SAINTS JOSEPH, PETER, BONIFACE & ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

PARISH CLUSTER

ONE. HOLY. APOSTOLIC. UNIVERSAL CHURCH. WE ARE CATHOLIC. WE ARE FAMILY. WELCOME HOME!

BARRON, CAMERON, CHETEK & STRICKLAND, WI

Items collected at each Parish will go towards the Food Pantry in each town respectively, along with monetary donations designated on the envelopes—Chetek items will go to the Chetek Food Shelf, St. Joseph donations will go to the Cupboard & Closet, and St. Peter donations will go to the Cameron Food Pantry. Homeless shelter donations will be divided between Benjamins House and the Salvation Army (who is finishing a new shelter near Barron). Operation Christmas Child donations will go toward a 100 box assembly that will be donated out of our cluster to the Cross Catholic Outreach program.

Mass Schedule

February 21st - February 26th

TUESDAY - VIGIL MASS
4PM—ABVM, STRICKLAND

ASH WEDNESDAY
7:15AM—ST. JOSEPH, BARRON
9:30AM—ST. BONIFACE, CHETEK
6PM—ST. PETER, CAMERON

THURSDAY
8:30AM—ST. BONIFACE, CHETEK

FRIDAY
8AM—ST. PETER, CAMERON

SATURDAY
4PM—ABVM, STRICKLAND
6PM—ST. JOSEPH, BARRON

SUNDAY
8:30AM—ST. PETER, CAMERON
10:30AM—ST. BONIFACE, CHETEK

Cluster-wide "Love Thy Neighbor" Collection

* Grab tags
* Return requested items by March 12 to Back of church
* Keep the clip!

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Sacraments

Reconciliation: Father will be present in the Confessional, for Reconciliation at all parishes, 30 minutes prior to all Masses, Tuesday-Saturday; and prior to Sunday Mass at St. Peter; and 9-10am on the1st Saturday of the month at St. Joseph. Reconciliation may also be received following most Masses or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment, please call parish office first.

Baptism: Please call the parish office to schedule. First time parents, please plan to attend a baptismal preparation session prior to your child's baptism.

Marriage: Please make arrangements for marriage prep classes beginning six months before the wedding.

Thank you! FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT!
Today for Tomorrow
Your contributions are vital to your parishes. PLEASE continue to mail in your offertory envelopes/ contributions to the parish office at:
827 E LaSalle Ave. Barron, WI 54812

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Hardness of Holiness

Want to know the words I find hardest to say? "Lord, give me the strength."

The world tells us to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone if we're training for a marathon or applying for a job — but if we're talking about God, everything is supposed to be easy. If it comes "naturally" or without struggle it's supposed to be right.

Only God is perfect, the world tells us. What's the use of trying so hard?

I'm really good at finding excuses for myself, especially when it comes to holiness. Holiness, often (not always, but often), is about choosing the hard, but right, thing. The invitation to holiness is whispered in the hardest moments of my day when I am the most hopelessly human. After the kids' bedtime, when I really just want to watch Dateline and eat too much ice cream instead of saying the Rosary. When I've committed to helping someone, but it suddenly becomes incredibly inconvenient. When I see a social media post that's just begging for a snarky reply. When the conversation becomes gossip and I'm dying to make myself feel superior to someone.

The reason it's so difficult for me to mutter these five simple words is because I know that if I say them and I mean them, they form a prayer that God will always answer in the affirmative. He will give me the strength I ask for, and then I will have no excuse.

It's not unlike my kids claiming they're too tired to clean up the playroom. If they would just ask me for help, it would all be so doable. But where would that leave them?

With a job to do, that's where.

"Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy."
— Leviticus 19:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Collections for the Weekend of February 11/12

	ST BONIFACE	ST PETER	ST JOSEPH	ABVM
February 12th Offerings	1332	1694	9229	385
Needed Weekly	1540	1945	1500	480
Vigil Lights	48			
Building Maintenance	20	80	550	
Holy days/CSA/Herald	215	160	395	205
TOTAL	1605	1934	10,174	590

FAITH FORMATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. "What is unusual about that?" asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, *while they were doing it.* And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— Father John Muir

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration:

St. Joseph, Wednesday's 8am-2pm,

St. Boniface, Thursday's 9am-10am

Lent is an excellent opportunity to start this most beneficial prayer time!

