



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 7, 2021
THIRTY-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 YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
THANKSGIVING

“Address one another in psalms, hymns, and inspired songs, praying to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father” (Ephesians 5:19-20).



We enter the final month of our Year of St. Joseph by reflecting together on gratitude. November is the month of Thanksgiving, but we don't just offer thanks to God once a year. We are called to thank God always and in everything, because everything comes from him. St. Joseph was deeply aware of this, as we see in his actions surrounding the birth of Christ.

Joseph, aware that Jesus was not his son but God's, took Mary, pregnant out of wedlock, into his home. We don't know exactly what went through his mind, but faith in the promise of the angel must have been part of it: “Do not be afraid, Joseph, to take Mary your wife into your home, for it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:20-21).

Joseph's faith in God's promise must have been mingled with gratitude for the gift of salvation in Jesus as he followed the birth of Christ with the prescribed sacrifices at the temple. But he also went beyond the prescribed sacrifices to offer even more, sacrificing his own life, home, livelihood, everything, to protect the child Jesus, moving to Egypt to escape Herod and then moving back again. Doing the backbreaking work of a carpenter to support the Holy Family until he died. His faith in God's promise knew no limits, nor did his gratitude to God for so great a gift.

This November, let us follow Joseph's example. May we express our gratitude to God, not just one day a year, but everyday, offering our sacrifice of praise in everything we do, listening to his voice, trusting in his promise, and serving him with our lives, just as Joseph did and still does, praying for all of us. May his prayers win us the grace to do as he did so that we may be as he is, sharers in the great promise of God's mercy in 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.

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 St. Luke, on December 7th at 7:00p.m. in the Rectory Office. Please call the Parish Office at 814-825-6920 to register.

STAFF

Rev. Marc Stockton, JCL.....*Pastor*
Rev. Mister Timothy G. Good.....*Permanent Deacon*
Jeanne Yaple.....*Faith Formation Director*
Santee 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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COVID-19: GET THE FACTS!

Total cases: PA 1,564,939; Erie 29,717

Total deaths: PA 31,530 (+475); Erie 492 (+9)

New cases: PA 2739 (-883); Erie 90 (-4)

Fully Vaccinated: PA 6,459,254 (49% pop.); 139,929 (53%)

Erie County is currently in the HIGH zone for community transmission. All people, including those fully vaccinated, are strongly urged to wear a face mask when attending Mass.

November 7, 2021

~PRE SCHOOL NEWS~

John 15:13 ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Preschool News:

Our religious lessons this month will focus on SERVICE, GIVING and THANKFULNESS. Our song this month is "Thank you Jesus." The definition of service is the action helping or doing work for someone. Service is an important part of character and social development in children. It can come in all shapes and sizes. Jesus served His people in MANY ways. Sometimes he was able to provide a profound miracle that saved lives, other times he would just lend an ear to listen to his people. We can learn about the many types and ways we can serve by following the actions of Jesus. The students will also learn about the types of service that they (even at 2, 3, 4 years old) can provide for others. Maybe its sharing with a friend, helping mom and dad with simple chores, or being kind to someone who needs it.

What better way to begin teaching our students about the action of service than by having them THANK someone else for their service to our country!?! Veteran's Day is November 11. The students at St. Boniface Preschool are working on making Veteran's Day Cards to be delivered to the veterans at the VA hospital and the Soldiers and Sailors home in Erie. St. Boniface Preschool THANKS all veterans for their service to our country.

Mask Mandate Reminder:

A reminder that 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). If you need to come to the preschool for any reason, please be prepared with a mask.

We appreciate families and parishioners who understand and abide by the rules set forth by the state of PA concerning the safety of children enrolled in childcare programs.

