

St. Boniface Parish Family Newsletter

Autumn 2018



Dear Brothers and Sisters -

Have you noticed dirt and equipment by the side of the Parish Center? Our new parking lot construction is now underway! Although we will miss the field greenspace, more importantly, we will have additional parking *on level* with church.

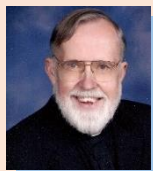
In 2015 the archdiocese launched One Faith, One Hope, One Love—a comprehensive campaign designed to address long-term needs of the church. Each parish

receives 20% of all funds collected up to its campaign goal. Because of your dedicated stewardship and sacrifice, we are able to use our rebate funds to expand “no-steps” parking. Instead of only 2 handicap parking spots, we will have 12, as well as 58 regular spots. So please bear with the construction, and soon we will have better access to church.



As the days grow shorter, enjoy the beautiful fall colors, the crisp air, and draw closer to our Lord.

Peace and love,
Fr. Joe



“Before”
Photo



Parking Lot
Excavation Begins!

Happenings



Archbishop Schnurr and Fr. Joe

Archbishop Schnurr chose St. Boniface at which to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the archdiocese's successful 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Due to the amazing generosity of St. Boniface parishioners and those of the almost 200 other parishes across the archdiocese, thousands of lives here in our local community will be positively impacted. Thanks to all!



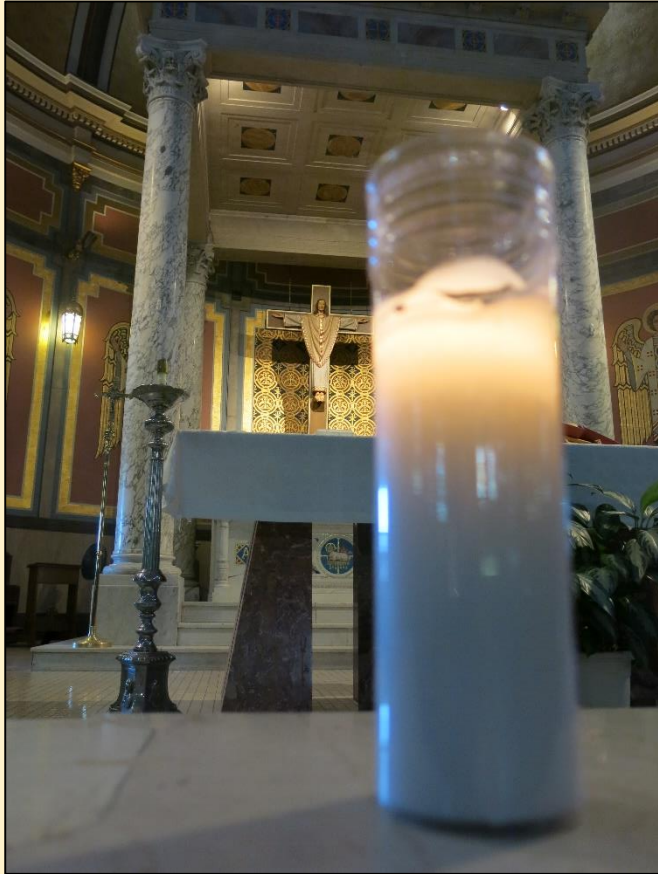
Thank You!

- Catholic Charities and Social Services
- Seminary and Vocations
- Campus, Hospital, and Prison Ministries
- Retired Archdiocesan Priests
- New Evangelization Programming
- St. Rita School for the Deaf



Everyone was invited to greet the Archbishop and enjoy a light refreshment after Mass

Happenings



The annual Mass of Remembrance was held in October to celebrate the lives of those parishioners who died this past year. May their souls rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon them.

The final 17/18 Four Grand Club drawing took place in August. Congrats to these four Grand Prize winners who each won \$1,000: Carol Deitsch, Kathie Fahey, Allison Lane, and Rick Sanders.



Couples marking their golden wedding anniversaries in 2018 celebrated in August with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. St. Boniface parishioners Bill and Yvonne Tieke hold hands as Archbishop Schnurr blesses them. (Photo courtesy of The Catholic Telegraph)



Inspiration

In 1917 near Fatima, Portugal, the Blessed Mother appeared numerous times to three shepherd children. She shared several messages with them, including exhortations that we amend our lives, ask pardon for our sins, and pray the rosary for peace in the world. Mary identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and promised “to perform a miracle so that all may believe.” This miracle took place on October 13, 1917. On that day, the sun twirled in the sky and then appeared to plummet toward the earth. This “miracle of the sun” was witnessed by about 70,000 people.

Deacon Jerry and Mary Ellen Yetter journeyed to Fatima this summer to be inspired in their vocations and to share in a devotional experience along with thousands of other pilgrims visiting the shrine.

We visited the Chapel of the Apparitions, built on the exact spot of the oak tree on which Mary appeared to the three children. We saw the original Fatima statue of Mary whose crown now contains the bullet that hit Pope St. John Paul II in an assassination attempt in 1981. And we visited the two large churches on either end of the plaza—the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary (which contains the tombs of the three original visionaries) and the more modern Church of the Most Holy Trinity.

The whole experience of Fatima is amazing, but we had two particular insights about our fellow pilgrims. One was the deep faith exhibited by so many of the visitors. Many of them “walked” on their knees on the esplanade—outside, on the concrete—leading up to the shrine as a prayer of reparation. Some people were so moved by the spiritual experience that they had tears streaming down their faces.

