



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 2, 2018

FRIST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him...Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was...ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord...when did we see you ill or in prison and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me’” (Matthew 25:31-32, 34, 36-37, 39-40).



The practice of bringing Holy Communion to the sick and homebound who are unable to join their brothers and sisters at Sunday Mass has a long history in the Church. As early as the 2nd century AD, the Christian writer Justin Martyr described the custom by which deacons took Holy Communion from Mass to members of the worshipping community who could not attend. This special ministry strengthened those who were ill or imprisoned for their faith by sharing with them the grace of Christ’s Body and Blood and assuring them, in a tangible way, of the faith community’s prayerful support.

That practice continues in the Church today in a variety of ways. Once a month, usually on the first Friday, it is customary for pastors to visit the homebound of their parish and to bring them Holy Communion. Upon request, I am also glad to do so outside of that time for those who may be hospitalized. Even beyond that, however, we are blessed at St. Boniface with a group of dedicated parishioners who bring Holy Communion to the homebound every week, usually on Thursday. If you would like to add the name of a loved one to our list of homebound parishioners, please contact the parish office. We will be glad to include them in our visits.

There is one other way that our homebound parishioners receive Holy Communion, and that is through the help of family or friends who bring Holy Communion to them after Sunday Mass. We have a number of parishioners who bring Communion to homebound parents, neighbors, and friends on a regular basis. Normally, those who perform this generous service bring a small container, called a pyx, up with them in the Communion line and receive an extra host from the minister. They then reverently take the pyx home with them to give Communion to

their loved one.

Unfortunately, through the fault of no one here at St. Boniface, some people from other parishes have abused this practice, failing to treat the Eucharist they are carrying with the reverence it deserves. Because of that, Bishop Persico has insisted that all parishes conform to a diocesan-wide policy on how the practice of bringing Holy Communion to homebound relatives and friends is to be done. This will require some changes to the practice here at St. Boniface. I am asking that all parishioners who bring Holy Communion to their homebound relatives and friends on a regular basis please plan to stay after Mass next weekend, December 8-9, for a brief training session on the new procedures. This training is not for the ministers who bring Communion to the people on our homebound list every Thursday, a practice which has its own procedure, but rather it is for individuals who bring Communion to homebound relatives and friends following Sunday Mass. It will not take long, about 15 minutes, but it is important to make sure that we are in conformity with diocesan policy. Thank you for your cooperation and for the important service that you provide to our homebound parishioners and, through them, to Christ.

Fr. Marc Stockton

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS~

Reminder to fill out your Christmas Flower Memorial envelopes (located in the gathering space) in memory of your loved ones. This is a great way for family members and friends to be remembered at Christmas time. Please turn in your envelopes to the parish office or in the collection basket at Saturday or Sunday Mass.

STAFF

- Rev. Marc Stockton, JCL.....*Pastor*
- Rev. Mister Timothy G. Good.....*Permanent Deacon*
- Sr. Rose Kuzma, O.S.F..... *Director of Religious Ed.*
- Sandee Krivonak.....*Business Manager*
- Melanie Kennerknecht *Parish Secretary*
- Darlene Pamula *Pre-School Director*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday..... 9:00a.m.-1:30p.m.

DIRECTORY

- Parish Office 825-4439
- Pre-School 722-0824
- Center 825-8101
- Hall Rental 825-4439
- Parish Website..... www.stbonifaceparisherie.org
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CHURCH DECORATING~ Can you spare an hour or two? Please help decorate the Church for Christmas today Sunday, Dec. 2nd, at 3:00. Let's follow the journey of Mary and Joseph on the road to Bethlehem during this Advent season. This is a great opportunity for service hours. Many hands make light work!


RCIA~ The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults has begun for the 2018-2019 year. If you know of anyone interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the office for further information. Our sessions will be on Sundays starting at approximately 8:30a.m.

ATTENTION~ All Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. It is that time to be working on the next ministry schedule. If there is a weekend that you will not be available please call Melanie at the parish office 825-4439.

BAPTISM~ We welcome into the Christian Community and our Parish Family through the water of baptism **Abigail Eleanor Stazer**, infant daughter of **Joseph & Kathryn (Weinschenker) Stazer**. Congratulations to the proud parents!

