



# **St. Boniface Parish**

## **Family Newsletter**

*Spring 2019*

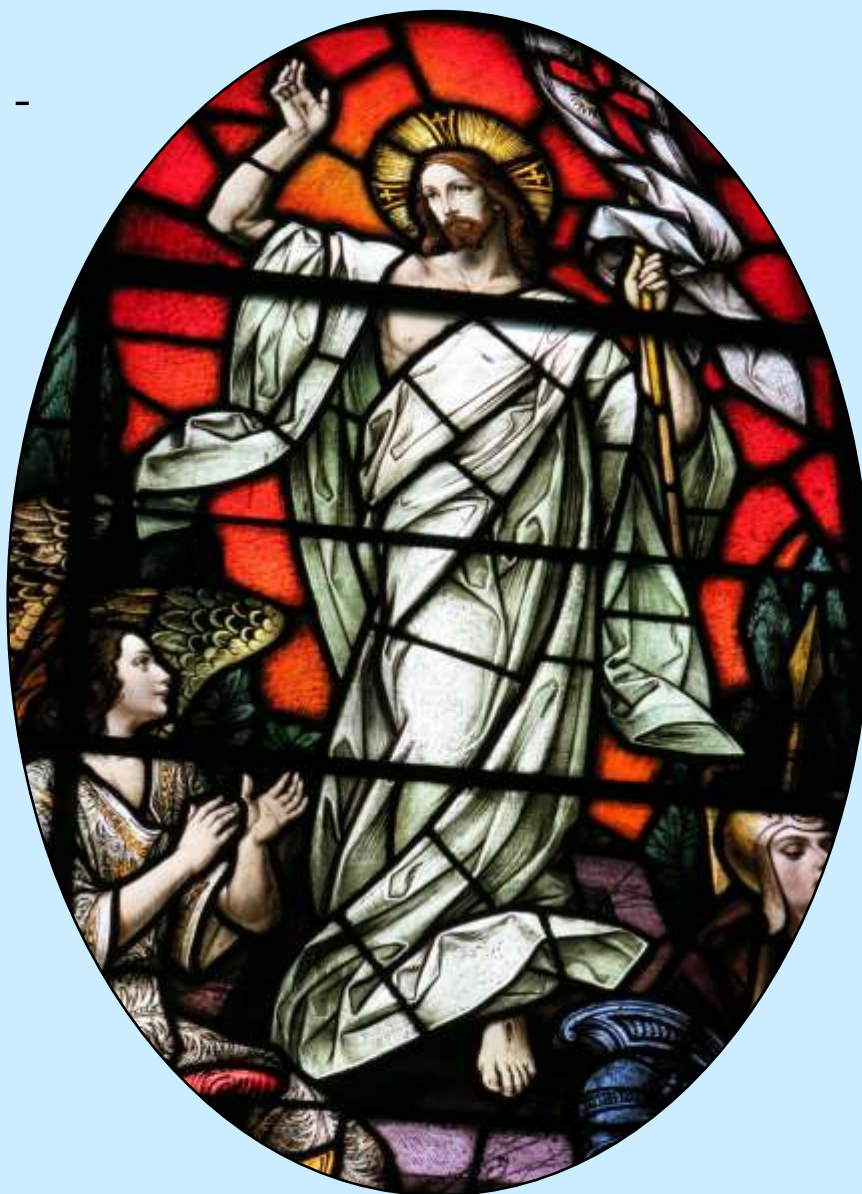


Dear Brothers and Sisters -

Alleluia! Rejoice!

Easter is the most important celebration of the entire year. We celebrate because Jesus rose from the dead so that we may all have new life in Him.

Yes, there was a struggle, just as we all had some struggles through Lent. But death does not win in the end. Jesus conquered the grave because He loves us so much.



Even though Easter Sunday is just one day of the year, we can live the promise of Easter every day. And every time we come to Mass, the Easter mystery is celebrated because the risen Christ is truly present.

Enjoy the beauty of such love. Enjoy the rebirth of spring.

Peace and love,  
Fr. Joe



# Happenings



## *Congratulations, David!*

We welcome David Neil Carowitz who participated in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and was received into full communion with the Church on Holy Saturday. At the Easter Vigil Mass, David received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.

Thanks to Steve and Michelle Terschak who served as David's sponsors, and thanks to Deacon Jerry and Rob Ogden who guided him through the RCIA program. We are grateful to our parish family for your prayers that helped David to the fullness of the truth.

Let us continue to pray for him as he begins his new life and grows in his Catholic faith!



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**Most Reverend Archbishop Dennis Schnurr  
confirmed several St. Boniface students  
on February 9.**

Through the sacrament of Confirmation, these  
young adults received the gift of the Holy Spirit:

*Andrew Thomas Peter Browning  
Raelynn Nicole Agatha Cheshier  
Mathias Martin Paul Horstman  
Elijah Jeremiah Andrew Irby  
Maggie Evelyn Maria Jones  
Maciah Elizabeth Theresa Powell*



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The annual “Four Chaplains Mass” honoring chaplains of four different denominations who gave their lives to save others when their ship sank during World War II was celebrated in February. Here is a photo after Mass of Val and Marcella Nastold along with their son Val Nastold, Jr. (Knights of Columbus Assembly 3691) who said, “I love this Mass-- very moving and patriotic.”

