



In Honor of Our Mothers

First Communion



Sofia Lisowski Esmeralda Estrada

Saturday, May 7, 2022
5:30pm

God took the fragrance
of a flower...

The majesty of a tree...

The gentleness of
morning dew...

The calm of a quiet sea...

The beauty
of the twilight hour...

The soul
of a starry night...

The laughter of a
rippling brook...

The grace of a bird
in flight...

Then God fashioned
from these things

A creation like no other,

And when his
masterpiece was through

He called it simply -

Mother.

~Herbert Farnham

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Mission Statement

Saint Boniface is a welcoming, caring Church community united under one baptism. We encourage participation by all members in promoting and sharing Christian and social values.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 7

5:30 PM †Zofia Iwaniuk Req. by Chris Hays
†Mitch Caffy, Req. by Mary Pierce

Sunday, May 8

9:00 AM †Barbara Schultz, Req by Paul and Karen Przybyla
†Mary Sauer, Req. by Jim and Barbara Lindberg

Monday, May 9

8:30 AM †Stephen, Judy, and Tom Hawtree, Req. by Dan Hawtree

Wednesday, May 11

8:30 AM Peace in the Ukraine

Friday, May 13

8:30 AM Those suffering from depression or anxiety

Saturday, May 14

5:30 PM Prayers for World Peace

Sunday, May 15

9:00 AM Birthday Intentions of Marianne Farrell, Req. by Friends
†Rick Linus, Req. by Family

Prayer of the Week

4th Sunday of Easter

Loving God, you sent your Son to be our Good Shepherd, protecting us from danger, comforting us in sorrow, guiding us to new life. Grant us the grace to shepherd each other, as you grant the prayers we make through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior.

Please Pray For

Joy Baker
Anson Bishop
Evie Botta
Maggie DeVires
Veronica Galen
Debra Guarascio
Dorothy Ireland
Peggy Kase
Louise Kopaczewski
Peter Kramer
Ruth Langland
Joane Males
Carol Nabzdyk
David Peebles
Maria Rakocy
Barry Saidat
Vicki Schmidt
James Sobczak
RW
Elia Zamora
Ken Zohlfeld

And the continued safety and well-being of our parishioners, all those sick, and those that go unnamed.

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, May 8

Lectors

5:30 PM Jim Lehnerer
9:00 AM Kathy Dornhecker

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM John Blazeovich, Rene Jurack, David Schmidt, Christine Semanovich
9:00 AM Mark Otten, Erwin Bogs, Therese Bogs-Haser, Kathy Short

Altar Servers

5:30 PM Alison Porpora, Ashlin Porpora
9:00 AM Grace Lovejoy

Sunday, May 15

Lectors

5:30 PM David Schmidt
9:00 AM Paul Przybyla

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM Mark Otten, Rene Jurack, Debra Ledford, John Porpora
9:00 AM Beth Daly, Donald Domke, Colleen Domke, Phyllis Huske

Altar Servers

5:30 PM Makenzie Albano, Alison Porpora
9:00 AM Sebastian Jaculbe, Athena Jaculbe

From Our Pastor



In “The Joy of the Gospel” Pope Francis said this about joy: “I realize of course that joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty.

Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light, born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved.”

Joy is the hallmark of Christianity. Joy is the gift of this Easter season that we’re still celebrating today. The Easter season is 50 days long: it’s as though the Church is reminding us to celebrate. We need those 50 days to allow the joy of Christ’s resurrection to truly sink in. But think about what Pope Francis said. We all have moments of suffering – and sometimes they seem to last more than 50 days! Joy, however, is possible in every situation, because it comes from the certainty that, when all is said and done, we are infinitely loved. And Jesus tells us that: “I know my sheep and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish.” And then, in one of the most wonderful lines in the Bible, he says: “No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

