

World Day of Prayer  
for the **Care  
of Creation**

*Praised be my Lord God with all creatures;  
and especially our brother the sun,  
which brings us the day, and the light;  
fair is he, and shining with a very great splendor:  
O Lord, he signifies you to us!*

*~ St. Francis's Canticle of the Sun*

## St. Boniface

### Catholic Church

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#### Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
8:30am-2:30pm

## All Are Welcome

### 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 Schedule

Saturday..... 5:30PM  
Sunday .....9:00AM  
Monday, Wednesday,  
and Friday .....8:30AM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

After Mass on Monday, Friday, and Saturday  
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.  
[stbonifacemonee@gmail.com](mailto:stbonifacemonee@gmail.com)

### Marriage

By appointment only. Normally made 6 months in advance.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 27

5:30 PM † **Forrest Mills**, Req. by Joe Mills

### Sunday, August 28

9:00 AM † **Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Flo**, Req. by Marlene Tengolics  
**Birthday Intentions of Christopher Blackwood**,  
Req. by Bogs-Haser Family

### Monday, August 29

8:30 AM **Mass of Healing**, Req. by Parishioner

### Wednesday, August 31

8:30 AM † **Nicholas Cirkosz**, Req. by Short Family

### Friday, September 2

8:30 AM † **Ed Mackey**, Req. by Barb Mackey

### Saturday, September 3

5:30 PM † **Marie C. Chesney**, Req. by Mike and Julie Shaughnessy

### Sunday, September 4

9:00 AM † **Mary Violet Dwyer**, Req. by Mary Ann Nicola  
† **Dorothy Ireland**, Req. by Barb Mitchell

## Liturgical Ministers

### Sunday, August 28

#### Lectors

5:30 PM David Schmidt  
9:00 AM Barbara Mitchell

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM Dcn Mark Otten, Debra Ledford, Anita Otten, John Porpora  
9:00 AM Dcn Mark Otten, Beth Daly, Paul Przybyla, Kathy Short

#### Altar Servers

5:30 PM Sally A Bryant, Marie McCurdy  
9:00 AM Tracy Sheehan, Richard O Sterling

### Sunday, September 4

#### Lectors

5:30 PM David Schmidt  
9:00 AM Kathy Dornhecker

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM John Blazeovich, Camille Dancer, Rene Jurack, Paul Przybyla  
9:00 AM Dcn Mark Otten, Donald Domke, Colleen Domke, Phyllis Huske

#### Altar Servers

5:30 PM Tracy Sheehan, Volunteer Needed  
9:00 AM Therese Bogs-Haser, Wayne Haser

## Prayer of the Week

Generous God,  
you look with favor on  
your humble people.  
Listen to our prayers,  
which we offer with  
humility and contrition,  
and grant them according  
to your will,  
through your Son and our  
Lord, Jesus Christ.

## Please Pray For

Roy Blakey  
Carye Dancer  
Debra Guarascio  
Kayla Gurriell  
Peter Kramer  
Joane Males  
Cooper Roberts  
Vicki Schmidt  
Bonnie Slyder  
RW  
VS  
Ken Zohlfeld

**And for those that go  
unnamed.**

***Names will be removed  
after one month of  
posting. If you would like  
a name you no longer see  
re-posted for another  
month, or would like to  
add a new name, please  
contact the office.***

## From Our Pastor



Popular Catholic author Scott Hahn tells the following story. One of his priest friends visited Rome, and on the steps of one of the churches he saw a beggar with a familiar face. With a thrill of horror, he realized that it was

one of his classmates from the seminary, and he rushed over to him. "Didn't we go to the seminary together," he asked. "Yes," the beggar affirmed. "You're a priest?" "Not anymore," the beggar replied, "I fell off the deep end."

A short time later Scott Hahn's friend had an audience with Pope John Paul II. He told him the entire story, and asked him to pray for his friend. John Paul II assured him that he would, and then whispered something to an aide. Later that day the priest received a phone call inviting him to come with the ex-priest to have dinner with the Pope. He rushed off the church where he had seen him, and, by God's grace, he was still there on the steps. Upon hearing about the invitation, he said, "I'm a mess. I haven't showered in a long time, and my clothes are filthy." But his friend took him back to his hotel room and helped him get cleaned up, and then they went to dinner with the Holy Father.

At the end of a very enjoyable dinner, the Holy Father asked to be alone with the ex-priest. After a long while, the latter emerged with tears in his eyes. "What happened in there?" his friend asked? "The Pope asked me to hear his confession," choked the beggar.

After regaining composure, the man continued, "I told him, 'Your Holiness, look at me. I am a beggar. I am not a priest.'" "The Pope looked at me and said, 'My son, once a priest always a priest, and who among us is not a beggar. I too come before the Lord as a beggar asking for forgiveness of my sins.' I told him I was not in good standing with the Church, and he assured me that as the Bishop of Rome he could reinstate me right then and there."

After he heard the Holy Father's confession, the priest asked Pope John Paul II to hear his, and then received an assignment to minister to the beggars on the steps of the very church from which he just came. Through the humility of Pope John Paul II, who humbly saw himself as God saw him, this man received a new lease on life.

