



# **St. Boniface Parish Family Newsletter**

Summer 2018



Dear Brothers and Sisters -

Summer blessings to you! Summer is such a special season. The days are longer, and the kids enjoy a break from school. Many families go on vacation and spend extra time together. There is a sense of freedom, even just in the simple act of going out for a walk without having to wear a coat and hat.

Summer brings with it noisy crowds at baseball games and the incessant roar of ocean waves. There is boisterous activity and the incredible beauty of nature.

Let's make a point of finding God in the joy and freedom of summer. Let's remember to extend our awe of His handiwork to our reverence of Him in the Blessed Sacrament. And amidst the busyness and chatter of summer, let us remember that it is the Creator of heaven and earth whom we receive in Holy Communion.

Peace and love,

Fr. Joe



**First Holy  
Communion  
Day**

Madeline Irene Meyers and Lylah Suzanne Jones made their First Holy Communion on May 6. Nourished with Heavenly Food, may they continue to grow in the love of Christ Jesus.



# Happenings

On May 3, St. Boniface students honored Mary in May Crowning

*Almighty Father, thank you for giving us Mary as our heavenly Queen and calling us, her children, to be princes and princesses of Your love*



St. Boniface 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation took place on May 24

*We pray that our graduates will build on the firm foundation they received at St. Boniface and continue to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and kindness*

Our parish family enjoyed a spaghetti dinner together on June 2. Lots of good food and good conversation

*Dear God, thank you for nourishing us with fellowship and love*



The biennial parish rummage sale was held on June 9. Thanks to all who donated and purchased treasures to help the parish

*Praise and thanks to you, O Lord, for giving St. Boniface dedicated and hard-working volunteers*





# Inspiration



You may have seen listed in the bulletin that St. Boniface has Holy Hour twice a week— Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. and Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Have you been hesitant to attend because you don't know what it is all about?

"Holy Hour" is a pious devotional exercise consisting of mental and vocal prayer in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Usually, Father Joe or Deacon Jerry leads the prayers which include the Rosary, readings from Scripture, Morning or Evening Prayer, various litanies, and songs.

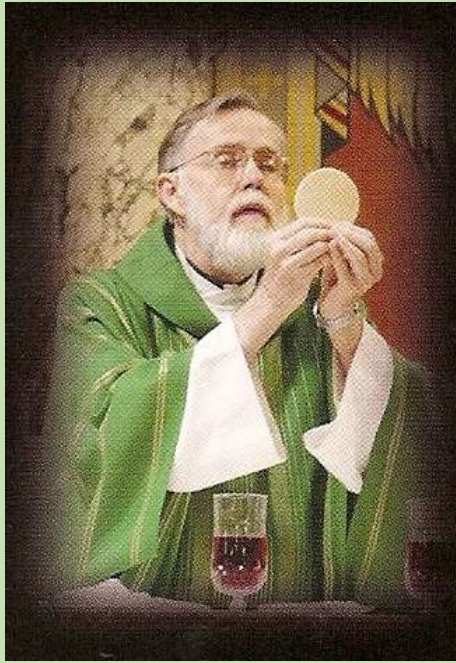
We pray The Divine Praises, and then in Benediction, the presider takes the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament and with it makes the sign of the cross over the people.

Holy Hour is not rushed. It is spending some quiet time with our Lord. Praising, thanking, asking. Listening in the peace to hear what God is saying to you.

Come join us for Holy Hour this week.

*"Could you not watch  
one hour with me?"*

# Inspiration



Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. . . . For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." (Jn 6:51;55) We believe that, in the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine *become* the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. You are not receiving a symbol on your lips . . . you are receiving the **Real Presence of JESUS**.

Mother, upon my lips today,  
Christ's precious Blood was laid;  
That Blood, which centuries ago,  
Was for my ransom paid;  
And half in love and half in fear  
I seek for aid from thee,  
Lest, what I worship, wrapt in awe,  
Should be profaned by me.  
Wilt thou vouchsafe as portress dear  
To guard those lips today,  
Lessen my words of idle worth  
And govern all I say?  
Keep back the sharp and quick retorts  
That rise so easily;  
Soften my speech with gentle art  
To sweetest charity.

