anniversary for Gene & Karen Krahe**

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

Sunday, September 26, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. **Romeo & Dorothy Totleben**
(Nicholas & Amanda Rekitt)

10:30 a.m. **Mary Pluta**
(Jaque & Rick Szoszorek)

RECONCILIATION

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

~Week of September 5, Collection~

Adult.....	\$11,975.00
Loose	\$249.00
Online.....	\$1,820.00
Catholic Service Appeal.....	\$210.00
Holy Father.....	\$10.00
Assumption of Mary	\$10.00

~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.



~LECTOR~

SATURDAY– September 25

5:00 p.m. D. Lunger

SUNDAY— September 26

7:30 a.m. P. Mowery

10:30 a.m. J. Bitters

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY— September 25

5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

SUNDAY— September 26

7:30 a.m. N. Szymanski

10:30 a.m. M. Brocius

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS- DIOCESAN CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES~

The Diocese of Erie, along with all other dioceses in the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in maintaining safe environments. The three main components of the Policy for the Protection of Children are: screening of all employees and volunteers who work with minors, training of all youth, parents, employees and volunteers, and reporting all suspected child abuse. The diocese is committed to promptly reporting any suspected child abuse directly to ChildLine or law enforcement. The diocese requires on-going screening and training of all personnel, paid or unpaid, who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. The diocese also requires yearly safe environment training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to read the policy and learn what the diocese requires for all personnel who work with children and youth in parishes/schools/agencies.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE~ Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question “What are you arguing about?” Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another, or to really solve a problem? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

~UPCOMING EVENTS~

Sunday— September 19

After all Masses Coffee and Donuts (Cafeteria)
9:00a.m. Confirmation Class (Church & Zapolski Room)
9:30-10:30am. Faith Formation Grades 9-10 (Classroom)

Monday— September 20

6:30p.m. Parish Council (Zapolski Room)

Wednesday— September 22

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

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