



# *Saint Boniface*

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**JANUARY 23, 2022**

**THIRD 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 HOLY SPIRIT

"Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you...The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name, he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you...When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 14:15-17,25-26; 16:13).



We believe in a Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While we tend to have a pretty good grasp of the Father and the Son, we can struggle at times to wrap our heads around the Holy Spirit. Who is the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity, and what role does he play in our salvation? The Holy Spirit is the unseen yet ever-present manifestation of God in the world. When Jesus, the Son of God incarnate, ascended into glory, he breathed his own divine Spirit into the Apostles (John 20:22; Acts 2:1-4). He promised that this Spirit would be with them always and would lead them to all truth, unfolding the mysteries he had revealed in his own life, teachings, and ministry, "until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). The Spirit works out God's saving plan in the lives of people today in and through his Church, the living sign and instrument of the Spirit in the world.

All of this means that, if we wish to be saved, we must listen and respond to the Holy Spirit's movements within us leading us into the life of God, what we call grace. These movements are sometimes visible or sensible, like the proclamation of God's Word in Scripture or in the celebration of the sacraments, but often they are not. Whether visible or invisible, they are always interior, perceptible to the eyes and ears of our hearts, minds, and souls, if we cultivate the inner life to perceive them. We call this ongoing effort the discernment of spirits: "Beloved, do not trust every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can know the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ come in the flesh belongs to God, and every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus does not belong to God" (1 John 4:1-3).

The standard for discerning the Spirit then is Jesus and a close, personal relationship with him through prayer, study, and Christian life. Whatever leads us closer to Jesus is of the Holy Spirit, and whatever does not is not. But how do we even sense the mysterious movement of the Spirit in our lives? It may be experienced in different ways, some more perceptible than others, but it generally involves a deep stirring of the heart, mind, and soul - an idea that just

won't go away; an enduring excitement yet inner peace at a certain prospect; a hunger for something beyond the superficial desires and pleasures of this world. It is a feeling that involves but transcends emotion, a sort of resonance in a given situation between our deepest selves and God not identical with but similar to the union of Christ's humanity and divinity, drawing us into deeper communion with God through his Spirit dwelling within us.

It is hard to describe the movement of the Holy Spirit. Like the best art, it moves us in ways difficult to express in words, but we know in our bones when we experience it. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Oh, God, who teach the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit, grant us by that same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore rejoice in his holy comfort through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Marc Stockton

COVID-19: GET THE FACTS!

Total cases: PA - 2,487,925; Erie - 51,127
Deaths: PA - 38,655; Erie - 652
New cases: PA - 12,352; Erie - 350
Fully vaccinated: PA - 7,037,160 (54%); Erie - 151,208 (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.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING~ Heavenly dusters this week are: Jean Conn, John Giweont, Vicki Zboyovski, Judy Bitters, Gerry Tomczak, Rose Pencille and Janet Cross. May God bless them in their faithful work.

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- Rev. Marc Stockton, JCL .....Pastor
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**~PRE SCHOOL NEWS~**

Job 37:6-9

For he saith to the snow, Be thou **on** the earth; likewise, to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength. He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work. Then the beasts go into dens and remain in their places. Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS:**

Winter is upon us, the temperatures have turned cold, and we finally got some snow! This time of year is exciting for preschoolers. Preschool classrooms are learning about animals that live in the Arctic (Northern) and Antarctic (Southern) regions. Students are also learning about animals that hibernate in winter. On days when the temperatures aren't too cold, students are provided the opportunity to play and explore the outdoors. You may ask "Is it safe for children to play outside in the winter months?" It takes some planning on the teacher's part to schedule outdoor play days in the winter, but the answer is YES, it is safe to go outside!!! As long as, children have the appropriate outer wear to keep them warm, there are many benefits to getting outside, even in the cold and snow.

One of the major benefits of outdoor play, no matter what season, is because being outside allows for children to escape indoor germs. Viruses and bacteria are often more prevalent in the Winter. It is important to get outside where there is fresh air as the germs that we bring into classroom are being recycled repeatedly through air vents. For children, getting outside aides in the development a strong immune system as they encounter bacteria in a natural setting and the more time they spend outdoors, the less likely they are to develop autoimmune disorders and allergies in the future. Providing outside time allows children to breathe fresh air and can reduce the spread of infection. A second benefit to outdoor play is sun exposure. You may not think that there is enough sun in the Winter months to provide us with our daily requirement for Vitamin D. Vitamin D is essential for children as it promotes calcium absorption, ensuring strong bone growth. Sunlight and vitamin D have a large impact on daily mood, outdoor play in the Winter will help keep our students smiling! A third benefit, is that outdoor play refreshes the mind, allows children to burn energy and establishes a positive understanding for year-round exercise throughout the rest of their lives. Another benefit that outdoor play provides is many opportunities for learning and development, some of which are exclusive to Winter months. With outdoor play equipment being frozen and covered in snow, children are challenged with finding alternatives which stimulate their imaginations and offers different ways to learn. Physical and cognitive challenges such as "how will I pack this snow tightly to build shapes?" and having an awareness that they need to adapt their behavior in this new slippery and less safe environment, all ensure that they learn important life lessons and develop vital skills.

