



St. Boniface Parish Family Newsletter

Autumn 2019



Dear Brothers and Sisters –

As I am sure you have heard by now, the San Carlos Hispanic Community has decided to join St. Boniface parish, and we are privileged to welcome them. This is a big step for both congregations, but since the decision was guided by many prayers, I am confident that it is the way God wants us to move forward.

It is natural to be hesitant about change; the status quo is much easier. However, when it comes to celebrating and sharing our faith, we have a mandate to grow. In Luke 12, Jesus says, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” That doesn’t sound like the status quo to me. Jesus wants us to joyfully celebrate our love for and with one another and to also spread His love.

Our parish has grown to the great parish family that it is today by embracing many changes down through the years. In 1853, we became St. Aloysius. Around 1862, we branched into St. Boniface and St. Patrick, and then we

came back together as of 1992. And now we are adding the San Carlos congregation to our family. Changes like these make us stop and notice what is really important. We value the great gift of our Catholic faith; we appreciate the universality of the Church; we are awed by God’s infinite and tender love for each one of us.

Let us each make a special effort to personally welcome our new parish family members. And let us each make a particular effort to reach out to others in our world—co-workers, neighbors, family, and friends—and invite them to learn about Jesus and come to know Him.

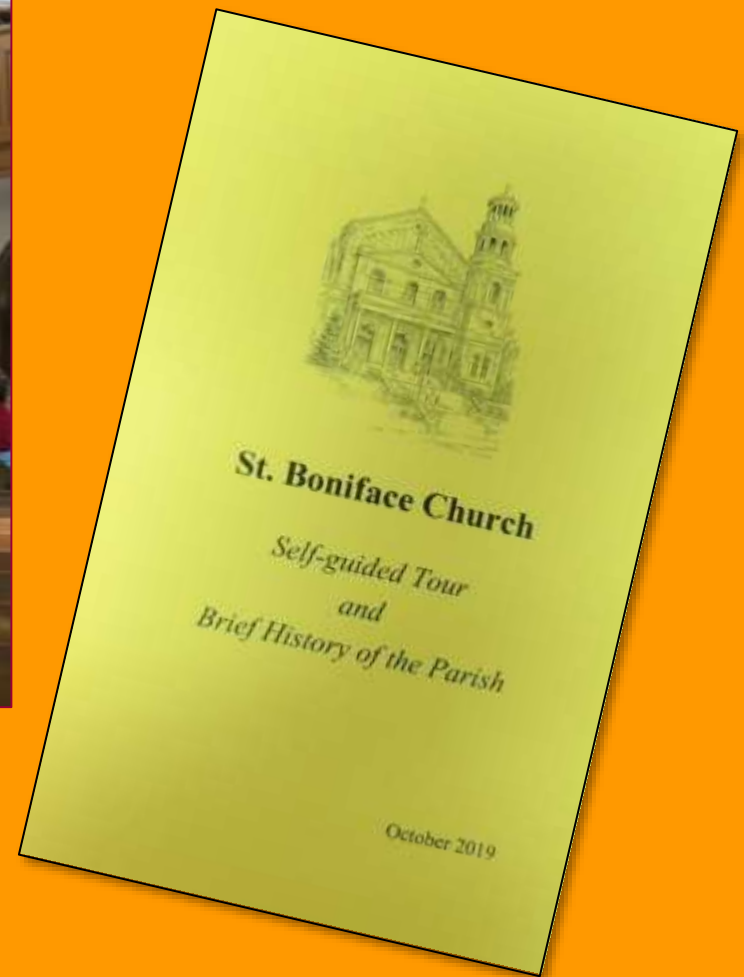
Peace and love,
Fr. Joe



Happenings



On October 9, about 35 people on the Cincinnati Museum Center Heritage Programs “Historic Churches” tour visited St. Boniface and learned about our beautiful church.



Our St. Boniface self-guided tour booklet has been updated. To receive a pdf copy, send an email to stbonifacenewsletter@gmail.com with “tour” as the subject line. Also, a limited number of print copies are available in the bride’s room. A \$2 donation is suggested to cover the cost of color printing.

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At the Mass of Remembrance on October 26, a candle was lit for each parishioner who died during the past year ☞

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Living our Faith



We are just finishing the month of October which Pope Francis declared an Extraordinary Missionary Month throughout the Catholic Church. The word “mission” calls to mind dedicated priests, sisters, and brothers serving people in faraway lands, and we definitely need to support their work through prayer and donations. But in addition to that, each of us can be a missionary in our ordinary lives here at home. In fact, our baptism requires us to bring knowledge of God and His love to others. Here are some ways to get started:

- ❑ Read about some of the great missionary saints such as St. Francis Xavier, St. Paul, and Mother Teresa. Be inspired by their courage and dedication. St. Boniface and St. Patrick were missionary saints too!
- ❑ Ask the Lord in prayer how He wants you to spread his Word and love to people around you.
- ❑ Pray and grow in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The more you know Him, the more you can share Him with others.
- ❑ Continue to learn about the Catholic faith so that you can answer questions people might ask you. There are a lot of educational programs on Catholic radio and the internet, and we have many good books in our parish library.
- ❑ Don't hide your faith just to be politically correct. For example, offer to say a prayer with someone on the spot or tell them that you will be praying for them (and remember to do so). And with Christmas coming up soon, you could send religious greeting cards instead of secular ones.
- ❑ In a kind way, invite family, friends, or neighbors to come to Mass with you. Sometimes all that someone needs is a friendly invitation.
- ❑ Witness to your faith by your day-to-day attitude. Someone may be intrigued by your joyful demeanor and ask what your secret is.

As Catholics, we know that Jesus saved us by his death and resurrection and has given us the hope of eternal life. This is too important to keep to ourselves. Because we experience God's love, we want to share it with the whole world . . . we must be missionaries!

Summer Mystery Photo ~ Solution

The answer to the summer newsletter mystery photo:
The stag and spring motif behind the high altar and crucifix

The stag drinks from the flowing waters as a reminder of baptism. "As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God. (Ps 42:2)



Parishioner Pat Wessler correctly identified the mystery photo and is the winner of the summer drawing. Congratulations! Pat and her husband Henry are long-time members of St. Boniface. Pat faithfully serves the parish by being a lector and proclaiming the readings from Sacred Scripture at Mass. We thank her for her dedication.

Mystery Photo ~ Autumn Edition

Stroll through the parish grounds, look around Church, or take a tour in your memory if you are homebound. Do you recognize what this photo is and where it is located?

Send your answers to stbonifaceneewsletter@gmail.com or mail to Mystery Photo, 1750 Chase Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223. Please include your name.



A drawing from correct answers will be held in January. The full photo along with the name of the winning contestant will be revealed in the next issue of the newsletter.

Have fun sleuthing!

To conserve resources, this colorful newsletter is designed to be viewed on screen rather than in print. Please share with fellow parishioners who may not have a computer.

We welcome your comments and suggestions: stbonifaceneewsletter@gmail.com