Joy is the certainty of being loved. And we’re loved by God himself, whose love cannot change, whose love cannot let us down. Ever. Jesus doesn’t promise an easy life. He doesn’t say “You

will never have problems.” Jesus doesn’t promise us success as we understand success. He promises us that no one can take us out of his hand. He is God, he is one with the Father, and in him we are safe. In him we are loved. This is a great lesson. Joy is the certainty of being infinitely loved by God. Jesus tells us that if we want to find life’s meaning, we have to carry our crosses, just as he carried his. Our hearts and minds are a battlefield in which these two contradictory messages fight it out. How can we make sure that Christ’s message wins? There is no quick fix here. It is the work of a lifetime. But there are many things that can help us. One in particular is the practice of making small, voluntary sacrifices every day. Small, voluntary sacrifices safeguard us against frustration, because they counteract the culture of self-indulgence and false expectations that always seeks the most comfortable thing. Small, voluntary sacrifices are the kind we make during Lent: not taking sugar in our coffee today; not putting salt on our potatoes today; not listening to the radio for the first five minutes of our drive today; drinking water instead of Pepsi at lunch today; saying our morning prayers today on our knees instead of sitting down...

Making one of these little sacrifices every day gives God’s grace room to work, reminding us that this life is not a party, but a journey. This week let’s try it, as a way to say to Jesus: Lord, your way is the way of the cross, and I want to follow it, no matter what.

+ *Father Roger*

Today’s Readings

First Reading—Acts 13:14, 43–52 Paul and Barnabas preach to the Gentiles.

Psalm—Psalm 100 “We are his people, the sheep of his flock.”

Second Reading—Revelation 7:9, 14b–17 The Lamb of God is our shepherd who leads us to life-giving water

Gospel—John 10:27–30 No one can harm one of Jesus’ lambs.

Saints and Special Observances

8 Sun. Mother’s Day, World Day of Prayer for Vocations

10 Tue. Optional Memorial of St. John of Avila
Optional Memorial of St. Damien de Veuster

12 Thu. Optional Memorial of Ss. Nereus and Achilleus
Optional Memorial of St. Pancras

13 Fri. Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

14 Sat. Feast of St. Matthias

Mother's Day

The first mentions of Mother's Day within Christianity go back to the 1600's, where we find the concept of "Mothering Sunday." This occurred on the fourth Sunday of Lent, when Christians would return to the Church where they were baptized, thus returning to their "Mother."

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children.

Reflections:

Every Sunday Jesus draws us here, as a shepherd draws his flock. "My sheep hear my voice," he says in today's Gospel, "and they follow me." Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He feeds his flock, with his own Body and Blood. He loves his flock, suffering and dying for us. He provides for his flock by sending us the Holy Spirit. At home in the comforting embrace of our Good Shepherd, we join together today in thanks and praise.

How can I be the kind of person to shepherd someone else?

New Ministry Schedule

The current Ministry schedule will end May 29, 2022. The next schedule begins June 4, 2022 and run until September 25, 2022. If you would like to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server, contact the office or drop a note with your name and phone number in the collection basket. Please keep in mind that at the present time we are only distributing the host during Mass, but we are continuing to maintain a full schedule. Training will be provided. Deadline for any changes (new people, delete your service, etc.) must be in the office no later than May 15, 2022.



The Month of May

is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary. We are paying tribute to Mary during May by reciting the Rosary before our Masses.

Weekdays will begin at 7:50am
Weekends will begin at 5:00pm and 8:30am

Next Week...

Confirmation will be conferred on Friday, May 20th at 7:00pm by Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Joliet, at St. Anthony's in Frankfort.

Continuing from last week, we continue our focus on what the apostles endured after Jesus was crucified, and eventually their own death. They went forth, Knowing it would be no easy feat, they continued to evangelize, as Jesus asked of them. Many suffered greatly before their death. This week: Peter and James.

Peter: was crucified upside down on an x shaped cross. According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.

James: the leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club. This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during The Temptation.



Stewardship Thought

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 27)

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Sunday Offertory.....	\$ 2152.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 771.45

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The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

This year marks the 59th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

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Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
8:30AM—2:30PM

Mass Schedule

Saturday.....5:30PM
Sunday9:00AM
Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday8:30AM

Reconciliation

After Mass on Monday, Friday, and Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

For private appointment please contact office.

Baptism

You must be a registered, active, member of the parish and attend a Baptism class. Baptisms are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00PM (Noon). Call the office to schedule an appointment.

Religious Education

All classes meet on Sundays from 10:00-11:30 am.
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Marriage

By appointment only. Normally made 6 months in advance.



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