TUES		WED		THURS	
4pm	**Ash Wednesday Vigil Mass, ABVM** NO MASS, STP	**7:15am** 8am-2pm **9:30am** **6pm**	**Mass, STJ** Eucharistic Adoration, STJ **Mass, STB** **Mass, STP**	**8:30am** 9-10am 6-7pm	**Mass, STB** Eucharistic Adoration, STB Adoracion en St. Joseph, Barron (en espanol)

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

4:00 pm	† Tami Langland by Friends of the Family	ABVM
5:30 pm	Pray the Rosary	SJ
6:00 pm	† Linda Deyer by Allen Klingelhoets	SJ

Sunday

8:30 am	† Kaye Guinn by Rod & Lois Leis	SP
10:00 am	Pray the Rosary	SB
10:30 am	All the People of our Parish Cluster	SB

Tuesday Ash Wednesday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm	† John Gronski by Kathy & Chuck Lynk	ABVM

NO 5pm Mass

Ash Wednesday

7:15 am	† Fr. Bala's Mom (Theresa) by Jane & Al Horvath	SJ
9:30 am	Good Health & Comfort for Thomas Nesseth by Mary & Ron	SB
6:00 pm	All the People of our Parish Cluster	SP

Thursday

8:30 am	† Kathy (Whalen) Smith by Tom & Marie Whalen	SB

Friday

8:00 am	† Phyllis Arts by James Ebner	SP

Saturday

4:00 pm	† Carolyn Robarge by PCCW	ABVM
5:30 pm	Pray the Rosary	SJ
6:00 pm	All the People of our Parish Cluster	SJ

Sunday

8:30 am	† Ralph Malsom by Jean & Dave Malsom	SP
10:00 am	Pray the Rosary	SB
10:30 am	† Phillip Burak by Mom & Dad	SB

SB-St. Boniface • SJ-St. Joseph • SP-St. Peter
ABVM-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

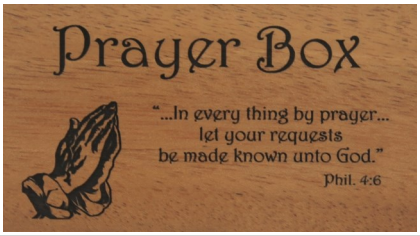
TUESDAY
4:30PM @ ST. PETER
THURSDAY
8AM @ ST. BONIFACE
FRIDAY
NOON @ ST. JOSEPH
5:30PM @ ST. PETER
SATURDAY
3PM @ ABVM

Stations OF THE CROSS

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES:
March 12, 6pm at St. Joseph
March 23, 6pm at St. Boniface
March 29, 6pm at St. Peter
Prior to mass weekly at ABVM

Please Pray For: *All of our cluster parishioners in hospitals, at home and in the nursing homes & for those in the Armed Forces and their families. Especially for: Laura Johanson, Judy Lentz, Joyce Trotter, Darlene Townsend, Barb Dennis, Diane DeMars, Nancy Kukla, Jo Ann Lundequam, Sandy Garr, Jim Haas, Doug Rutledge, Joan Fostvedt, Norma Licht, Joel Rivera, Allen Klingelhoets, Bob Anderson, Barb Greene, Mike Haselhuhn, Betty Livingston, Mary Weber, Jimmy Rippy, Ceil Nelson, Loretta Shimon, Elizabeth Vanlyll, George & Betty Scott, Rex Krueger, Robert Newman, Dan & Diane Novak, Mark Farmer, Annette Quarn, Charlie Breed, Sharon Jorgensen, Kevin Gehan, Marion Edwards, Matthew Williams, Noah Lykens, Dean Chappell, Stanley Mares, Lorraine Biedron, Linda Hackett, Mary Ann Tvedt, Don Drost, Richard Folz, Roger Gardner, Stefan Geisinger, Ed Biedron, Mary Ann Ferry, Louise Adams, Tony Nelson, Roger Mlsna, Kathleen Busch, Jim Ebner, Melissa Hayes & Kimarie Winans.* *To be added or removed, please contact the parish office.*

Prayer Box ~ Please find in the entry of each church in our cluster, a box to put in prayer requests. The Morning Star Prayer Group will collect these requests and pray for the intentions during our prayer meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Also, all are welcome to come to the prayer meetings. See bulletin for time and dates. *Let us pray for you! Come pray with us!*