The other thing that struck us was the universality of our Catholic faith. There we were, surrounded by people speaking all different languages—but we were all praying the same prayers to the one, true God.



Inspiration

The prayer of the rosary is a profound treasure. By meditating on the mysteries, we dig deep into the life of Christ and get to know Him better as a friend. And we gain peace in our hearts through the comforting repetition of Hail Marys and Our Fathers. Yes, sometimes it's hard to concentrate, but the key is to keep at it. A prayer said with some distraction is better than no prayer at all.

The rosary is always vibrant because there are endless ways to meditate as you pray. Here are just a few ideas:

- ***You can ask yourself what the Lord is saying to you through each mystery.***

For example, Mary replied "May it be done to me according to your word" at the Annunciation. Is there some aspect of your life that needs to be better aligned to God's will?

- ***You can imagine yourself at the scene of each mystery and wonder how Jesus or a particular person might have felt.***

Such as when John baptized Jesus in the Jordan, was he feeling a bit overwhelmed with the realization that the man he had known as a cousin was also the Lamb of God?

- ***You can think of a virtue related to each mystery and ask the Lord to help you increase in that virtue.***

As you think about the Resurrection, for instance, you might pray that your faith be strengthened more each day.

- ***You can ask the Holy Spirit to lead your thoughts in random connections.***

For example, when Jesus prayed in the garden the night before His crucifixion, were there any flowers growing there? The bloom of a flower is fleeting, as is all life on earth. Let us be aware of our sins and truly sorry for them.



- Do you know that desperate feeling of fear when you are waiting for a loved one to pull through surgery? That is when a rosary in your pocket feels like a lifeline connecting you to Jesus and his mother.
- When you come home from having a wonderful celebration with family and friends and you feel so keyed up – then praying the rosary is a way to calm down while praising the Lord for your many blessings.
- When you are faced with the monotony of that long drive once again, the rosary can be your companion for the journey.

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries

(Monday, Saturday, and
Sundays of Advent)

The Annunciation

The Visitation

The Nativity

The Presentation in the Temple

The Finding in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesday, Friday, and
Sundays of Lent)

The Agony in the Garden

The Scourging at the Pillar

The Crowning with Thorns

The Carrying of the Cross

The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesday and Sundays
outside of Lent and Advent)

The Resurrection

The Ascension

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Assumption

The Coronation of Mary

Luminous Mysteries

(Thursday)

The Baptism of Jesus

The Wedding Feast at Cana

Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming
of the Kingdom of God

The Transfiguration

The Institution of the Eucharist

Fr. Joe has blessed some rosaries, and they are available for free at the parish office.

If you need a refresher on which prayers to say on which beads, check out this [link](#):

Living our Faith

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thes 5:16-18



Did your mother teach you to pause when you hear a siren and say a prayer? It just takes a moment to ask God to take care of whomever is in trouble and to give strength and courage to the police, fire, and emergency medical personnel who are rushing to someone's aid.



We mechanically say “bless you” when we hear someone sneeze, but instead we could try to deliberately say “God bless you” and wing up a prayer for that person’s spiritual, emotional, and physical health.



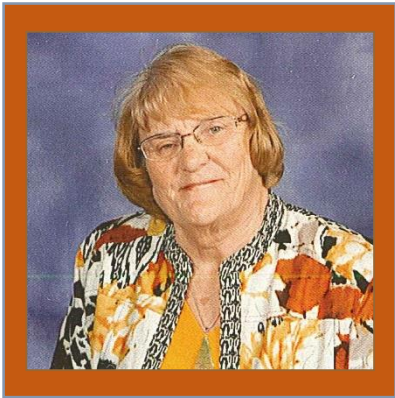
When you hear church bells ring, you can ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten the minds of those who do not yet know Him and to draw back home to the Catholic church those who have drifted away.

A baby's cry can be exasperating when you are utterly exhausted. But a baby's cry can trigger prayers of profound gratitude: Thank you, God, that my baby is *alive*, and thank you, God, for *my* life and for giving me ears to hear!



Listen closely to your everyday world and draw closer to the Lord.

Jo Ann Wieghaus is a lifelong member of St. Boniface, and over the years she has faithfully performed a variety of tasks to help the parish. For the last 13 years or so, she has prepared the Sunday bulletin.



What are your responsibilities as bulletin editor? I gather all the content from various sources and format the bulletin. Then on Mondays, I finish up and submit the bulletin to the printer before their deadline. Sometimes it's a challenge to think several weeks ahead and chase down all of the content.

Is there something that helps you stay motivated? By working several weeks ahead, I have to be aware of upcoming holy days and the liturgical seasons. This helps me personally to feel in tune with the universal church.

Would you recommend that all parishioners be involved with service to the parish? Yes, definitely. There is sure to be some task that fits. It is by all of us working together that we can keep St. Boniface vibrant for current and future parishioners. And if someone is homebound, they can help by praying for our parish every day.

Thank you, Jo Ann, 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
- Help at the Fall Festival on November 18

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

Summer Mystery Photo ~ Solution



The answer to the summer newsletter mystery photo: One of the masonry crosses on the front and back peaks of the church roof. Thanks to everyone who submitted an answer!

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross
you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!*

Parishioner Kathy Focks correctly identified the mystery photo and is the winner of the summer drawing. Congratulations! Kathy attended St. Boniface School and has been a parishioner almost her whole life. She spreads the joy of Jesus's love with her perpetual smile.



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 stbonifacenenewsletter@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-January. 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.

We welcome your comments and suggestions:
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