

Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 2, 2022

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage” (Matthew 2:2).



The most remarkable thing about the magi who came from “the East” seeking the newborn Jesus is that they were not Jews, which immediately raises the question: why did these Gentiles, or non-Jews, travel for miles through inhospitable terrain to pay homage to a newborn Jewish king? Before we can answer that question, we need to answer some more fundamental ones, such as: how did the magi know that the star signified the Jewish king’s birth, and how did they even notice the star in the first place?

The answer to all three questions is the fact that the magi were looking. These magi were learned men of their time from ancient Persia or Arabia, and astrology was part of their study, so they kept their eyes fixed on the heavens. In ancient astrology, the appearance of a new star meant the birth of a king, and the magi ascertained that this new king had been born in the kingdom of Herod based on their observation of the star’s position, thus they deduced that he must be king of the Jews. Magi, or wise men, were also trusted royal advisors, sharing in their king’s royal office and authority, hence the early recognition of these magi as kings. It was common practice for kings of that time to visit or send royal emissaries, bearing gifts, to other kings, to see and assess who the other kings were and so get a better sense of their own position on the world stage. That is why and how these Gentile magi made their journey seeking the newborn king of the Jews – they were looking.

One of the great lessons for us to take away as we celebrate the feast of Epiphany and commemorate the journey of the magi is to always be looking too. We need to look beyond ourselves and the two feet in front of our face to our ultimate goal, keeping our eyes open to see the signs that God gives us in our lives showing us the way. We need to look more deeply into our faith so that we can interpret those signs and know where they lead. And, above all, we need to look to Christ, the supreme revelation of God and his will for us, to see who God really is and to learn our place in his plan. As we continue the

Christmas season, in which we, like the magi, gaze on the newborn king of the Jews, may we renew our commitment to keep our gaze on him and follow him ever-more faithfully through the new year.


Fr. Marc Stockton

PLEASE PRAY~ Please pray for the souls of parishioners **David Heidecker and Charles Hrinko**, who passed away recently. Our sympathy is extended to their families.

BAPTISM~ We welcome into the Christian Community and our Parish Family through the water of baptism **Autumn Marie Patterson**, infant daughter of **Corey & Rachel (Schupp) Patterson**. Congratulations to the proud parents!

SYMPATHY COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS~ Thank you for all your donations for all of the funeral luncheons, but don’t forget to pick up your favorite dish. The dishes are kept in the cabinet outside the parish office. Thank you!

SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Ron & Chuck Heidecker** from **Herb Heidecker and Molly Johnson**.



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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.



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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE~ After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by “another way.” What in your family needs to be done “another way?” Do you need “another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn’t working. Take a tip from some wise men, there’s always “another way.”

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS~

Online Gaming: 72% of teens, both male and female (ages 13-17) play video games. More than half of those teens said they have made new friends online. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children analysis of Cyber Tipline reports has found that gaming platforms are more often used in the online enticement of young boys than any other group of children. It is important for parents to talk to their child about safety in online gaming. Some important questions to ask are: Have you ever been cyberbullied while gaming? Do you know what information is OK to share about yourself while gaming? Has anyone talked about sex while you were gaming or asked you to send pictures of yourself? If your child answers yes, report the matter to law enforcement. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ for additional resources.

GETTING MARRIED (OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS)?

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here’s what folks have loved in the past: Time as a couple to focus on their relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere, the chance to set a good foundation for their marriage, and the opportunity to retreat from busy wedding details and enjoy each other. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

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~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

Lord, grant me peace above all else no matter the circumstances I may face this year. ~Philippians 4:6-7

Dear God, Thank You for new beginnings.
What an incredible day this is with a fresh year's potential stretched out before me. I want to be found faithful this year in each and every opportunity You bring to me.
Thank You, Lord, for new beginnings.
I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.
By Pastor David McGee

New Year's Blessings, Jeanne Yaple

Upcoming News and Events

Thank you for your patience as we transition to home-based/virtual sessions and look for updates for the month of January!

The Word of God this Week ~Loyola Press

Gospel Reading, Matthew 2:1-12
The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift-giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift-giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."



~UPCOMING EVENTS~

Tuesday— January 4

7:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday— January 5

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

Thursday— January 6

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

Friday— January 7

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

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.

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

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, on January 4th at 7:00p.m. in the Allgeier Room. Please call the Parish Office at 814-825-4439 to register.

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, January 3, Christmas Weekday
No Mass Today

Tuesday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:00 a.m. **Eleanor Kozik**
(Brian & Katie Praetzel & Family)

Wednesday, January 5, Saint John Neumann
8:00 a.m. **John Nash**
(Fred & Joanne Regal)

Thursday, January 6, Christmas Weekday
8:00 a.m. **James (Butch) Greenman**
(Valeria Carlson & Family)

Friday, January 7, Christmas Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Joe Winkler**
(Brian & Katie Praetzel & Family)

Saturday, January 8, Christmas Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Daisy Dibble**
(Family)

Saturday, January 8, Baptism of the Lord
5:00 p.m. **Richard Fugagli**
(St. Boniface Quilters)

Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord
7:30 a.m. **Dave Niedzielski**
(Darleen & David Wilkinson)

10:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of St. Boniface Parish**

RECONCILIATION

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

SEVENTH ANNUAL 138 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE~ "Say Yes!

to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This year's conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at www.138women.com for more information and to register."

~LECTOR~

SATURDAY- January 8

5:00 p.m. J. Bitters

SUNDAY- January 9

7:30 a.m. L. Hogan

10:30 a.m. E. Whiteford

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY- January 8

5:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

SUNDAY- January 9

7:30 a.m. J. Hlifka

10:30 a.m. E. Russell

~GREETER~

SATURDAY- January 8

5:00 p.m. P. Warmbrod

SUNDAY- January 9

7:30 a.m. D. & L. Brumagin

10:30 a.m. F. & J. Regal

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

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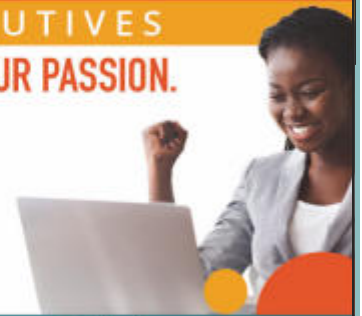
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