

Giving All We Have!
Finding Joy in Jesus Alone

St. Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH



VISION:

***“A Community of Joyful Disciples,
Deeply Grounded in Prayer, Presence, and Proclamation”***



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Dear Parish Family,

I am so happy to release our Annual Financial Report for FY 2023-24. As you review the contents, I pray that you discover how significant your sacrificial giving has been in opening the doors for parishioners to have a personal transformation in Jesus and to experience a new desire for committed discipleship.

When I think of *sacrificial giving*, I remember the poor widow's *two small coins*. They were truly insignificant compared to those that put in more into the treasury. Nevertheless, it is not the size of the contribution that captured the attention of the Abundant Savior. Rather, it was the disposition that moved his heart in praise of her. The widow *gave the more*: "all she had." (Mark 12:44)

As you review our financial summary, you will realize how blessed we are. It is because of parishioners like you who want to sacrifice more (along with unrealized ministry positions, decrease in expenses, and investment income) that St. Boniface parish can remain financially healthy and forge forward in the mission of Jesus. While there are challenges in areas of sacramental engagement, financial stewardship, and parish life, our investment in evangelization and discipleship will reignite the hearts of parishioners for authentic conversion, friendship, and communion.

The widow "gave all" because she loved God "with all her heart, with all her soul, with all her mind, and with all her strength" (Mark 12: 30). As we enter the new fiscal year, I invite you to pray with me. I ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us a new desire to invest in leading many to Jesus and *build a community of joyful disciples*.

May our Blessed Mother and Saint Boniface intercede for us!

+ *Chinna Devaraj*

Father Chinna Devaraj

November 25, 2024 | Saint Catherine of Alexandria



PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

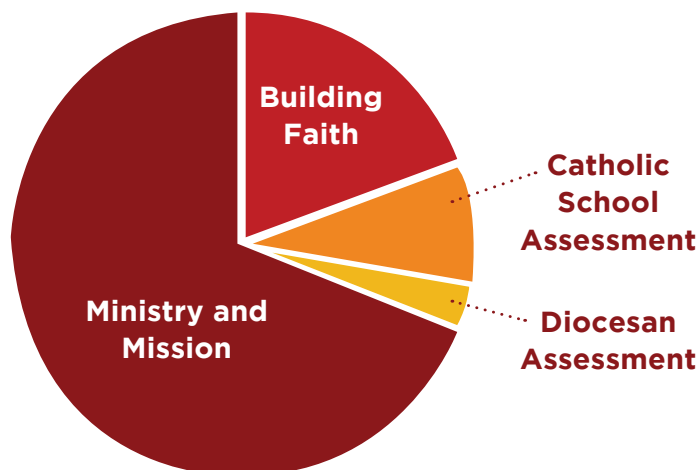
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

REVENUE SOURCES	FY 22/23 Actual	FY 23/24 Actual	FY 24/25 Budget
Sunday Collections	1,724,215.67	1,739,598.78	1,860,000.00
Building Faith	163,561.07	80,336.25	100,000.00
Ministry and Mission	154,500.60	148,042.25	169,300.00
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$2,042,277.34	\$1,967,977.28	\$2,129,300.00
EXPENDITURES			
Building Faith	91,619.26	69,253.36	165,000.00
Ministry and Mission	1,219,196.99	1,102,625.89	1,532,873.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$1,310,816.25	\$1,171,879.25	\$1,697,873.00
NET OPERATING SURPLUS	\$731,461.09	\$796,098.03	\$431,427.00
NON-OPERATING CASH FLOW			
Investment Income	216,418.85	185,643.31	
Ignite Campaign Income	-	161,010.72	
Catholic School Support	(149,590.00)	(132,484.30)	
Diocesan Assessment (ADA)	(57,000.00)	(52,508.20)	
Long-term Debt Payments	\$(287,202.12)	\$(240,300.00)	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING	\$(277,373.27)	\$(78,638.47)	
TOTAL CASH & OPERATIONS	\$454,087.82	\$717,459.56	

Please contact Brittany Finley (Parish Accountant) at bfinley@stbonifacechurch.org.



How Your Giving Impacted the Parish



In good part to the generosity of our parishioners, our financial stewardship continues to improve. We had a net surplus of \$376k. With your continued support, these funds will continue to grow and help further the mission of St. Boniface parish. The new fiscal year has huge expenses with roof replacement, technology updates for parish hall, and other and evangelization efforts. We pray that you will continue to remember



Share the Joy of Jesus

I am Brittany Finley. I serve as Parish Accountant now. I struggled for a long time without having a personal relationship with Jesus. Around this time, everything seemed coincidental and there was no real sense of truth. I had a great life, good job, wonderful kids, an amazing husband, but I know that there was something missing.

