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JUNE 8, 2025



PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

- Jn 14:23

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11/ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13/ John 20:19-23

Sharing a common language appeared to be humanity's undoing. In Babel, the ease of communicating in a single tongue led to pride and ambition at the expense of obedience. It became all too easy for its citizens to "make a name" for themselves rather than multiplying and filling the earth (Genesis 11:4). Today, we have a greater challenge to communicate, to enter into dialogue, to find unity. Not only do we speak a variety of languages, sometimes our words mean different things to different people. But this is a challenge we must accept, and the Holy Spirit can assist us. Recall, the early apostles could be understood by people of every background after the Spirit came down upon them. Remember that the Holy Spirit is the spirit of truth, who reveals the truth no matter the language used to express it.

Question of the Week: How do I envision the Holy Spirit renewing the face of the earth? How can I, with the Holy Spirit working through me, be a part of that renewal?

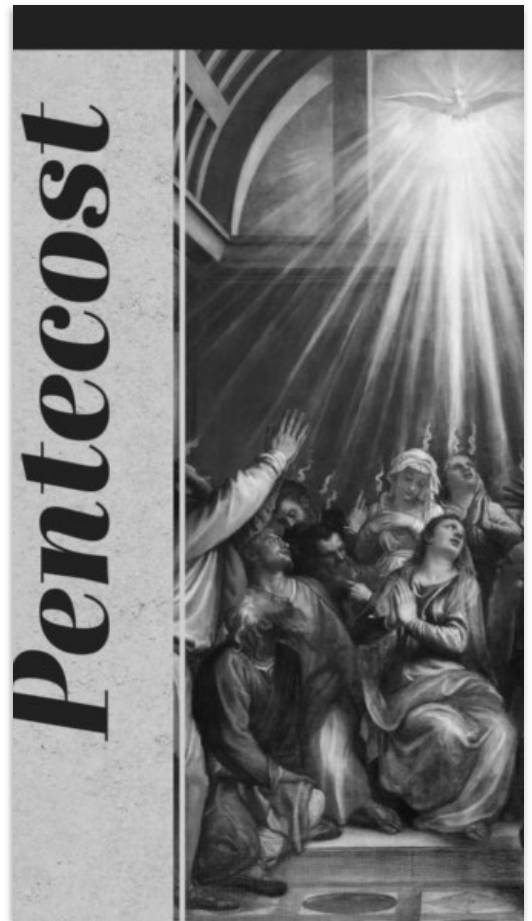
Gospel Meditation

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, "Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn't bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?" We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23). Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder." Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

– Father John Muir
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Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God – Disturb this room with your presence today, filling us, empowering us, emboldening us.

Descend upon us with your gifts, your inspiration, and your promptings.

Lead us to where we should go, stirring within us the movement of God.

Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 21 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR
 JUNE 21 4:00 PM JOHN SANTORO
 JUNE 21 4:00 PM JOSEPH MCBRIDE
 JUNE 22 9:00 AM ROSINA EMKEY
 JUNE 28 4:00 PM DON FEATHERSTONE
 JUNE 28 4:00 PM FRANK DIGIACOMO
 JULY 6 9:00 AM ROBERT NADEAU
 JULY 19 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR
 JULY 26 4:00 PM DON FEATHERSTONE
 AUG 9 4:00 PM ROSE SANTORO
 AUG 16 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR

Prayer of the Rosary

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

Food Donations for the months of May and June will go to Catholic Charities. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Memorial Day Service and Summer Beginning May 25th and throughout the summer Sunday masses will be at 9:00 am ONLY. There will be no 8:00 am or 10:30 am.

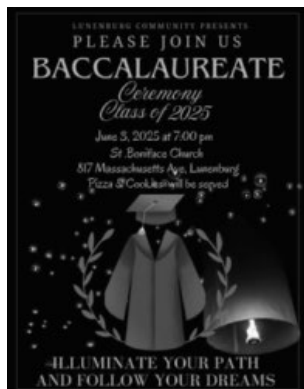
Adoration Adoration will be held each Wednesday from 12 noon to 6pm. We would like to invite parishioners to sign up for 1 hour of their choice on any Wednesday. Sign up boards are at the entrance. This will continue the whole Jubilee year.