St. Boniface Preschool continues to seek applicants:

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

Important Dates:

BEEF STICK SALE continues into November: Purchase a Country Meat Beef Stick for \$1 each in a variety of flavors at the school and church office! THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Friday, November 19th: Stanganelli's orders delivered. Pick up Coleman Hall. 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

If you placed an order and this time frame does not work for you, please contact Brooke Lander to make alternate arrangements

November 22-24: Parent/teacher conferences for Preschool

Wednesday, November 24-Monday November 29: No School

Tuesday, November 30: School Resumes

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

**Be Grateful in all things and God Bless,
Brooke Lander**

St. Boniface Preschool Director

CHURCH ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS DECORATING~

As we prepare our hearts & souls and homes for the birth of our Savior, please consider volunteering an hour or two to help decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas on Friday, November 26th at 9:00a.m. What a great way to work off a few calories from your delicious Thanksgiving meal! Many hands make the work light! May God bless you for devoting time to decorate His House.

TURKEY SUNDAY AT COFFEE AND DONUTS~

The St. Boniface Food Pantry will provide coffee and donuts in the cafeteria **next Sunday (Nov 14th, Turkey Sunday)** after both Masses, Food Pantry donations will be accepted at this time as well as frozen turkeys to be distributed at the Nov. 20th distribution. With the possible shortage of turkeys, you may substitute a monetary donation, clearly marked for a turkey, and the Food Pantry staff will do their best to secure some additional turkeys. A breadbox will also be available in the gathering space for your donation. As always – Thank you so much for your generous help. GOD BLESS.

SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Bill & Ann Watson** from **Pat & Carol Gallagher.**



~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

"They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

~Mark 12:44

A Prayer for Stewardship

-Prayerist

Gracious and generous God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. We acknowledge that all that we have is from you. We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given. You are with us always. In each dark hour, you are here. In each bright hour, you are here. Blessed by your grace, may we show gratitude by sharing what we have been given. By serving our brothers and sisters, we serve you. We remain ever grateful for your constant love, the gift of your Son Jesus, and the presence of your Holy Spirit with us. Protect and guide us on our journey, and guide those who are involved in Diocesan, and parish stewardship leadership. We seek to be your faithful stewards. Amen.

Upcoming News and Events:

If you haven't already done so, register for Faith Formation and/or Sacrament Prep Sessions as soon as possible. Parents with children of all ages are welcome to join our monthly Mass/share sessions, guiding families through "faith-talk" discussions, faith-filled activities, and increased involvement within our parish community.

Faith Stories Tip of the Week: Try using the same ritual gesture in each prayer time. Make a small cross with your thumb on your forehead, lips, and heart as you say, "Lord, we ask you to open our minds, our lips, and our hearts to the Good News in your gospel, so that we may live it in the days ahead." Remember, do not feel limited by these suggestions. As you and your family begin to share, you may discover types of prayer and rituals that are more meaningful and more comfortable. How you pray together is not as important as taking the time to pray together. Last, enjoy this special time growing in faith with your family. It is truly a gift from God.

November Sessions:

11/7 9:00 Family Mass with *Faith Stories* Theme, *The Promised Land*

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

11/14 9:30-10:30 Youth Ministry Session, Grades 9-10 ~ Lesson 4 "How do I know God is real?" (Understanding Divine Revelation)

11/21 9:30-10:30 Youth Ministry Session, Grades 9-10 Lesson 5 "Who is Jesus?" (The Person and Mission of Christ)

Confirmation Class

11/14 9:15 - 10:30 Sponsor Catechist Meeting: Candidates bring sponsors*

11/21 9:15-10:30 Why am I Catholic? & The Saints

*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 12:38-44

Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ Today's Gospel leads us to think about our family's financial contributions to our parish community, the diocese, other Church-sponsored organizations, and other charitable organizations. Good stewardship invites us to share our treasure as well as our time and talent. Sometimes, however, decisions about a family's charitable giving are made without our children's knowledge. Yet we teach more when we invite all family members to be aware of how we contribute to our Church and to other charitable organizations.