How do we grow in humility, in this ability to see ourselves as God sees us? St Catherine of Sienna, one of the 4 women doctors of the Church, gives us a path to follow: persevering in prayer. Anyone who has tried to pray knows that distractions are a common obstacle. We try to pray, and we start thinking about the bills or the soccer game or the person who cut us off in traffic earlier in the day. But St Catherine tells us that these distractions are allowed by God to help us to grow in humility. So when we persevere in prayer even when we're distracted, we come to a greater humility. We know our own weakness, and we also know how much God loves us, and wants us to be with him in prayer.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29

Ancient wisdom insists that the more humble we are, the greater we are.

**Psalm** — Psalm 68 "God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor."

**Second Reading** — Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24a

Far from frightening, our encounter with God will be like a glorious holiday.

**Gospel** — Luke 14:1, 7–14 Jesus presents his own version of table manners.

## Saints and Special Observances

Aug. 29 Mon. Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

Sep. 1 Thu. World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Sep. 2 Fri. First Friday

Sep. 3 Sat. Memorial of St. Gregory the Great First Saturday

## Reflection

Jesus speaks first to the guests and next to the host. By inviting only those who were already in his social circle, he expected he would soon be able to take advantage of their generosity. Jesus called the host to instead invite those who would find it impossible to repay you. This is true generosity. In his story of the Last Judgment, the host welcomes those who gave food to the hungry and drink to thirsty, telling them that what they do for the needy they do for him. Generosity given to those who cannot repay you is generosity given to Christ. This is how the host of the kingdom of God invites people to the ultimate feast.

***Whom can I welcome into my life who is unlikely to be able to repay me and how can I do so?***

***“Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved.”***

***- St. Robert Bellarmine***



We welcome into our  
Catholic community  
**Alex Garcia**  
son of Alejandro and Anahi  
who was baptized on  
August 14, 2022.

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells guests at a feast to accept their invitations with humility, to be satisfied with the lowest place at the table. We are guests at a feast today, invited by our Lord to this wonderful Eucharistic meal. We come with humility, acknowledging our imperfections and sinfulness. Jesus also tells the host to invite those who are not well-off, who cannot repay him in kind. Our host today at this feast is Jesus, who offers his very Body and Blood for our redemption. There is no way we can truly repay him for his generosity and mercy. Let us give thanks for his constant invitation.

## New Ministry Schedule!

The current Ministry schedule for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will end September 25, 2022. We will need any changes to when you serve, vacation dates, etc. for the next schedule which will begin October 1, 2022 and run until February 4, 2023. If you would like to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, send us your name and phone number, and the Mass time you would prefer and this info can be dropped in the collection basket, or call the office during hours. Training will be provided. Deadline for any changes (new people, delete your service, etc.) must be in the office no later than September 11, 2022.

## Telephone Reassurance Program

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help with their Telephone Reassurance Program that will impact the lives of older adults. You will be trained to make friendly phone calls from the comfort of your own home, to help reduce feelings of loneliness and social isolation. You only need to attend a virtual open house and an in person orientation.

***Virtual Open House date: Wednesday, Sept 14th from 3:00pm-4:00pm***

***In-Person Volunteer Orientation date:***

***Wednesday, Sept 28th from 9:00am-11:00am***

For more information or to register contact Crystal at 815-221-6020 or cdelrio@cc-doj.org or Ed at 815-523-9923 or ehowe@cc-doj.org



## Stewardship Thought

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in to hopes of repayment, but to give openhandedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed! (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 30).

**Collection Summary • Week of August 21, 2022**  
**Sunday Offertory.....\$1691.00**

We sincerely thank everyone for your generous donations to

## Religious Education Registration is open!

Religious Education registration forms for the 2022-2023 school year can be found on the bulletin boards in the back of both sides of the church.

In person registration can be done on Sunday, September 11 after the 9 am mass. Otherwise, registration forms can be put in the mass collection basket, dropped off at the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays, or mailed to the church by Sunday, September 11th.

Classes will begin on **Catechetical Sunday, September 18, 2022**. Please join us for mass that morning at 9 am, honoring and praying for our catechists as they prepare to share their time and talents with our parish children this upcoming year.

Anyone interested in being a Catechist for this school year should contact Michelle Polacek at [stbonifacemoneere@gmail.com](mailto:stbonifacemoneere@gmail.com) or call the church office.

## CMAA Pledge Report August 22, 2022:

We wish to thank everyone who has donated or pledged to this years CMAA. Please continue to make your payments. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

**PARISH GOAL: \$10,900**  
**AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$14,310**  
**AMOUNT PAID: \$12,353**  
**REMAINING BALANCE: \$ 1,957**  
**DONOR COUNT 82**

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## Why do we do that?

***Why is it so important to register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?***

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. No one is automatically registered. It requires formally enrolling yourself. Registration is a way to be included in the religious, social, ministerial activities and is necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of the parish.

***If you are unsure if you are officially registered or are new to the parish and would like to get registered, please contact the office.***

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