LECTOR WORKBOOKS~ are now available for pickup. If you do not see one with your name please call Melanie at 825-4439. Thanks

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



~KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS CORNER~

The Knights would like to ask a special favor during this Holy Season. Please pray for those who have lost SO MUCH that we take for granted over this past year, HOMES, FAMILY, FRIENDS, including their LIVES. Ask GOD, in His infinite Wisdom and Mercy, will grant the SURVIVORS the Strength and Courage to continue on with their LIVES. Thank You!!!!

We want to send out best wishes to everyone during this THANKSGIVING SEASON and a SPECIAL THANKS to all those who help us in any way throughout the year by supporting the many ways we try to raise money to make our lives easier and safer in our parish.

ATTENTION BROTHER KNIGHTS: A chance to share FUN AND FELLOWSHIP with other families in your Council. We are having a Christmas Party at NUNZI'S on December 4 at 6:00 PM. We will be ordering off the Menu (Dutch Treat), so set aside DEC. 4th at 6 PM and Join us for a relaxing evening.

Dec.2nd is Rosary Sunday, we will be praying for all of our family members who are serving in the ARMED FORCES

We will be celebrating our Anniversary Mass on Sunday Dec. 9th at 10:30 AM. We are asking all members to be present and to wear their Knight's Shirts or a Blue shirt if you don't have a Knight's shirt. All those who were previously assigned to this Mass, you do not have to serve. The Knights will be serving. Thank you. Those who will be serving will be posted in the bulletin on Sunday Dec. 2nd.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS NOT HAPPY HOLIDAY
JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON**

~HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES~

If you are able to serve in one of the following roles at the dates and mass times indicated, please call Melanie in the Parish Office at 825-4439.

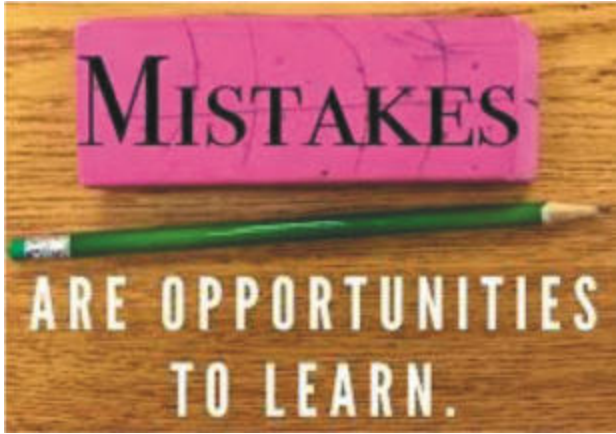
December 24th at 5:00p.m.	1 Eucharistic Minister, Greeters
December 24th at 8:00p.m.	1 Eucharistic Minister, Altar Servers, Greeters
December 24th at Midnight.....	Lector, 3 Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters
December 25th at 10:00a.m.	Lector, 2 Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters
December 31st at 7:00p.m.....	Lector, 3 Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters
January 1st at 10:00a.m.....	Lector, 3 Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters

~ BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS~

Christmas and New Years are fast approaching and with them comes early deadlines for the bulletin. They are as follows:

- For Sunday, December 25, 2018, articles are due December 13, 2018
- For Sunday, December 30, 2018, articles are due December 20, 2018
- For Sunday, January 6, 2019, articles are due December 27, 2018

Preschool News



We are continuing to learn, grow and expand our imaginations. It is through individual and group activities that the children realize their strengths as well as areas that they need to work harder to accomplish their goals. In this process of learning and growing we all make mistakes. We teach the children that it is okay to make mistakes and that it helps them learn. They have learned that when they give the incorrect answer or make a mistake on their papers that they just keep trying and find a solution. They are expanding their talents to help their friends and share the joy of creativity with others.

So as we all continue to learn remember it is okay to make mistakes this is how we continue to grow for no matter what age we are life is a continuous cycle of learning.