Before choosing outdoor play, be sure to plan ahead. Does your child's snow pants/suit, coat and boots fit from the previous winter or is it time to replace these items? Check the "real-feel/wind chill" temperature to ensure that your child will not be exposed to extreme cold that could cause windburn or frostbite. It is advised to use caution and monitor the time spent outdoors when temperatures are the 20's and low 30's. If temperatures dip into the teens or single digits it may be too dangerous to be outside for risk of frostbite. Take the time to enjoy the blessing that is season winter! We are blessed to live in a community that gets a true sense of all 4 seasons!

Resource: <https://schoolhouse-daycare.co.uk/>



\*Preschool 4 enjoying the snowy playground on January 12, 2022.

**Mask Policy Reminder:**

Staff, students, and any others who enter St. Boniface Preschool (vaccinated or unvaccinated) are *REQUIRED* to wear a mask when proper social distancing is not available. This policy remains in place for the safety of staff, students, and visitors to the school. If you plan to come to the preschool for any reason, please be prepared with a mask. Thank you!

**Important Dates:**

**February 18:** No School

**February 21, 2022:** No School

**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@stbonifaceparish.org](mailto:Preschool@stbonifaceparish.org)

**~UPCOMING EVENTS~**

**Sunday— January 23**

All Masses    Second Collection~ Help Spread the Faith (Church)

**Tuesday— January 25**

7:00p.m.    Choir Rehearsal (Church)

**Wednesday— January 26**

7:00p.m.    Boy Scouts (Classroom)

**Thursday— January 27**

6:00p.m.    Adoration (Church)

## ~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

*As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.*  
~1 Corinthians 12:12

Prayer to the Holy Spirit from Loyola Press  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth.  
Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit  
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.  
In the same Spirit  
help us to relish what is right  
and always rejoice in your consolation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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**

*\*Greatness has to do with who we are and not just what we do. What matters is what is in the heart. Although this section is about a king and a queen, neither David nor Esther was born into a royal state. Their faith and courage led to their attainment of thrones. Both stories speak of inner strength and inner beauty. As you share these stories with your young people, encourage them to look deeper for their real value. Popular culture tells them that outside appearance matters most. Talk with your children about what is in their hearts.*

#### **Session 10, God Calls David**

*\*As you read through David's story, spend some time pointing out how David is full of hidden talents. Though a small and simple shepherd, he can comfort King Saul with his music and defeat Goliath with a few stones. There are such seeds in all of us, whatever our age, that is just waiting for God's love and our faith to bring into blossom. Remind yourself and your young people that God sees all our goodness, even if others.*

#### **Session 11, God Calls Esther**

*\*The Book of Esther may have historical roots, but certainly it is also one of the most dramatic stories in the Bible. Esther is a woman of an "enemy" race who is elevated to a position of high authority. This position, however, means she is also more responsible for what happens. She cannot put herself or her life ahead of the salvation of her people. Esther is chosen for her beautiful appearance, but it is her interior beauty that is the centerpiece of this story.*

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

\*Lessons 8 and 9 are to be completed during January.

\*Lesson links can be easily accessed below. Many thanks to those keeping up with the lessons with their families. Congrats on the great progress!

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)

### Sacrament Prep Sessions:

**Grade 2, First Reconciliation**

1/23 At-Home Learning: Lesson #2: We Keep God's Commandments

1/30 Sacrament Prep Session: Virtual Class, 9:30-10:15

Lesson #3: We Can Act Like Jesus

**Grade 3, First Communion**

1/30 9:30-10:15 Sacrament Prep Session: Virtual Class

Lesson #2: Our Community Remembers Jesus

### Confirmation Class

\*Parents, please turn in all sponsor certifications/parent/sponsor reflection letters as soon as possible via email or to the Parish Office and all Candidate photos for the class video to [dons9391@gmail.com](mailto:dons9391@gmail.com). Thank you.

1/22-1/23 *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.

1/24 First Draft, Letters to the Bishop due by today!

1/28 Final Draft, Letters to the Bishop due by today!

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

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

Gospel Reading, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

**FAMILY CONNECTION~** Jesus was the one sent by God to bring salvation to the world. Jesus announced that mission using the framework we hear in today's Gospel from the prophet Isaiah: glad tidings will be brought to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God in his person—through his life, death, and Resurrection. We are charged with the task of continuing the mission that Jesus began. Jesus set the framework for all of us when he announced his ministry in today's Gospel. Jesus also gave us the helper we would need to enable us to participate in his mission. The Holy Spirit has been given to us so that we, the Church, might serve the Kingdom of God.

