



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH 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 6: THE COMMUNION RITE

“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf” (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).



Having reflected last week on the Eucharistic Prayer, in which, by the grace of God, we transform bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, we reflect this week on the Communion Rite, in which we receive that Body and Blood and the gift the sacrament brings. The Communion Rite begins with the Lord's Prayer, recalling our shared adoption as God's children under our one heavenly Father which is accomplished by our communion with Christ, his only begotten Son.

We then exchange the sign of peace - our peace with God and with one another - accomplished by the sacrifice of Christ who washes away the sins that divide us: “For he is our peace, who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it” (Ephesians 2:14-16).

This is followed by the hymn, “The Lamb of God,” echoing John the Baptist's words to his disciples of the saving, unifying power of Christ's sacrifice: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), which themselves recall the sacrificial lamb of Passover, whose blood unites the Israelites and saves them from death (Exodus 12), and the victorious lamb who conquers evil and ushers in the kingdom of God (Revelation 5). While this hymn is being sung by the people, the priest carries out the Fraction Rite, breaking the bread become the Body of Christ as a symbol of the breaking of Christ's Body on the cross and of the unity our reception of his Body brings, all of us symbolically sharing the one Bread of Life.

All of this culminates in our reception of Holy Communion, which is introduced by a repetition by

the priest of the words of John the Baptist, to which the people respond with words based on those of the centurion who asked Jesus to heal his servant: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed” (Matthew 8:8). This humble expression of our faith in Christ's healing mercy leads us directly into Communion, and the shared posture (standing), gestures (bowing before receiving Communion), prayer (“The Body of Christ...Amen), and Communion Hymn externally express the internal Communion we receive and enjoy through the sacrament. After the hymn is over and all have received Communion, we enter into a brief period of silent reflection to enter more deeply into the mystery of our Communion with Christ and each other, letting the entire Communion Rite sink in personally.

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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS~ on Sunday, October 10th at 12:30PM in the parking lot in front of the church entrance.

STAFF

Rev. Marc Stockton, JCL.....*Pastor*
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~PRESCHOOL NEWS~

Deuteronomy 28:8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Preschool Teacher Feature:

This month I would like to feature Miss Emily Mack! Emily is headed into her 5th year of teaching here at St. Boniface and has been with the preschool since its beginning. Prior to employment here, she worked at Villa Elementary. Miss Emily is the lead pre-3 teacher and office facilitator of our school. She puts her whole heart into her students and the program. Her efforts can be recognized through the smiles on the children's faces each day as they leave her classroom and through the outstanding communication she provides not only with her own students & parents, but with all that are enrolled. Miss Emily is a hard worker who is often one of the first teachers to arrive in the morning and one of the last to leave for the evening. Many of our young students actually think she sleeps here! Miss Emily is an important asset to this program. St. Boniface just wouldn't be the same without her presence here each day. If you see Miss Emily, please congratulate her on her accomplishments and thank her for her dedication to the positive growth of young minds!

UPDATE: Mask wearing for St. Boniface Preschool

At this time mask wearing is MANDATED for licensed childcare centers across the state of Pennsylvania. Staff, students and any others who enter a childcare center (vaccinated or unvaccinated) are REQUIRED to wear a mask when proper social distancing is not available. This mandate is 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 childcare programs.

PROGRAMS UPDATE:

All other programs offered through St. Boniface Preschool are currently at capacity and we are no longer accepting applicants. Thank you for your support!

Hours of Operation:

Before Care: 7:00-8:15 AM
Preschool Programs: 8:15 AM-3:15 PM (11:45 AM half day)
After Care: 3:30-5:30 PM

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. We are also looking for substitute teachers/aides.

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 or would just like to be placed on the substitute list, please send a resume to Preschool@stbonifaceparisherie.org!

Important Dates:

Monday, October 11th: Before/After and Preschool programs closed in observance of Columbus Day.

**Be Grateful in all things and God Bless,
Brooke Lander
St. Boniface Preschool Director**

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.

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.

~UPCOMING EVENTS~

Wednesday— September 29

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

Thursday— September 30

6:00p.m. Adoration (Church)

Friday— October 1

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

6:30p.m. St. Boniface Beer Tasting Event
(Rectory Lawn)

Sunday— October 3

2:00p.m. Kuhl Hose Talladega Party (Center)

SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN

MEMORY~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Richard Fugagli** from **George, Deb & Christopher Uhl.**



~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

~Psalm 119:105

An Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months,

May the earlier setting of the sun

Remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet

Remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air

Remind us that it is you who give us

your breath of life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds

Remind us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen

– Author Unknown

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. This year, we look 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. Committed to creating lifelong learners of faith, we at St. Boniface Parish, are dedicated to fully engaging our parish families.

*Faith Stories Tip of the Week: An old saying is profoundly true: Faith is caught, not taught.” And faith is caught from the people who are closest to us. Faith Stories offers a simple and fun opportunity to play catch” with the special persons in your life. The activities and questions are based on everyday experiences and offer simple and practical ways of engaging a youngster in faith talk. It is also helpful to meet as regularly as possible as a family. Meeting at the same time on the same day of the week will help keep you on track. Prepare for sessions by following the suggestions offered and read over the story/other pages beforehand. Last, enjoy this special time growing in faith with your family!

