



# Parish Family Picnic!

The St. Boniface Parish community is invited to kick off the Faith Formation year! Join us just around the corner on Sunday, September 8th at the Greene Township Pavillion for fellowship, fun, & food!

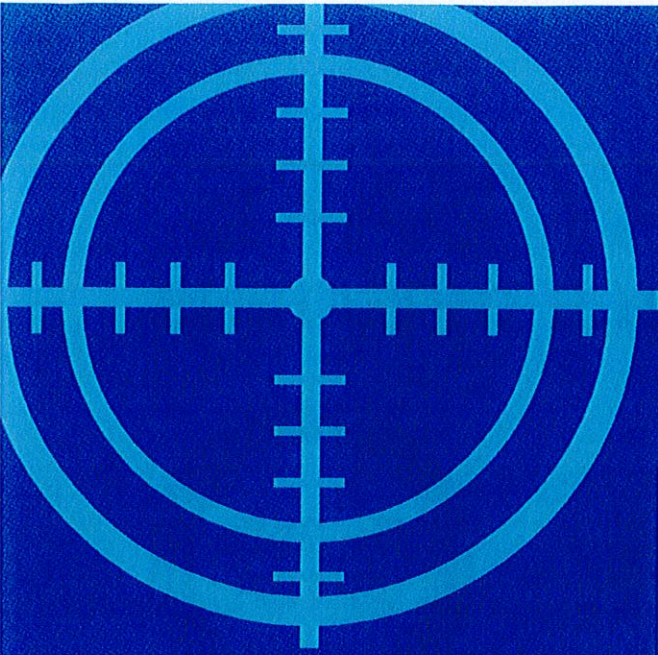
Everyone is welcome to stop by with a dish, a friend, and a smile after the 10:30 Mass. Please let us know you're coming and RSVP by 9/5! **You may contact the Parish Office at 814.825.4439 or email Jeanne Yaple at [faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.org](mailto:faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.org)**



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# BE PREPARED FOR AN ACTIVE SHOOTER



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Recent national tragedies remind us that the risk is real. Taking a few steps now can help you react quickly when every second counts.

An active shooter is an individual engaged in attempting to kill people in a confined space or populated area. Active shooters typically use firearms and have no pattern to their selection of victims.



Can happen anywhere



Can happen anytime

## IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENT

See something,  
say something.



Learn first aid skills so  
you can help others.



Before you run, know the exits.



Help law enforcement.



Find a place to hide.



Seek help to cope with trauma.



Run



Hide



Fight



# HOW TO STAY SAFE

## WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER THREATENS



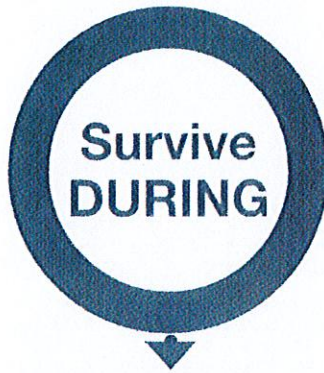
If you see suspicious activity, let an authority know right away.

**Many places, such as houses of worship, workplaces, and schools,** have plans in place to help you respond safely. Ask about these plans and get familiar with them. If you participate in an active shooter drill, talk with your family about what you learned and how to apply it to other locations.

**When you visit a building** such as a shopping mall or healthcare facility, take time to identify two nearby exits. Get in the habit of doing this.

**Map out places to hide.** In rooms without windows, behind solid doors with locks, under desks, or behind heavy furniture such as large filing cabinets can make good hiding places.

**Sign up for active shooter, first aid, and tourniquet training.** Learn how to help others by taking FEMA's You Are the Help Until Help Arrives course. Learn more at [ready.gov/until-help-arrives](https://ready.gov/until-help-arrives).



**RUN.** Getting away from the shooter or shooters is the top priority. Leave your things behind and run away. If safe to do so, warn others nearby. Call 911 when you are safe. Describe each shooter, their locations, and weapons.

**HIDE.** If you cannot get away safely, find a place to hide. Get out of the shooter's view and stay very quiet. Silence your electronic devices and make sure they won't vibrate. Lock and block doors, close blinds, and turn off the lights. Do not hide in groups—spread out along walls or hide separately to make it more difficult for the shooter. Try to communicate with police silently—such as through text messages or by putting a sign in an exterior window. Stay in place until law enforcement gives you notice that all immediate danger is clear.

**FIGHT.** Your last resort when you are in immediate danger is to defend yourself. Commit to your actions and act aggressively to stop the shooter. Ambushing the shooter together with makeshift weapons such as chairs, fire extinguishers, scissors, and books can distract and disarm the shooter.



**Keep hands visible and empty.**

**Know that law enforcement's first task** is to end the incident. They may have to pass injured persons along the way.

**Follow law enforcement's instructions** and evacuate in the direction they tell you to.

**Consider seeking professional help** for you and your family to cope with the long-term effects of trauma.

### Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to [ready.gov](https://ready.gov) and search for **active shooter**. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for an **active shooter**. Find Emergency Safety Tips



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**Bulletin Announcement**  
**Fr. Walter Ostrowski SVD**

**Fr. Walter Ostrowski SVD** will be at *Saint Boniface Parish on August 17-18* to celebrate Masses and to speak about the many ministries of his religious community, Divine Word Missionaries. They are an international religious community of missionary priests and Brothers serving in 79 countries helping to build chapels, celebrate the sacraments and spread the Word of God in remote mission communities.

Born and raised in Erie, Pennsylvania, Fr. Walter was ordained a priest in 1965. His dedication to service led him to Ghana, where he spent three years in ministry. Upon returning to the United States, he devoted himself to hospital ministry in Pittsburgh and various locations in the eastern region. Later, Fr. Walter assumed the role of Mission Director, a position he held for over 30 years. Presently, he is stationed at Divine Word Missionaries in East Troy, Wisconsin.

Nearly 6,000 active Divine Word Missionaries minister in the far corners of the world. They build hospitals to care for the sick and schools to educate the poor. They teach the hungry to farm and provide life's necessities such as water, food and shelter. These priests and Brothers help those neglected and forgotten by society to build a better future. They also foster vibrant Catholic communities of service and faith around the world. This mission appeal is part of the Missionary Cooperative Program of our Diocese of Erie.

Please be generous with your prayers and contribute to the second collection to help support the missionary work of the Divine Word Missionaries. To meet some of the people Divine Word Missionaries help, please read the stories at <https://missionimpact.svdmissions.org/mission-update>.