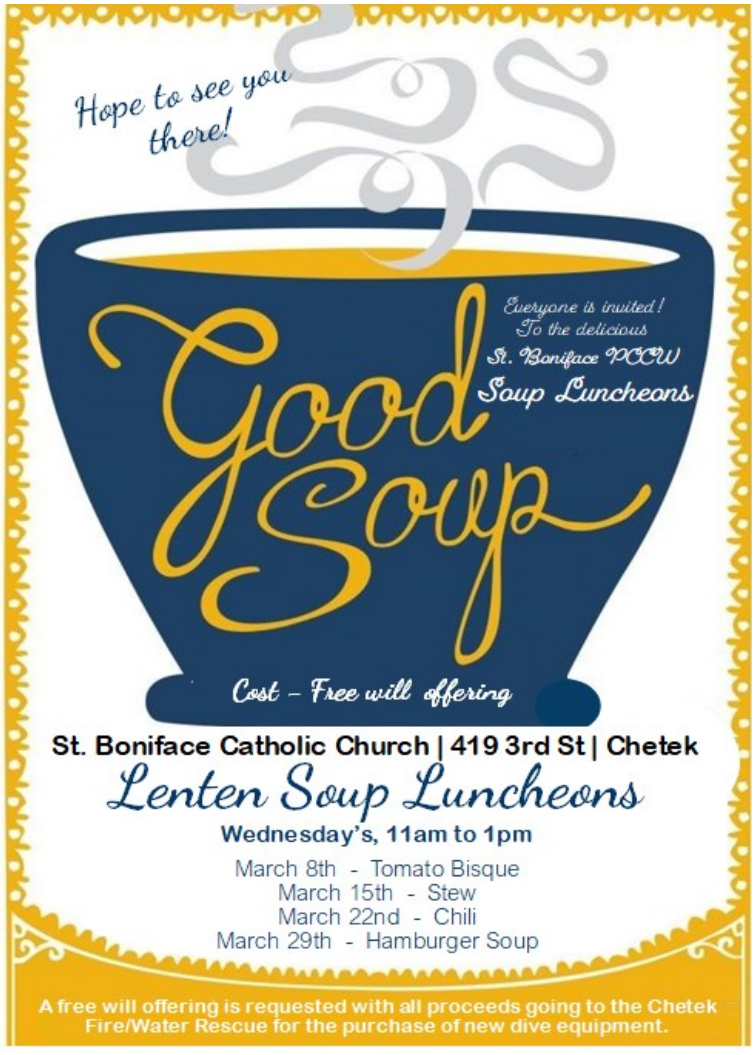
FRI		SAT		SUN	
8am	Mass, STP	4pm 6pm	Mass, ABVM Mass, STJ	8:30am 10:30am	Mass, STP Mass, STB

CLUSTER NEWS

CLUSTER ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

Tuesday, February 21st
4pm @ ABVM, Strickland
Wednesday, February 22nd
7:15am @ St. Joseph, Barron
9:30am @ St. Boniface, Chetek
6pm @ St. Peter, Cameron



ST. BONIFACE CCW MEETING: Ladies, please join us for our monthly meeting on Sunday, March 5th, 9am in the church basement. Note, see above—we will be hosting our Lenten Soup Luncheons again this year!

You are invited to join in a small group reflection this Lent! Discussion will focus on lives of women of the Bible and what we can learn from them. Hosted by Anne Stephens on Wednesdays at St. Joseph, Barron from 1:30-3pm beginning March 8th. Call 715-455-8056 to reserve your spot!

SAVE THE DATE:
APRIL 23 SPRING DINNER @ ST. PETER

Please note that the April 23rd spring dinner will include a "sit down" meal. As a part of that, we will also sponsor a bake sale and our traditional "chance" baskets. Those who are interested in donating a "chance" basket, can contact Irene Cooley at 715-642-3652 or cooleijc@chibardun.net

KNIGHTS CORNER

Next council meeting to be held at 6:00pm, March 14th at St. Peter Church in Cameron

Worthy Brother Knights and Fellow Parishioners,

IT'S HERE! THE FISH FRY IS HERE! This Friday will be the first of six Friday Fish Frys at St. Peter. This year we also have Gift Certificates available for you to purchase. This is a great way to invite your friends and family to join you in an awesome Lenten fish dinner!! Please remember if you would like to volunteer your time and talents by helping out at the Fish Fry or any of our events, call Raymond. Be sure to purchase your Knights of Columbus State Raffle Tickets. Lots of great cash and prizes including a chance to win a 2023 Ford F150 XLT! If you would like to purchase tickets, please ask a Knight.

Thank you, Deputy Grand Knight, Raymond Kressin, 715-642-0317.