**God Bless
Darlene Pamula
Preschool Director**

Upcoming Events

Sunday— December 2

9:00-10:15a.m. Religious Education (Classrooms)
3:00p.m. Church Christmas Decorating (Church)

Tuesday— December 4

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

Wednesday— December 5

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

Thursday— December 6

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

Friday— December 7

1:00p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Adult Formation Room)

Sunday— December 9

All Masses Second Collection~ Retirement Fund for Religious (Church)
9:00-10:15a.m. Religious Education (Classrooms)

SCHEDULING~ If you are interested in renting the Coleman Center or the School Cafeteria for a party or family function call the parish office at 825-4439 for more information.

REMINDER~ The St. Boniface Food Pantry is asking for “Gifts of Love” gift cards for Christmas. Cards for Walmart, groceries, gas, etc. for our families are most appreciated. A number of our families are elderly singles and couples. As always you are the reason we are able to keep the food pantry operating! Please drop them in the box on the altar by December 10, 2018. **Thank You**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FAITH FORMATION~ Classes today for all from 9:00- 10:15.

Classes will also be on December 9 and then on December 16 will be a Family Mass at 10:30 for children from all schools. All will bring the Infant to be blessed at that mass from their Christmas Crib.

You Tube has beautiful stories for Christmas to watch as a family.

Thank you all who came as a family and made Advent Wreathes. Be sure to light your first candle this week as you pray together.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier
8:00 a.m. Stan Bieniasz (Pauline Tatara)

Tuesday, December 4, Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m. Paul Senita (Michele Comes)

Wednesday, December 5, Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m. Fritz and Detta George (Kathy & Kevin)

Thursday, December 6, Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m. Bruno Pisano
(St. Boniface Sympathy Committee)

Friday, December 7, Saint Ambrose
8:00 a.m. Ray & Helen Kennerknecht (Family)

Saturday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. Tom Kirsch (Fred & Marlene Kerecman)
5:00 p.m. Jerry Lorei
(Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wise & Family)

Sunday, December 9, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 a.m. Helen Allgeier (Charles & Beth Allgeier)
10:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of
St. Boniface Parish

RECONCILIATION

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

~Sunday, November 18, Collection~

Adult.....	\$8,115.50
Loose.....	\$216.00
Candles.....	\$141.00
Capital Improvement	\$510.00
Catholic Service Appeal.....	\$924.00
Upon This Rock	\$100.00
All Saints.....	\$5.00
All Souls.....	\$5.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$874.10
Christmas Flowers	\$88.00

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

CHURCH CLEANING~ Heavenly dusters this week are: **Cathy Rieder, Brenda Pyle, Penny Warmbrod, Theresa Rzepka and Barb Petrone.** May God bless them in their faithful work.

PRE BAPTISM CLASS~ Are you planning on having a child Baptized in the near future? There is a class being held at St. Luke Church, on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Office. Call the Parish Office at 825-6920 to register.

~LECTOR~

SATURDAY— December 8

5:00 p.m. M. Allgeier

SUNDAY— December 9

7:30 a.m. R. Panighetti

10:30 a.m. G. Krahe

~EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER~

SATURDAY— December 8

5:00 p.m. N. Allgeier, E. Allgeier, C. Allgeier

SUNDAY— December 9

7:30 a.m. G. Krahe, K. Smicker,

M. Zboyovski

10:30 a.m. J. Hodapp, A. Lynch, G. Krahe

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY— December 8

5:00 p.m. L. Pinzok

SUNDAY— December 9

7:30 a.m. M. Campbell

10:30 a.m. C. Allgeier, D. Donnell

~GREETER~

SATURDAY— December 8

5:00 p.m. P. Warmbrod

SUNDAY— December 9

7:30 a.m. C. Meeker

10:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus

PRAY FOR~ Please pray for the soul of parishioner **Paul Czamecki**, who passed away recently. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

OLD SLATE~ If anyone is in need of old slate for crafts or personal use please call the parish office at 825-4439.

~Sunday, November 25, Collection~

Adult.....	\$5,097.00
Loose	\$94.61
Capital Improvement.....	\$15.00
Catholic Service Appeal	\$420.00
Upon This Rock.....	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$5.00
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$5.00
Campaign Human Development	\$5.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$140.00

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