

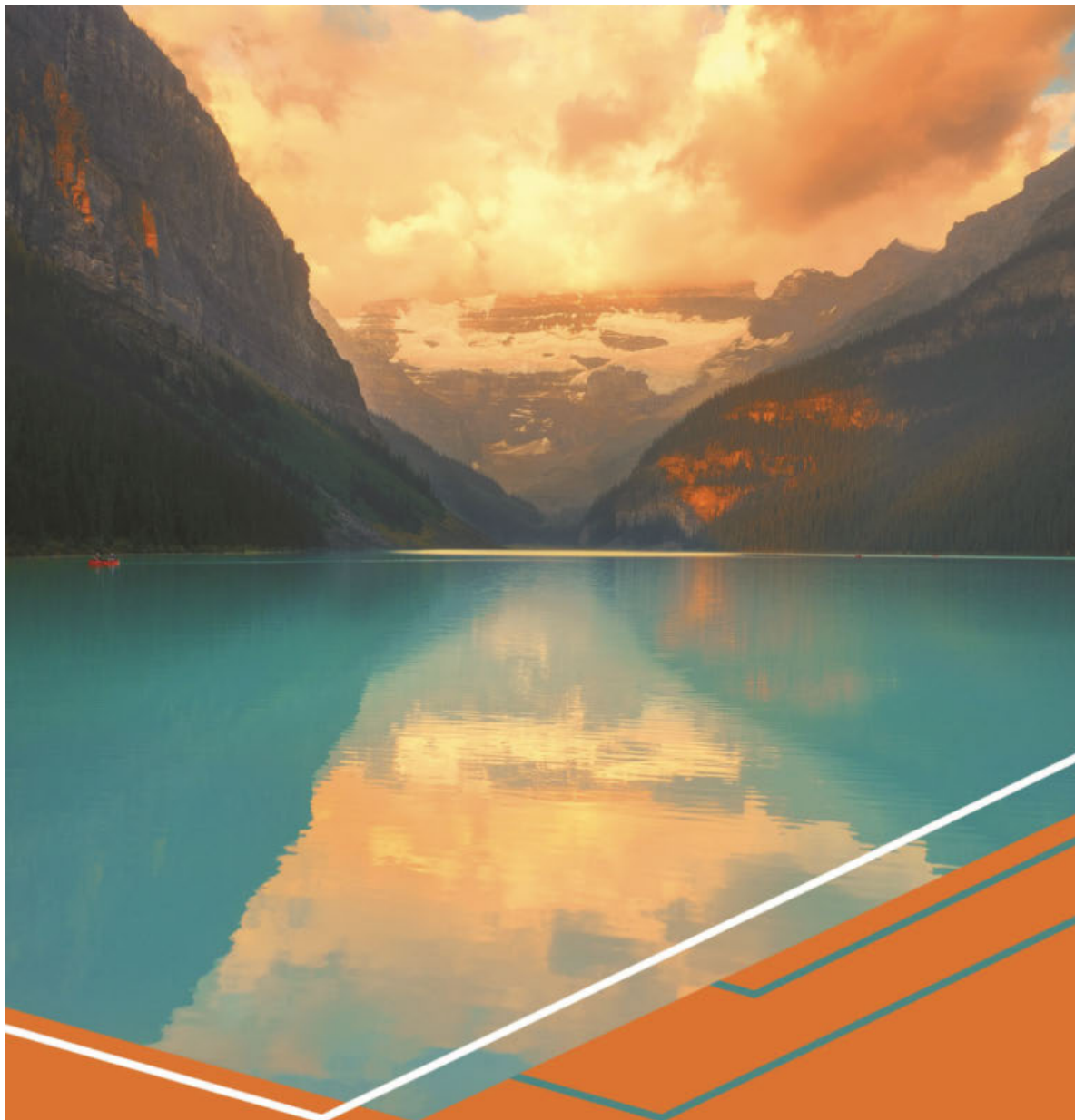


THE CHURCH OF SAINT BONIFACE

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JULY 6, 2025



14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

- Lk 10:8-9

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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Isaiah 66:10-14c/ Galatians 6:14-18/ Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Jesus does not make it easy for his disciples. Instead of sending them out in a group so that some could just tag along, he sends them out two by two. He sends them with no money or change of clothes, making them dependent on the people they meet (and on God). He sends them “like lambs among wolves” (Luke 10:3). But he gives them all that they truly need: the power to build the kingdom in his name. Jesus calls us to do the same. We can bring peace to a household with understanding and forgiveness. We can heal suffering with our presence and kindness. We can drive out the demons of hatred and discord, of injustice and oppression, by being the voice and hands of Christ in the world. Then may we rejoice as the disciples did, marveling at what we can accomplish in Jesus’ name.

Question of the Week: How am I willing to labor this week to add to Jesus’ harvest?

Gospel Meditation

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, “Racism is today’s great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it.” I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don’t we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus’ words this week help. He says, “Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by--to rejoice in--what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

– Father John Muir
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Prayer for Evangelization

As You reach out to the world, Lord, let us be Your hands!

As You answer those crying, send us. Let us be Your people, answer to prayers prayed, comfort to the afflicted.

May we be laborers in Your harvest. Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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
AUG 23	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
SEP 20	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
SEP 27	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
OCT 4	4:00 PM	JOSEPH PICUCCI JR.

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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 July and August will go to Lunenburg Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

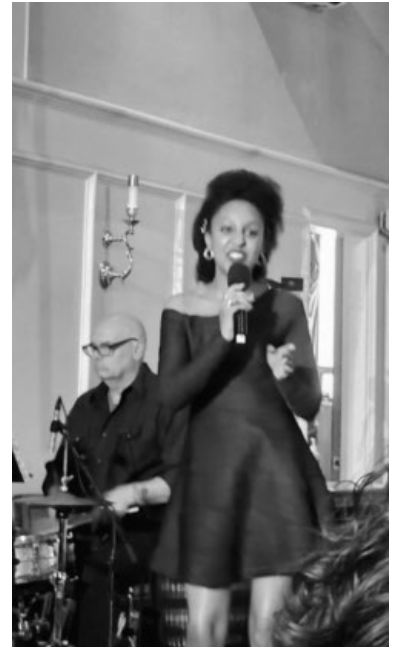