I needed the Alpha Course, a gentle rediscovery of Jesus and the power of His redeeming love. Framed in radical hospitality, a deep listening, and dependence on the Holy Spirit, it provides a restful setting to know and love Jesus. Having witnessed the transformation in my husband and I decided to attend Alpha too.

“Before Alpha, I was a strong person who tried very hard to be joyful without Jesus and it was fleeting. Since I have rediscovered Jesus, there isn’t a day I am not filled with a desire to share to His love and joy with others.”

Going into first session of the Alpha Course, I was nervous. However, there was a stranger who sat next to me, whose genuine care and welcome made me feel comfortable immediately. I loved the meals, the videos, and small group discussion. I met people of different contexts and struggles. We were there listening to each other, offering comfort and peace. My group gradually helped me to open my heart to Jesus, receive the gift of His love, and the grace of baptism with my kids last Easter.

The Alpha Course opened new friendships, offered me a loving community, and importantly, a transformation in Jesus that I so needed for a long time. The gift of Jesus has brought so many blessings to our family. After becoming Catholic, my desire to share the love of Jesus with others have grown even more greater. I was a strong person who tried very hard to be joyful without Jesus. Since I have rediscovered Jesus, there isn’t a day I am not filled with a desire to share to His love with others.



Brittany Finley
Parish Accountant



Whoever Receives You, Receives Me

Back in September, a young man came to St. Boniface for help. He had become homeless recently. Unwelcomed, disillusioned, hungry, and desperate for a place to stay that night, he decided to step into the church. It was late in the evening. The church should have been closed, but it was not. In God's goodness and providence, it remained open for this young man to find his way home. There he was, sitting in the gathering space, hoping that someone will show up. Yes, we did, providentially.

I was so thankful that St. Boniface family was able to stretch its heart to welcome this young man. In receiving him, God received me.

The young man was 29 years old. When I looked at him, I saw a child because he was my son's age. My heart broke for him. My heart broke for his mother too. We took him, got him food, and found a place for a few nights. I recall Jesus' words, "Whoever receives you receives me" (Matthew 10:40). The "you" and "me" could be anyone of us, being received and hosted. I was thankful that St. Boniface family was able to stretch its heart to welcome this young man. *In receiving him, God received me.*

Later, with the help of a parishioner, we took him to receive the healthcare he desperately needed. All this, and more, could not have been possible without your sacrificial giving. We made huge difference in this young man's life. We created a temporary home and we were his family. I pray the Lord will continue to place people in this young man's path to help him live a life full of love, peace, and hope.



Sara Krohnke
Parish Life and Pastoral Care

God Truly Communicates in Prayer

I am Megan McCarthy and I serve as Children's Ministry Coordinator for our community. I was recently invited to participate in the "Hallow Summit" in Steubenville, Ohio. I have been using "Hallow App" for a few years now, so my excitement was abounding when the opportunity arose. Little did I know that in just a few days that my mostly personal and private prayer life would be changed for the better through my participation in the Hallow Summit.



I left with new friendships that are continuing to bear fruit, direct encounter with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist that has been so powerful experience, and a new awareness that God truly communicates with me through prayer in ways that are only best for me.

As Father Chinna and I arrived at Franciscan University, the Love of Christ and the Hunger for God's presence were tangible. The environment was calm, the people were reverent, and the air was filled with excitement and anticipation. While I was only there for a short time, the long-lasting impacts on my personal prayer life are undeniable. I left with new friendships that are continuing to bear fruit, direct encounter with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist that has been so powerful, and a new awareness that God truly communicates with me through prayer in ways that are only best for me.

The different types of prayer that I have learned are available on Hallow. They have helped me deepen my relationship with Jesus, both personally and professionally. As a mother, wife, and friend, Hallow had been a wonderful platform for sharing prayer and prayer intentions with those that I love. I begin the day with the Daily Reflection, challenge myself to explore different prayers on the app throughout the day, and fall asleep to the Piano for Sleep playlist at night. As faith formation staff, Hallow App has helped me connect with parishioners through sharing prayer for different occasions, recommending families to use Hallow at home, and being able to offer Hallow App to our Catechists and youth at an affordable cost through our parish partnership.

It brings me such joy to be able to send out the gift of suggesting Hallow to all, both near and far and I love exploring the Hallow App for different prayer forms throughout the day that we can suggest in the faith formation program. Overall, attending the Hallow Summit has impacted me personally and professionally. It was possible because of your sacrificial giving—thank you for impacting my life.



Megan McCarthy
Children's Ministry Coordinator



Seeing God's love in Action

A total of ten parishioners including Father Reed Flood, were blessed to personally see Saint Boniface Church's mission in action on a recent mission trip to El Salvador.