As you gather as a family, talk about your family's financial contributions to your parish and to other Church activities. If your family supports other charitable organizations, you might talk about these as well. Talk together about why it is important for us to share our resources with these organizations. Read today's Gospel, Mark 12:41-44. Talk about what Jesus observes about the generosity of the poor widow. Talk also about ways in which your family might also make a sacrificial gift to support your parish or other charitable organization. (Perhaps your family might choose not to go out to dinner but to contribute the money to your parish). Invite all family members to participate in the decision about what action you will take and which organization you will support with your contribution. Conclude in prayer together asking God to help your family be generous like the poor widow in today's Gospel. Pray together the Peace Prayer of St. Francis.

INTERESTED IN BEING AN ACTIVE PART OF FAMILY FAITH FORMATION?

Pass on The Good News of Jesus and our Catholic faith! Are you feeling called to help families learn and grow deeper roots in their faith? Thinking about coaching and nurturing the faith of our families? Our Faith Formation Family always welcomes new catechists *or* substitute catechists. Email Jeanne Yaple at faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.org for more information.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, November 8, Ordinary Weekday
No Mass Today

Tuesday, November 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 a.m. **Joe Winkler**
(Dave & Cheryl Ferry)

Wednesday, November 10, Saint Leo the Great

8:00 a.m. **Mary Ann Arnold**
(Norm & Chris Green)

Thursday, November 11, Saint Martin of Tours (Veterans Day)

9:00 a.m. **Cathy Zapolski**
(Ray Zapolski)

Friday, November 12, Saint Josaphat

8:00 a.m. **Patti Massing**
(Family)

Saturday, November 13, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00 a.m. **Richard Dylewski**
(Valeria Carlson & Family)

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

Sunday, November 14, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. **Maria Raffaella Pisano**
(Vic Pisano)

10:30 a.m. **Daisy Dibble**
(Prischak & Keim)

RECONCILIATION

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

~LECTOR~

SATURDAY- November 13

5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

SUNDAY- November 14

7:30 a.m. C. Mester

10:30 a.m. C. Wilson

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY- November 13

5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

SUNDAY- November 14

7:30 a.m. Campbell Family

10:30 a.m. E. Whiteford

THANK YOU~ St. Boniface Prayer Shawl Ministry wish to thank everyone who contributed to the diaper drive. It was a great success.

14TH ANNUAL GREENE TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB 100/100 CLUB LAST 3 DRAWINGS:

9-21-21~ Due to the Covid infection risks, the final 3 drawings of the Lions 100/100 Club raffle were drawn at the 9-13-21 Lions Club monthly meeting. The results for the final three drawings are as follows:

9-17-21: Ticket #79 Dr. Rick Brozewicz, #69 Dick Mester, #47 Cathy Mester, #99 Judy Bitters

10-1-21: Ticket #16 John Afton, #39 Dan Latcovich, #91 Evelyn Shelhamer, #63 Yvonne Zelepsky

10-22-21: Ticket #86 Melissa Oberlander, #48 Dick Mester, #47 Cathy Mester, #43 Rush Firestone

A tremendous thank you to all participants of this 14th year! This 14th 100/100 Club has brought the total raised to nearly \$140,000, will provide 3 more scholarship for a total of 69 scholarships with the past help of the St. Boniface Ushers Club (26) at \$1,000 each and the balance of funds for the St. Boniface food pantry and other needs. Past support has also been given to the Lowville/Wattsburg area food pantry, and to Vets at the Erie VA Hospital. As you can see, this is a community project providing community based support. **We are humbled by your continued support and take pride in your generosity! THANK YOU!** Respectfully, Lions TJ Kirsch and Mike Allgeier.

~UPCOMING EVENTS~

Sunday- November 7

12:00p.m. Pork & Kraut Dinner (Center)

Thursday- November 11

6:30p.m. Huntington's Support Group
(Zapolski Room)

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

Sunday- November 14

After All Masses Coffee & Donuts (Cafeteria)

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.

~Week of October 24, Collection~

Adult.....	\$5,385.00
Loose	\$15.27
Online.....	\$865.00
Catholic Service Appeal.....	\$75.00
World Mission.....	\$410.00
Catholic Education.....	\$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: **Therese Dunn, Cheryl Ferrie, Martha Kaveney and Tom & Barb Galkowski.** May God bless them in their faithful work.



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