Gather with your family and suggest that they try to picture the vision that Jesus describes using the words of the prophet Isaiah as you read today's Gospel, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. Think about your neighborhood, your community. What are the situations and who are the people who most need to see this vision fulfilled? What steps would be necessary to make the vision a reality for them? Make a family commitment to pray for the Kingdom of God and to take a particular action that will address a need you see in your community. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Monday, January 24, Saint Francis de Sales**  
No Mass Today

**Tuesday, January 25, Conversion of Paul**  
8:00 a.m. **Joe Winkler**  
(Annette & Chris Fuhrman & Family)

**Wednesday, January 26, Saint Timothy and Titus**  
8:00 a.m. **For the Living and Deceased Members of the Thomas and Carol Foster Family** (Walt Breindel)

**Thursday, January 27, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Lillian Maciulewicz**  
(Ray Zapolski)

**Friday, January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas**  
8:00 a.m. **Mary Dombek**  
(Betty Gaber)

**Saturday, January 29, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Harry Jagodzinski**  
(Ed & Judy Bitters)

**Saturday, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 p.m. **Living and Deceased Members of St. Boniface Parish**

**Sunday, January 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 a.m. **James Winkler**  
(Joe & Jean Winkler and Family)

10:30 a.m. **Richard Fugagli**  
(Wayne & Pam Leise)

### RECONCILIATION

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

## ~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~

The Knights of Columbus of St. Boniface would like to thank all those who were able to get tickets and to apologize to those unable to get a ticket for our recent drawing. The drawing followed the Jan. 17 10:30 Mass and the winners were:

**\$250 Joe Pudlick**                      **\$ 25 Mike Swarm**  
**\$100 Mike Perry**                      **\$ 25 Dan Quigley**  
**\$ 50 Dave Lunger**                      **\$ 25 Mike Ferrie**  
**\$ 25 Heather Conn**

**To the men of St. Boniface Parish:** After what most of us would call a very difficult year, this may be the right time to reset our focus and refresh our outlook on the future. Perhaps now more than ever we need to hear words of encouragement from each other and from our brother Jesus. It is time again for the annual 2232 Men's Conference on February 12<sup>th</sup>, and we are hoping that the men of the parish will come together for a morning of reflection on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Attend the conference at St. Jude Parish, or see it streamed at St. Boniface. We will begin with Mass with Fr. Marc @ 8:00 and the conference is from 8:30 AM until noon. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be available, and virus protocol will be observed. Questions? Call Art Lynch (814) 450-8956

**SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~** The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Benjamin Cermak** from **Joe & Jean Winkler & Family**.



## ~LECTOR~

**SATURDAY- January 29**  
5:00 p.m. C. Mester

**SUNDAY- January 30**  
7:30 a.m. G. Stanton  
10:30 a.m. C. Russell

## ~ALTAR SERVER~

**SATURDAY- January 29**  
5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

**SUNDAY- January 30**  
7:30 a.m. Campbell Family  
10:30 a.m. E. Russell

## ~GREETER~

**SATURDAY- January 29**  
5:00 p.m. P. Warmbrod

**SUNDAY- January 30**  
7:30 a.m. D. & L. Brumagin  
10:30 a.m. A. & B. Lynch

## ~Week of January 9, Collection~

Adult.....	\$6,313.00
Loose .....	\$175.44
Online .....	\$980.00
Catholic Service Appeal.....	\$81.00
Christmas.....	\$40.00
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$5.00

*~Thank you to those who use their envelopes regularly and to all who have increased their offerings.~*

## From the Family of Chuck Dahlkemper,

It is with deepest gratitude that we thank all of the parishioners of St Boniface for their kindness and support on Chuck's passing to eternal life with God.

The **Christmas cards** were a delight prior to his death. We read them together and he was so happy remembering you. Please know that this ministry does make a difference and is very welcomed and appreciated.

For the **Eucharistic Ministers** who brought Communion and prayed with him on a regular basis at the nursing home-we are forever grateful that he was able to continue to receive this sacrament and live the faith in God that was so important to him.

For the **Sympathy Committee** that warmed our bodies and hearts with the delicious food so lovingly prepared and shared with his large network of friends and family.

For **all parishioners** whose outpouring of love and kindness was so appreciated-whether a note, a smile, a hug, a visit to the funeral home, a card, or a 'covid friendly dab'-we experienced the love and kinship of this community which is a hallmark of this parish. We are so proud to belong and are blessed to have you all!

With Deepest Appreciation and Heartfelt Gratitude,  
The Family of Chuck Dahlkemper: Dan Dahlkemper, Janet Pawlowski (parishioner), Judy Dailey, Doug Dahlkemper and families

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