Check thou the laugh or careless jest  
That others harsh might find,  
Teach me the thoughtful words of love  
That soothe the anxious mind;  
Put far from me all proud replies  
And each deceitful tone,  
So that my words at length may be  
Faint echoes of thine own.  
O Mother, thou art mine today,  
By more than double right!  
A soul, where Christ reposed, must be  
Most precious in thy sight;  
And thou canst hardly think of me,  
From thy dear Son apart;  
Then give me from myself and sin  
A refuge in thy heart.

*The Real Presence*



# Living our Faith

Feeling close to God can sometimes be more challenging in the summer as life is often more hectic and noisier. Here are some suggestions of how to unite yourself to Jesus:

## **#1 Share the joy of children.**

When you are spending time with your little ones or your grandchildren, let their happiness infect you, and offer your shared laughter as praise to God.

## **#2 Be conscious of the beauty of nature.**

Pause to experience and wonder at the Creator's handiwork and thank Him.

## **#3 Spend quiet time in prayer.**

To combat the noise and bustle of summer, deliberately carve out times to be quiet and talk to the Lord. Maybe pray a Holy Hour in the calm and reverential beauty of St. Boniface.



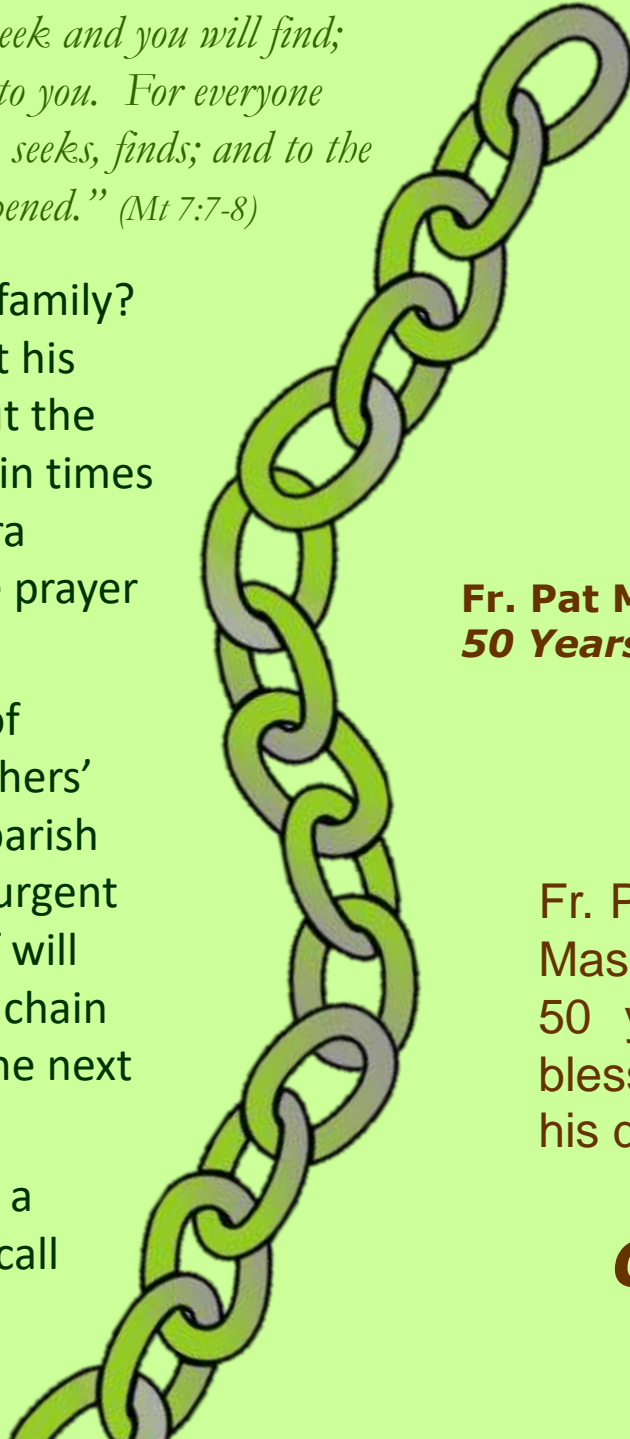
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*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Mt 7:7-8)*