Jubilee Day Mass

On Jubilee Day (June 22nd) the Bishop will celebrate the Mass at 9am. We want to welcome the Bishop and hopefully you can make it.

Graduates

Saint Boniface wants to wish the 2025 graduates all the best!



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May 25

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Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Holy Hour of Adoration: last Wednesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm
Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net to arrange these visits.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or contact Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight Thomas St. George at tjstgeorge@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Bodkin at tbodkin@bodkinmason.com or (508-363-3422), or email kofc16480@gmail.com.

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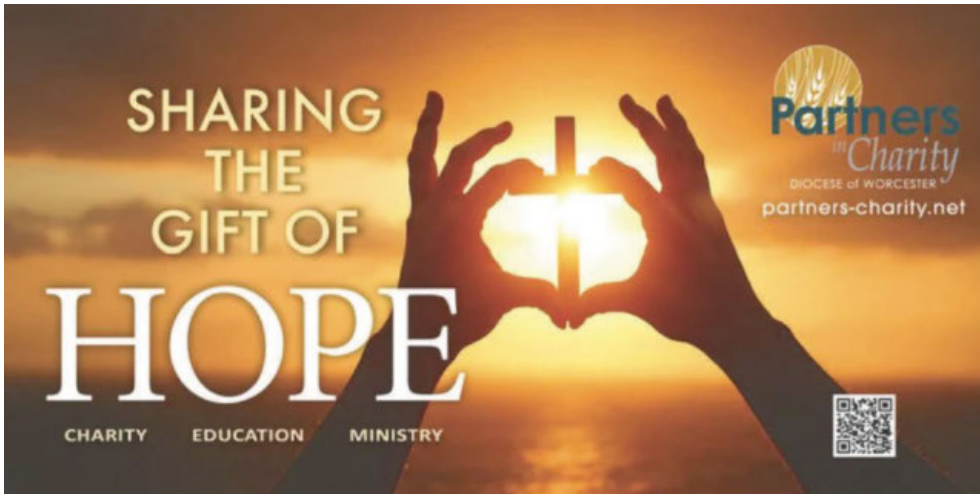
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Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

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Partners in Charity

Thank you for your generosity this far! We are at 75% already. We need \$5,000 more to reach our goal of \$22,000. Through Catholic Charities and other agencies, families and individuals have their basic needs met in a safe, welcoming and confidential environment. Please donate what you can and know it is greatly appreciated.

“Which Saint had Angels for Coworkers?”

You don’t have to move mountains to be a saint. You don’t have to write theological works, be a visionary, or found a religious order. You certainly don’t need any kind of worldly standing or lofty profession. The humblest life can be the pathway to great sanctity.

St. Isidore was a simple man who worked all his life as a farmer for a wealthy landowner, Juan de Vargas, near Madrid. His wife Maria is also a saint. Together they were hardworking, charitable people, and generous towards the poor. St. Isidore often brought home hungry workers to share his table lest anyone suffer want. It is said that once, Maria ran out of stew to feed them—but it miraculously replenished itself, enough for them all!

St. Isidore’s fellow workers noticed that he was sometimes late coming to the field because he would go to Mass first. When his boss looked out the window to see if this was true, he saw an angel plowing the field in Isidore’s place. Another story says that the landowner, wondering how St. Isidore got so much done in so short a time, saw angels plowing on either side of him.

St. Isidore died in 1130 and promptly gained the love of Spain’s monarchs and people—as well as a reputation for the miraculous. His body remains incorrupt to this day. They say he appeared to the King of Castile in 1211 and showed him a surprise way to attack the Moors against whom he was fighting. King Philip III was miraculously healed through his relics.

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