



Labor
Day

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.

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil - this is the gift of God.
Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

Mass Schedule

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

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.
stbonifacemoneere@gmail.com

Marriage

By appointment only. Normally made 6 months in advance.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 3

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

Sunday, Sept. 4

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

Monday, Sept. 5

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

Wednesday, Sept. 7

8:30 AM † Orla Genens, Req. by Short Family

Friday, Sept. 9

8:30 AM † Ken Kazmierczak, Req. by Therese Short

Saturday, Sept. 10

5:30 PM † Victims of the September 11, 2002 attacks

Sunday, Sept. 11

9:00 AM † Jeanette Garzelloni, Req. by Barb Mitchell
† Arlene Marston, Req. by Bogs Family

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, Sept. 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

Sunday, Sept. 11

Lectors

5:30 PM James Lehnerer
9:00 AM Paul Przybyla

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM Camille Dancer, Debra Ledford, John Porpora, Kathy Short
9:00 AM Dcn Mark Otten, Erwin Bogs, Therese Bogs-Haser, Beth Daly

Altar Servers

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

Prayer of the Week

God of all,
we enjoy the blessings of
your work all around us.
Bless us in our work,
at home or on site, inside
or outside, wherever it
may be,
as you listen to the
prayers we make
and grant our needs
through your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Please Pray For

Roy Blakey
Carye Dancer
Debra Guarascio
Kayla Gurriell
Louise Kopaczewski
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



Sometimes when conversing with different people I find some of them sharing with me the opinion that success in other walks of life takes hard work, while being a faithful Christian comes without much

effort. We all are however called to figure out how much work we want to put in building our relationship with God. I believe that as much in everyday life - work, school, social life etc. - requires hard work to succeed, to accomplish something good, so it has to be in spiritual life.

George Lucas, the creator of the Star Wars movies, described the kind of work ethic that went into writing the screenplay for the original Star Wars: "I grew up in a middle-class Midwestern-style American town with the corresponding work ethic. "So, I sit at my desk for eight hours a day no matter what happens, even if I don't write anything. It's a terrible way to live, but I do it; I sit down, and I do it. I can't get out of my chair until five o'clock or five-thirty or whenever the news comes on... It's the only way I can force myself to write. I work with a hard pencil and regular lined paper. I put a big calendar on my wall. Tuesday, I have to be on page twenty-five, Wednesday on page thirty, and so on. And every day I 'X' it off - I

did those five pages. And if I do my five pages early, I get to quit. Never happens. I've always got about one page done by four o'clock in the afternoon, and during that next hour I usually write the rest." (Quotation and information from J.W. Rinzler, *The Making of Star Wars*, Ballantine Books, Copyright 2007 by Lucasfilm, Ltd, pp. 14-15)

We need to decide to take our Christianity seriously enough that we are willing to work at it, to put our whole selves into it. One simple thing we can do to grow in our spiritual maturity is to follow through on our spiritual commitments. At some point or another, we have all made some of these: maybe it was a New Year's resolution to pray the Rosary; maybe it was a commitment that came at the end of a retreat; maybe in a time of crisis we promised God that we would not let ourselves get caught up again in the superficial rat race. But then the hustle and bustle of life, or some other distraction, or our tendency to laziness gradually crowded out our enthusiasm, and the commitment faded away.

It's not too late to start again. In fact, it's probably a very good idea to start again. It's a way to move beyond the fuzzy feeling spirituality so popular on TV talk shows. And it's also a way to tell Christ how grateful we are for all he has done in our lives, and how eager we are for him to do more.



Today's Readings

First Reading — Wisdom 9:13–18b Our choices in life are timid compared to God's choices for us.

Psalm — Psalm 90 "In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge."

Second Reading — Philemon 9–10, 12–17 Paul baptizes a slave and then expects the slave's master to accept the slave as a brother.

Gospel — Luke 14:25–33 Do you want to be a disciple? Renounce everything else, with no reservations, no regrets.

Saints and Special Observances

- 5 Mon. Labor Day (U.S. and Canada)
- 8 Thu. Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9 Fri. Memorial of St. Peter Claver
- 10 Sat. Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."

- St. Rose of Lima

Reflection

Keep in mind that Jesus is walking the road to Jerusalem as he speaks to the crowd in the Gospel passage we hear today. As he tells them that those who follow him must be prepared to carry their own cross, he himself is heading toward the day when he will literally be carrying his own cross. Jesus does not carry a cross to free us from the burden of ever having to do so ourselves. He does not save us from suffering. But by carrying his own cross, he shares in our suffering.

How strong is my commitment to being a disciple? What am I willing to give up and what am I willing to accept?

Telephone Reassurance Program

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help with their Telephone Reassurance Program. 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 of older adults.. You only need to attend one virtual open house and one in person orientation.

Virtual Open House dates:

***Wednesday, Sept 14th
from 3:00pm-4:00pm***

In-Person Volunteer Orientation dates:

***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

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

The Holy Spirit draws us here today to worship our Lord, to listen to God's word, and to celebrate the Eucharist. On this holiday weekend, as we recognize the blessings of human labor and of all those who work, whether they are paid or unpaid, we are also inspired to take part in the Lord's work. May this Eucharist strengthen us as we labor in the vineyard, helping to bring Christ's saving message to a hungry world.

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment

The Senior Assistance Center at St. Paul the Apostle in Peotone is now accepting appointments for an annual review of your prescription drug plan. Premiums, drug tiers and formularies change year to year. A review ensures you are on the best plan at the lowest cost. Appointment dates will be reserved from October 15-December 7. Call 708 258-6917 ext. 5 to leave your name and number to schedule an appointment.



Religious Education Registration is now 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 or call the church office.



Stewardship Thought

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead, He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 30).

Collection Summary • August 28, 2022

Sunday Offertory.....\$1336.00

We sincerely thank everyone for your generous donations to our parish. You are welcome to mail your contribution envelopes, place them in the offering baskets in the church, or call the office to arrange a day and time to drop off your donations.

Mass for Persons with Disabilities

A mass for people with disabilities will be held at St. Raymond’s Cathedral on Sunday, September 18th at 12:30pm. A reception will follow in the commons.



Monday, September 5th is Labor Day. We will have our normal 8:30am mass. The office will be closed. Have a wonderful holiday weekend!

Newman Ministry / College Age Catholics

So many young people lose their faith in college. It’s vital to help them connect to a faith community on campus. Help your student connect to a faith community on their college campus.

Go to signupnc.newmanministry.com and have your student sign up. Newman Ministry will notify their campus minister and that minister will send an invitation to the student.

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Caregiving Resource Kit

Free kits include resources related to caring for an aging loved one. From identifying normal aging or memory loss, home safety tips, to when is the right time to consider additional supportive care services. Information on Medicare, Advanced Directives, or help finding a specialist that works with issues related to aging loved ones. Kits are available from Village Woods. To receive your free kit call 708-672-6111 or email Elaine Essary at essary@provlife.com.

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