



# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## *Saint Boniface*

CATHOLIC CHURCH

**JANUARY 9, 2022**

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### **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

“Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good” (Titus 2:11-14).



The Christmas season officially concludes this weekend with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. While we may have already packed up all of our Christmas decorations and stowed them away for another year, the transitional event in the life of Christ that we celebrate this weekend gives us a chance to pause in our own transition between seasons in order to reflect on what we have just celebrated and what it means for how we live our lives going forward.

At Christmas, we celebrate Christ’s coming into our world and our lives. He didn’t just come to provide heartwarming images for Christmas cards, though; he came to save us from the powers of sin and death that rule this world. The baby lying in the manger would battle those powers through his ministry of teaching and healing and ultimately conquer them through his cross and resurrection. To do that, he had to grow up, leave his quiet childhood home in Nazareth, and tackle the awesome mission that the Father had sent him to accomplish. That is what we celebrate this weekend, the moment that Christ, the child, became Christ, the man and messiah, assuming the responsibility of his saving mission and beginning his public ministry by passing through the waters of John’s baptism, taking his place among sinners, though he himself was sinless, so that he could save us from sin.

Christ’s baptism recalls for us the grace and meaning of our own, because it is through baptism that Christ enters our lives. Every baptism is like Christmas as the life of Christ is born within us and we are reborn to a new life, free from sin and open to eternal life. But just like Christ, that new life remains unrealized and incomplete until we make the transition that Jesus did at the Jordan River and assume the responsibility

of the mission that the Father has planned for us. When we receive the life of Christ in our baptism, we receive a share in his mission, and only by prayerfully discerning what that is and striving to carry it out each day, with the help of God’s grace, will we realize our new life’s full potential.

As we transition this weekend from Christmas to Ordinary Time, spend some time reflecting on Christ’s transition through his baptism and ask God to grant us the grace to transition ourselves to ever newer and fuller service of the mission he has given each of us through our baptism.

*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.

**COVID-19: GET THE FACTS!**

Total cases: PA - 2,094,614; Erie - 42,857

Total deaths: PA - 36,799; Erie - 631

New cases: PA - 14,822; Erie - 253

Fully Vaccinated: PA - 6,938,880 (53%); Erie - 149,386 (56%)

Erie County is currently in the HIGH zone for community transmission, and so all people, even the fully vaccinated, are strongly urged to wear a face mask when in church.

**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.

**DIRECTORY**

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January 9, 2022

## ~PRE SCHOOL NEWS~

Proverbs 20:11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

### Preschool News:

St. Boniface Preschool returned from Christmas break on Monday, January 3. We are glad to be BACK!!

Our January religion lessons will focus on Faith. Students will learn that faith is a gift from God, that God wants us to live in faith by trusting Him in all things. The song the students will be singing is "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

January is also a time for re-evaluation and reflection. School has been in session for 4 months, and teachers have taken this time to evaluate academic, social, and motor skills for each individual student as well as the classroom as a whole. This is the time of year where classroom curriculums become more customized to meet the needs of all children. Some students may require a more individualized education in academic areas such as simple math or language development while others may need to work on social skills like sharing and communicating effectively with others. These skills are important for children to practice daily. It is part of St. Boniface Preschool's mission to provide opportunities that support development in all areas of growth and learning. Because of our mission, consistent reflection through assessment and observation assists in ensuring our program is in fact meeting the needs for successful growth. The mission also requires flexibility and capability of change in the staff to adapt to meet these needs. We are excited to be back with our students and can't wait to see the growth that happens over the rest of the school year!

### Important Dates:

· Monday, January 17th: No School/Martin Luther King Jr. Day

· Friday, January 21st: Preschool IN session including Before/After Care (Covid-19 make-up due to Oct. closure)

WASD closed: School Age Before/After Care CLOSED

### 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  
Preschool@stbonifaceparisherie.org**

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

**CHURCH CLEANING~** Heavenly dusters this week are: **Suzie Lyle & Family and Marlene Kerecman** . May God bless them in their faithful work.

**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.

**THE ST. BONIFACE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY~** would like to thank all those who have donated yarn, money, etc. over this past year. We are now in our 12th year and have given out over 1340 shawls. We'd like to remind everyone of our prayer shawl Mass on Jan. 16th at 7:30AM. Prayer shawls will be available after all Masses that weekend.

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS~** Please help take down the Christmas decorations in the Church, Sunday, January 9th after 10:30 Mass. This is a great opportunity for students to earn service hours. Thank you and God bless you!

**SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~** The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Andy Kania** from **Tom, Ann & Thomas Cermak**.