October Sessions:

10/3 9:00 Family Mass with Faith Stories Theme, A Chosen People.

*Parent and Peer Group Sessions (Grades K-8) to follow until 10:30

9:30-10:30 Youth Ministry Session, Grades 9-10

10/10 Lesson 2 “What makes me happy?” (Discovering God as the Source)

10/24 Lesson 3 Whats your story God?” (A Look at Salvation History)

Confirmation Class

10/10 9:15 - 10:30 Class Session

10/24 9:15 - 10:30 Class Session

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

**Love and Light,
Jeanne Yaple**

THE WORD OF GOD THIS WEEK ~LOYOLA PRESS

Gospel Reading, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ The second part of today's Gospel contains a strong message for those who share the responsibility of fostering faith. It is indeed an awesome responsibility. Today's Gospel reminds us that faith is a lifelong journey toward God. We don't always get it all or even get it right. But we pray for the grace to acknowledge and build upon even the smallest signs of faith, in ourselves and in others. There are plenty of obstacles that might prevent the growth of faith. Let us pray that we are not contributing to the obstacles that might hinder another person's faith in Jesus.

As you gather as a family, observe that there are things in our lives that nurture our faith and things that can hinder it. Talk about some of the things that nurture our faith—healthy family relationships, healthy friendships, good literature, and so on. Name some of the things that might be an obstacle to faith—unhealthy relationships, scandals, and so on. Observe that Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we are to do everything we can to help one another have faith in Jesus and do all that we can to avoid creating obstacles that might hinder another person's faith. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48. Conclude by praying together that we will be a family that helps each other grow in faith. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 19, or the Lord's Prayer.

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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION~ Last weekend, our parish took up a second collection to help support the lifelong faith formation and educational needs of our parish and diocese. Many parishioners responded generously. Thank you! If you missed last week's Catholic Education Collection, please consider a donation by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, September 27, Saint Vincent de Paul
No Mass Today

Tuesday, September 28, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **For the Living and Deceased Members of the Blaine and Sally Breindel Family (Walt Briendel)**

Wednesday, September 29, Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Archangels
8:00 a.m. **Joan Pisano (Vic Pisano)**

Thursday, September 30, Saint Jerome
8:00 a.m. **George Fuhrman (Annette & Chris Fuhrman)**

Friday, October 1, Saint Therese of Lisieux
8:00 a.m. **Theresa Reisenweber (Valeria Carlson & Family)**

Saturday, October 2, The Guardian Angels
8:00 a.m. **John & Helena Weed (Valeria Carlson & Family)**

5:00 p.m. **Marge Lorei (Joe Lorei)**

Sunday, October 3, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of St. Boniface Parish**

10:30 a.m. **Dolores Jagodinski (Janet & Ed Grunzel)**

RECONCILIATION

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

~Week of September 12, Collection~

Adult.....	\$4,928.00
Loose.....	\$30.69
Online.....	\$1,473.00
Catholic Service Appeal.....	\$570.00
Catholic Education.....	\$30.00
Haiti Emergency Relief.....	\$224.00
Assumption of Mary.....	\$55.00

~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.



~LECTOR~

SATURDAY– October 2

5:00 p.m. J. Wise

SUNDAY— October 3

7:30 a.m. L. Hogan

10:30 a.m. K. Praetzel

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY— October 2

5:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

SUNDAY— October 3

7:30 a.m. Campbell Family

10:30 a.m. S. Praetzel

~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~

October 2 & 3 Weekend is Rosary Sunday. We will be praying for ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN NATURAL DESASTERS OR SUFFERING THROUGH A RECENT COVID ILLNESS. We Pray you will try to be safe by wearing a MASK or getting the Vaccine.

Thursday, October 7th is our meeting night at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there.

We will be selling Religious Christmas Cards Soon for those of you who still like to send cards for the Holiday. Please help us promote KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTmas. Thank you.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES~ forms are available in the gathering space and please fill out and return to the parish office as soon as possible. You can either put the forms in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL LADIES' GUILD~ will hold its *Annual Fall Luncheon and Auction* on Sunday, October 17 from 1-4 pm at Scheffner Hall, 1531 East Grandview Blvd. Tickets are \$8.00 and include a delicious lunch. Also on tap – a Chinese Auction, Dessert Auction, tip boards, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing. Only 200 tickets will be sold, so reserve a table for your group today! For tickets or more information, call Carolyn at 814-825-3895.

BISHOP PERSICO'S PASTORAL LETTER IN PANDEMIC INVITES US TO DEEPEN OUR COMMITMENT~ “It is time for us to come together again as disciples of Christ and to “re-member” our Sunday story,” Bishop Lawrence Persico says in his new pastoral letter written in time of pandemic. “By this I do not mean only a recalling of the teachings and legacy of Jesus Christ that deepen our faith; I also mean that we need to come together again as the Body of Christ...and to become in Christ the faith-filled disciples that we are called to be.” The letter, along with questions for reflection and discussion, can be found in its entirety on the *Re-memorizing Our Sunday Story* webpage at www.Eriercd.org/sundaystory.html.

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