Before going to El Recreo, I thought I had a good idea of what the word "poverty" meant. I have never been so wrong. Water is only available three times a week for 8 hours on those days. Their houses are metal shanties, housing multiple people in what feels like 120 degrees. There is no easy access to this deep country, you can't even find it on Google maps.

Seeing God's love in action firsthand through the most grateful, joyful, loving, and faithful community of people I have ever encountered is something that has changed me forever, bringing me closer to God than I ever dreamed possible.

After a 30-minute ride standing in the back of a pickup truck down a mountain road that seemed to be paved with bowling balls, we heard the fireworks go off. The people of El Recreo had assembled and stood in line with clapping and cheering. We were greeted by hugs, and I don't mean a hug here and there, EVERYONE hugged us!

The impact of God's love in El Recreo shown through St. Boniface is clear, appreciated, and undeniable. Seeing God's love in action firsthand through the most grateful, joyful, loving, and faithful community of people I have ever encountered is something that has changed me forever, bringing me closer to God than I ever dreamed possible. And that feeling hasn't left.

At one point during the mission, I was so wonderfully overwhelmed that I commented to our group, "How can so much suffering equal so much joy in their hearts?" Father Reed looked at the group, smiled and said, "Romans 8:18", which reads, *"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."*



Josh Fleming
Parishioner

Pray for Our Priests, Religious, and Seminarians



Dave Dufek, a parishioner of St. Boniface, is admitted to the Permanent Diaconate Program for the Diocese of Des Moines. He is in the second year of aspirancy with three years of candidacy ahead. He is deeply grateful to our prayers and support. The faithful witness of St. Boniface family inspires his daily walk with Christ, as he learns and seeks to understand God's calling to serve His people through this sacred ministry.



Matt Mitchell is a first-year seminarian for the Archdiocese of Dubuque now. He attended St. Boniface Church for most of his childhood and adolescence. Reflecting on some of the significant moments in the vocation story, Matt writes: "Though I was not very interested in faith formation in these years (St. Boniface), I did participate in several mission trips to El Salvador where I first encountered poverty and the reason for the faith. These first encounters with people in material poverty planted a seed within me that would later bear fruit" as "Ames Romero House Catholic Worker" and now admitted to the Propaedeutic Stage in the seminary formation."



Father Jason Lee is from St. Boniface Parish. He writes, "Through St. Boniface Community, I encountered Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and learned about the Catholic faith through RCIA. It was this community and family that prayed for me and supported me as I discerned a vocation to the Sacred Priesthood. With God's grace and your continued prayers, I now joyfully serve the Church as a priest of Jesus Christ."



Brother Nicholas Mullarkey, OSA, who is from the Diocese of Des Moines, joined the Augustinians in 2012 and made perpetual vows in 2019. Brother Nicholas served for six years as a middle school and high school teacher in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Now, he is in northwest Indiana, assisting retired friars and the Provincial office. Brother Nicholas did not grow up at St. Boniface parish, but it has become his "new home parish" since his parents moved to the area in 2010. He describes St. Boniface parish as "a wonderful and vibrant place" that he enjoys visiting when he is back in town.



Father Anderson Avalos is from El Recreo in El Salvador. He serves in the parish of Santiago Apóstol, which has 12 missions of 50 to 200 households. He feels so happy that through God's Word and the Holy Eucharist, he can bring hope to children, adults, and the sick. He enjoys accompanying the youth and wants them know God as he knows and love s him. Father Anderson is thankful for the love, prayers, and financial support of St. Boniface community during the years of seminary. He is particularly grateful to Joanne and Dennis Henderson for their love and commitment.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: UPDATES

I come to you with gratitude for your continued financial support for Capital improvements. Your financial donations to BUILDING FUND help to maintain our facilities and grounds, enhance our sacramental worship, evangelization, and formation experiences, and allow us to build a community of joyful disciples.

This past year, your financial stewardship allowed the parish leaders to replace the entire roof of St. Boniface facility (\$706,277), and complete an extensive faith formation office renovation. These are two examples of the numerous capital improvements, both big and small, that are integral to building the faith of our community.

Looking ahead, we have planned to install handicap accessible doors for north and south church entrances leading to the gathering space (\$22,925). We are also excited to implement upgraded audio and video equipment to our Parish Hall (\$70,727). We continue to look for opportunities to maximize your financial stewardship by working with MidAmerican energy to capitalize on rebate incentives for LED lighting upgrades.

On behalf of Father Chinna, Finance Council, & our Buildings & Grounds Committee, we are truly grateful for your past and continued support of our Parish.