The Health & Wellness Ministry hosted a presentation by Dementia Specialist Teresa Youngstrom, R.N. The talk was entitled “Confidence Instead of Chaos with Dementia.” We are grateful to Ms. Youngstrom for sharing valuable insights.

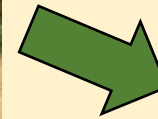
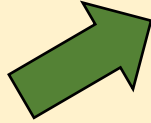


In March, Musica Sacra, together with the University of Cincinnati's CCM Chorale, gave a magnificent performance of Giacomo Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*.

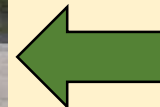




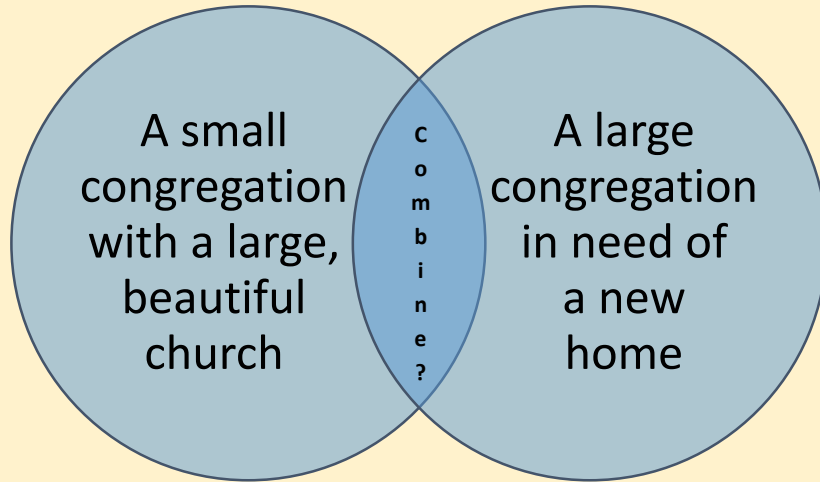
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*The parking lot extension was paved in time for Easter! Watch for landscaping next!*



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## ***SHOULD THE SAN CARLOS HISPANIC COMMUNITY JOIN WITH ST. BONIFACE?***

At once, practical questions spring to mind: Will there be Spanish-speaking priests to help Fr. Joe? Will this work financially? At the same time, emotional questions arise: Will worship be enhanced for everyone with this solution? Is this a great opportunity or will both groups see it as an obligation?

In March, three listening sessions were held so that St. Boniface parishioners could ask questions and share initial thoughts. A summary of those sessions was included in the March 31 bulletin. If you did not receive a copy but would like to do so, please call Jenni in the parish office.

To further explore the feasibility of combining the two communities, St. Boniface parishioners were asked to respond to a survey about Mass times and language preferences. Survey results will be tallied and shared in a month or so.

Let us continue to pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance as we search for the right path forward.



# Inspiration

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati welcomed more than **300 catechumens** and about **400 candidates** into the Catholic Church at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil. What joy that all of these people have found the fullness of the faith! If only everyone in the world could be so blessed!



When you read a good book or see a beautiful sunset, it is natural to want to share the experience with others. Likewise, it is natural for us as Catholics to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone. In fact, as baptized Catholics, we are *called* to be witnesses to the world. We want everyone to know the salvation of Jesus which will bring as many as possible to the promised life of unending happiness in heaven.

Renewed by water and the Holy Spirit at Easter, it is an appropriate time for cradle Catholics as well as neophytes to share the rich gift of our faith in evangelization. Here are five ways to get started:

1.

Pray for others, that God will “open their minds” (Luke 24:45) to His word. Never give up praying--it is the most important action step you can do. If St. Paul--who was seeking out Christians for persecution--can see the light, then anyone can.

2.

Pray and grow in your personal relationship with God. The more you know Him, the more you can share Him with others.

3.

Continue to learn your faith so that you can answer questions people ask you. Read good spiritual books, attend a class, or come to Fr. Joe’s bible study group on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

4.

Be an example to others by how you live your life. Try to exhibit in your daily routine the fact that Jesus loves you so much that He died for you. Exhibit joy.

5.

Sometimes a family member, neighbor, or friend is intrigued but needs an invitation. Offer to pray with them and invite them to come to Mass with you.



# Living our Faith



St. Boniface is very blessed to have a dedicated Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference. Day by day they serve Jesus guised as our Northside neighbors in need.

“No work of charity is foreign to the Society.”  
(Rule 1.3) The rest of our parish supports their work by prayer; donating food, cleaning supplies, and personal care items; and by contributing financially. Let us keep up the good work and many thanks to all!

If you are interested in joining the St. Boniface SVdP conference, please contact Barb Luken at [bluken@stbonifaceschool.net](mailto:bluken@stbonifaceschool.net).

“Yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20)



# Winter Mystery Photo ~ Solution



The answer to the winter newsletter mystery photo: The dove representing the Holy Spirit on the dome of the baptismal font.

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.  
Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.  
Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.  
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.  
Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

*St. Augustine*

Parishioner Debbie Kuhlmann correctly identified the mystery photo and is the winner of the winter drawing. Congratulations! Debbie and her husband Larry have been members of the parish for more than 45 years.

# Mystery Photo ~ Spring 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.

*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.*



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

Have fun sleuthing!

We welcome your comments and suggestions:  
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