## ~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism. ~Ephesians 4:4-5*

### Winter in all of Our Lives

-Author Unknown

There is a winter in all of our lives,  
a chill and darkness that makes us yearn  
for days that have gone  
or put our hope in days yet to be.  
Father God, you created seasons for a purpose.  
Spring is full of expectation  
buds breaking  
frosts abating and an awakening  
of creation before the first days of summer.  
Now the sun gives warmth  
and comfort to our lives  
reviving aching joints  
bringing color, new life  
and crops to fruiting.  
Autumn gives nature space  
to lean back, relax, and enjoy the fruits of its labor  
mellow colors in sky and landscape  
as the earth prepares to rest.  
Then winter, cold and bare as nature takes stock  
rest unwinds, sleep until the time is right.  
An endless cycle  
and yet a perfect model.  
We need a winter in our lives  
a time of rest, a time to stand still  
a time to reacquaint ourselves  
with the faith in which we live.  
It is only then that we can draw strength  
from the one in whom we are rooted  
take time to grow and rise through the darkness  
into the warm glow of your springtime  
to blossom and flourish  
bring color and vitality into this world,  
your garden.  
Thank you, Father  
for the seasons of our lives. Amen.

**Light and Love,**

**Jeanne Yaple**

### Upcoming News and Events

*We appreciate your patience as we continue home-based/virtual sessions into the new year. We hope to return to in-person sessions as soon as community spread shifts from high transmission, thank you.*

## January Sessions

### Grades K-8, Faith Stories

Home-Based family sharing sessions for January  
Session 9, *Kings and Queens*  
Session 10, *God Calls David*  
Session 11, *God Calls Esther*

### Grades 9-10, Home-Based Sessions via Chosen Program Online

\*Lessons 8 and 9 are to be completed during January.  
Lesson 8 "How do I get there?" (The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments)  
Lesson 9 "When did my journey begin? (Baptism, Your Initiation into God's Family)

### Grade 2, First Reconciliation

1/16 9:30-10:15 Virtual Class Session

1/23 Home-Based Session

1/30 9:30-10:15 Class Session

### Grade 3, First Communion

1/16 9:30-10:15 Virtual Class Session

1/30 9:30-10:15 Class Session

### Confirmation Class

1/16 9:30 - 10:30 Virtual Class Session

1/24 *Sealed in Spirit*, a home-based reflective retreat for candidates and their parents/sponsors will begin this weekend with materials ready in the Gathering Space.

1/30 Confirmation Candidate Interviews with Father Marc (No class session)

\*Letters to the Bishop due

## **The Word of God this Week ~Loyola Press**

Gospel Reading, Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Jesus is baptized by John.



**THANK YOU~** for all the Christmas cards. These cards brought so much joy to all who received them. St. Boniface is the parish that brings light to its community.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Monday, January 10, Ordinary Weekday**  
No Mass Today

**Tuesday, January 11, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Joe Winkler**  
(Ed & Carol Pfeiffer)

**Wednesday, January 12, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Fr. Dan Arnold**  
(Norm & Chris Green)

**Thursday, January 13, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Linda Stafford**  
(Valeria Carlson & Family)

**Friday, January 14, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **For the Living and Deceased  
Members of the Henry & Edna  
Breindel Family** (Walt Breindel)

**Saturday, January 15, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Bruno Pisano**  
(Vic Pisano)

**Saturday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 p.m. **Marge Lorei**  
(Joe Lorei)

**Sunday, January 16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 a.m. **For All Those Who Have Received  
Prayer Shawls**  
(Prayer Shawl Ministry)

10:30 a.m. **Geneva Folmar**  
(Ted & Nancy Morad)

### RECONCILIATION

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

## ~Week of December 26, Collection~

Adult.....	\$5,844.00
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and to all who have increased their offerings.~*

**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.

## ~LECTOR~

**SATURDAY— January 15**  
5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

**SUNDAY— January 16**  
7:30 a.m. C. Mester  
10:30 a.m. R. Jaworski

## ~ALTAR SERVER~

**SATURDAY— January 15**  
5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

**SUNDAY— January 16**  
7:30 a.m. L. Newsom, D. Newsom  
10:30 a.m. E. Whiteford

## ~GREETER~

**SATURDAY— January 15**  
5:00 p.m. D. & N. Latcovich

**SUNDAY— January 16**  
7:30 a.m. M. Good  
10:30 a.m. R. Konsel

## ~UPCOMING EVENTS~

**Tuesday— January 11**

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

**Sunday— January 16**

After all Masses Coffee and Donuts (Cafeteria)

**FAMILY CONNECTION~** Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16,21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together with the Lord's Prayer.



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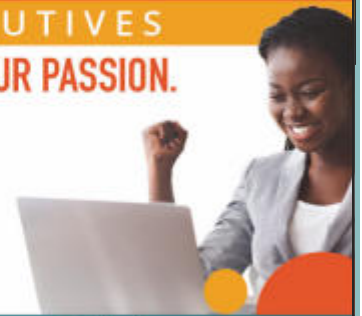
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