Phil Doud
(Trustee and Chair of Buildings and Grounds)





RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION BASED ON INCOME



**Annual
Household
Income**



**10%
Commitment
Annually/
Weekly**



**8%
Commitment
Annually/
Weekly**



**6%
Commitment
Annually/
Weekly**



**4%
Commitment
Annually/
Weekly**



**2%
Commitment
Annually/
Weekly**

\$200,000	\$20,000/\$385	\$16,000/\$308	\$12,000/\$231	\$8,000/\$154	\$4,000/\$77
\$150,000	\$15,000/\$288	\$12,000/\$231	\$9,000/\$173	\$6,000/\$115	\$3,000/\$58
\$100,000	\$10,000/\$192	\$8,000/\$154	\$6,000/\$115	\$4,000/\$77	\$2,000/\$38
\$50,000	\$5,000/\$96	\$4,000/\$77	\$3,000/\$58	\$2,000/\$38	\$1,000/\$19
\$40,000	\$4,000/\$77	\$3,200/\$62	\$2,400/\$46	\$1,600/\$31	\$800/\$15
\$30,000	\$3,000/\$58	\$2,400/\$46	\$1,800/\$35	\$1,200/\$23	\$600/\$12



Trustees and Finance Council:



Liz Cosner and Phil Doud (Trustees)

Dave Dufek (Chair), Brian Bieker, Dave Rigler, Heidi DeMarais, Julie Matternas, Jay Marshall, and Tom Lastuvka (Finance Council)

George McNulty (Parish Manager)
and Brittany Finley (Parish Accountant)

HOW EVERYONE CAN BENEFIT FROM PLANNED GIFTS

Your Goal	Your Gift	Your Method	Your Benefit
Make a gift while leaving more of your estate to your heirs	Gifts of Retirement Assets (IE: 401-K, IRA)	Name us as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, and pass less taxed assets to your heirs.	Avoid up to 60% income tax on your retirement assets; pass more of your estate to heirs.
Make a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime	Gifts through your Will or Trust ("Bequest")	Include a gift of cash, property, or a share of your estate through your will.	A gift that does not affect your cash flow, and you can adjust your gift as circumstances change.
Make a gift while avoiding capital gains liability	Gifts of appreciated stock or securities.	Give appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds to sell and use the proceeds.	Make a significant gift; receive an immediate income tax deduction; pay no capital gains
Make a gift and receive a "paycheck" for life	Charitable Gift Annuity	Donate cash or securities in a plan where the remainder comes to us upon your death.	Diversify assets, avoid or defer capital gains tax, receive charitable tax deduction, secure often greater income and possible inflation protection.
Make a gift and receive a steady income for life.	Charitable Remainder Unitrust, Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust	Share your assets with us in a plan that provides an income for life and where the remainder comes to us upon your death.	Make an extraordinary contribution that costs you nothing now and can be achieved by simply signing your name.
Make a large gift at little cost.	Gift of Life Insurance	Donate a life insurance policy you no longer need or name us in an existing one.	Take a tax deduction now; take possible future deductions through gifts to pay policy premiums.
Plan a future gift in the simplest way.	Gift the balance of your account (POD or TOD)	Designate the balance of your bank or brokerage account, retirement plan, annuity, or life insurance policy to us.	Make an extraordinary contribution that costs you nothing now and can be accomplished with a signature.
Make a gift that preserves your assets for your heirs.	Charitable Lead Trust	Use appreciated assets to create a trust that will pay us income for a period of years and then will pass the assets back to you or your heirs.	Shelter your growing assets and benefit us immediately; reduce or eliminate gift and estate tax.



Prayer for the New Evangelization

Heavenly Father,

Pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words from Holy Scripture.

Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News.

Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others.

Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions.

In moments of hesitation, remind me:

- If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel?
- If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?
- If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim?

God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen my faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



2024 Stewardship Commitment Form

“A Community of Joyful Disciples”

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (1200 S WARRIOR LN, WAUKEE, IA 50263)

Please bring this card to church on **December 7-8, 2024**

Name: _____

Existing Tithers need only indicate changes to the following information:

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Cell): _____ Email: _____

In gratitude for God’s blessings, I/we make the following financial commitment:

☐ \$ _____ weekly ☐ \$ _____ bi-weekly ☐ \$ _____ monthly ☐ \$ _____ quarterly ☐ \$ _____ annually



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Stewardship Prayer

Generous God,
I give You thanks for the gifts You have given me —
my life, my family, my friends, my time,
talents, and material possessions.
All that I have comes from You.
Help me to remember this and rejoice in Your goodness.
Walk with me, my God.
Help me on my spiritual journey,
so that I may constantly renew my
relationship with You and all your people in St. Boniface parish and the community.
Renew in me Your Spirit.
Give me the strength and courage to become a better follower of Jesus
— to be a disciple.
Help me hear Your call to “Come, follow Me.”
I give glory to You, my God, as I make
stewardship a way of life.

Amen.



Father Chinna thanks
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