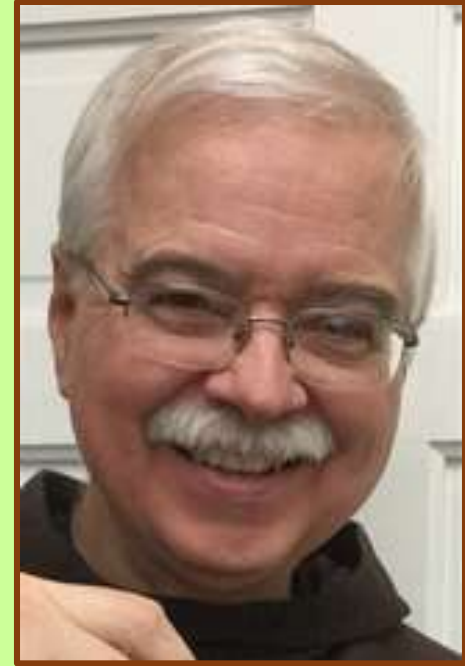
Is a crisis happening in your family? Perhaps your spouse has lost his job, or you are worried about the safe birth of your child. It is in times like these that you'd like extra prayers, and the St. Boniface prayer chain can help.

The prayer chain is a series of parishioners who pray for others' special intentions. Call the parish office (541-1563) with your urgent prayer request, and the staff will notify the first person in the chain who will then pass it on to the next link, and so on.

(If you would like to become a prayer chain pray-er, please call the parish office.)



**Fr. Pat McCloskey, OFM  
50 Years Profession**



Fr. Pat McCloskey, who frequently offers Mass here at St. Boniface, is celebrating 50 years as a Franciscan. We are blessed by the gift of his vocation and his dedication to our parish.

***Congratulations and  
Thank You!***

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## Volunteer Spotlight



Doug Mercer has been a member of St. Boniface for **24** years, and he serves the parish as Director of Ministries.

Q: What are your responsibilities in this role?

Doug: I train servers and Eucharistic Ministers; I help out with special services especially during Lent and Advent; and I assist Fr. Joe and Deacon Jerry with baptisms, wedding rehearsals, and weddings. It's a team effort. I'm very grateful to Kathy Fahey because she helps me with so much.

Q: Did someone train you when you started out?

Doug: Carol Roosa trained me, and I appreciate that she passed along so much valuable knowledge and experience.

Q: What keeps you motivated?

Doug: My faith keeps me motivated, and I enjoy the work. You feel like you've accomplished something. And I want to give back to the church. You've got to have heart.

**Thank you, Doug,** for your service, and thanks to all of our amazing volunteers! Keep up the good work serving our Lord and our parish family.

There are many opportunities to live your faith by volunteering, including:

- Become an altar server and assist at Mass
- Be trained as a backup wedding coordinator

If interested in either of these roles, please call Jenni in the parish office. Or talk with Fr. Joe or Jenni to find a role that fits with your interests and schedule.

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*



# Spring Mystery Photo ~ Solution



The answer to the spring newsletter mystery photo: The Blessed Mother's hands folded in prayer as depicted in the stained glass window of the Annunciation, along the left side aisle of church

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end." (Lk 1:30-33)

Parishioner Phyllis Randolph correctly identified the mystery photo and is the winner of the Spring drawing. Congratulations! Phyllis serves St. Boniface in many ways, especially as an altar server and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. She also hand makes exquisite baptismal garments for infant baptisms as well as for adult RCIA candidates. She tangibly spreads the love of Jesus with lots of hugs.





# ***Mystery Photo ~ Summer 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](mailto: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 mid-October. The full photo along with the name of the winning contestant will be revealed in the next issue of the newsletter.

Happy sleuthing!

*To conserve resources, this colorful newsletter is designed to be viewed on screen rather than in print. If you know of a fellow parishioner who does not have a computer, please show it to them on your laptop or smart phone.*

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