Adoration Adoration will be held each Wednesday from 12 noon to 6pm. We would like to invite parishioners to sign up for 1 hour of their choice on any Wednesday. Sign up boards are at the entrance. This will continue the whole Jubilee year.

Knights of Columbus

In Service to One. In Service to All. The St. Boniface Knights of Columbus Council meets in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Any catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights can attend the meeting, contact us at kofc16480@gmail.com, or talk to any member to get more information.

Jubilee Success

Thank you everyone again for such a wonderful event! We want to especially thank all those who worked so hard to make it a success. Big thanks to the sacristans, altar servers, Knights of Columbus, Ladies of St. Boniface, staff and volunteers. Here are a few pictures from the great day.



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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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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.

“What is the “great cloud of witnesses?”

St. Paul wrote many memorable things in the New Testament, but one thing in particular has defined how Catholics think about saints.

In Hebrews 12:1, St Paul writes:

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.”

To truly understand what St. Paul means by “a cloud of witnesses,” we must consider the full context of this verse. In the preceding chapter, St. Paul goes into what you might call the “Faith Hall of Fame,” recounting the remarkable faith and deeds of Old Testament figures like Abraham, Moses, and Rahab.

It is this all-star lineup of Old Testament players that St. Paul is referring to in this famous verse.

By calling these figures witnesses, St. Paul recognizes that these men and women are still actively participating and concerned with our earthly lives. They are more than passive observers; they are our spiritual supporters, interceding for us and encouraging us by their example.

Imagine running a marathon with a crowd cheering you on. Their encouragement fuels your determination and gives you the strength to keep going. They might hand you a water bottle or a high-energy snack right when you need it! Similarly, the saints cheer us on from their place in heaven. They have completed their earthly race and now, from their celestial vantage point, they inspire us to persevere in our own struggles. They pray for us and send us “snacks” of grace when we need a boost!

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