

# Saint Boniface

Catholic Church  
Celebrating 160 Years 1858-2018

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - - September 8, 2019

**“To share the gifts that God has entrusted to us by being Christ to one another, mindful of his unconditional love.”**

## Mass Schedule

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday and Thursday..... 9:00 AM

### Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 4:00 PM

Sunday..... 10:00 AM

Sunday..... Mass in French - 12:00 Noon

Adoration..... First Sunday - 1:30 PM

Reconciliation 3:15-3:45 PM prior to Saturday Mass

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Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturdays ..... 3:15-3:45 PM  
or by appointment

Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, and Anointing  
of the Sick:

Please call parish office for information.

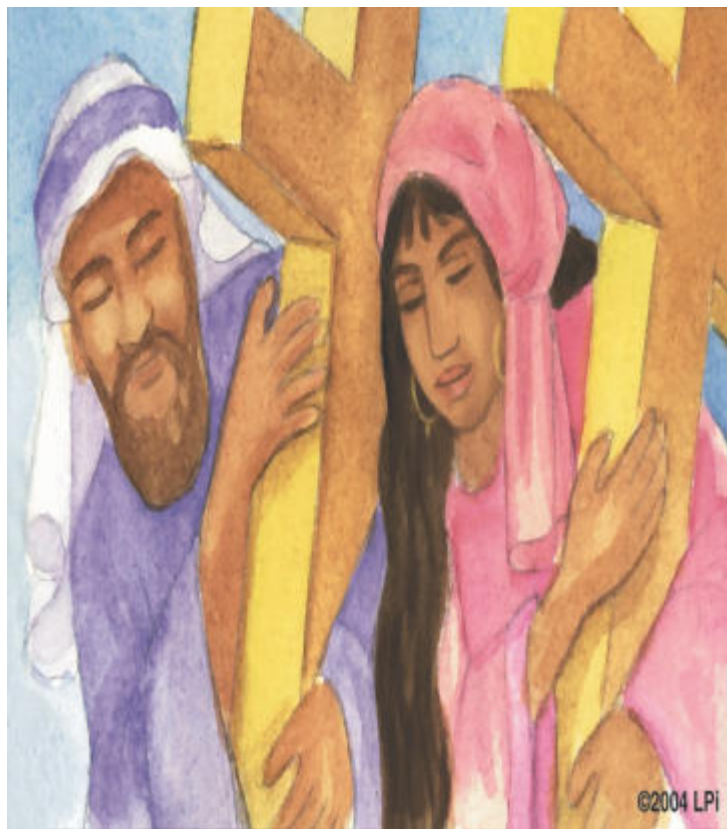
### Partners in Prayer

Phone prayer intentions any time to 612.986.3445

E-mail prayer requests to: boniface1858@usfamily.net

St. Boniface, pray for us.

Help us keep the faith for which you gave your life.



## Saint Boniface Catholic Church

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**READINGS for the Week of September 8, 2019**

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33

Jesus taught the crowds that the renunciation of all possessions is required for true discipleship. How do you try to live out this command?

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3 Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Lk 6:39-42

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, September 7, 2019

4:00pm Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, September 8, 2019

10:00am Thanks God, †Ray and †Mary Rush  
 St. Boniface Council of Catholic Women

12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

9:00am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 12, 2019

9:00am Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 14, 2019

4:00pm Sandra and †Louis Leisdon (HNS)

Sunday, September 15, 2019

10:00am Members of St. Boniface Council

12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

**St. Boniface Council of Catholic Women - Meeting - Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00pm**

Ladies of St. Boniface, join us for the kickoff potluck in the church social hall. Bring a dish to share as we discuss existing and new ideas for the group to support each other and also deepen our faith.

Call Judy Soder, President, 612.670.7145, with questions.

**St. Boniface 30th Annual German Dinner on October 13, 2019**

10:00am Polka Mass - Dinner served 11:00am to 2:00pm

Take-out meals available. Handicap accessible elevator.

As we approach our annual German Dinner, I call upon all of you to present your talents and time to make it another successful event, as in the past. Please volunteer, the sign-up board is at back of church.

Once again this we will be hosting a silent auction.

Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours (mornings: Tuesday-Friday). Patty Griffin

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time****GOSPEL MEDITATION**

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

**Scheduling Mass Intentions**

At St. Boniface, we receive many requests for scheduling Mass intentions. The purpose of giving a Mass Offering is to join the specific intention to the intentions of the whole worshipping community.

A Mass Intention may be set for:

- ...A Deceased loved one or friend;
- ...A living person who is sick or suffering;
- ...A living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life;
- ...In thanksgiving to God.

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, stop in or call the parish office, 612.379.2761.

Mass intentions are published weekly in the bulletin.

**Our Gifts to the Lord**

September 1, 2019 - not available

Thank you for sharing your treasures!

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-St. BONIFACE**

On **Thursdays** after the morning Mass.

Time for adoration is **9:30am to 11:00am**

Adoration is held in the church.

Thank him, ask him or just gaze upon him truly present in the Eucharist.

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**Office of Vocations website: [1000vocations.org](http://1000vocations.org)**

**Women's Discernment Retreat** - September 20-22

Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN

**Archbishop's Discernment Retreat** - December 27-29

Is Jesus calling you to be an instrument of His mercy? Discern with the Archbishop in this winter retreat.

### **Women's Retreat**

***Living Grace: See the Extraordinary in the Ordinary***

Sat., Sep. 28 - 8:30am to 3:00pm at Epiphany-Coon Rapids

(registration at 8:30am & 9am Mass with Bishop Cozzens)

Mass, light breakfast, keynote speakers, fellowship, Adoration

and Reconciliation. Cost: \$40 includes lunch.

Register: [archspm.org/womensretreat](http://archspm.org/womensretreat) or call 651.291.4411 .

### **Behold - 8 week series for women ages 21-29**

Thursdays, Oct. 3 to Nov. 21, Our Lady of Grace, Edina MN

Time: 7:00 to 8:30pm. \$50 per person. The mission of

**Behold** is to help each woman recognize the gift she is, realize the gifts she's been given and give to the world the gifts that only she can give. This series will include time for fellowship with other young adult Catholic women. Eucharistic Adoration, awesome presentations from our Behold speaker team and time for Q&A and small group discussion.

### **Art Exhibit - Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis MN**

150 Faces of the Basilica Exhibition: through September 30.

The exhibit features photographs and stories of parishioners from the Immaculate Conception Church and The Basilica, 1868 through 2018: Broadway stars, police officers, businessmen and women, federal agents, nuns and immigrants. Come meet them all!

### **NET Ministries - What is it?**

NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries is a Catholic retreat ministry whose mission is to "Challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church."

On an annual basis, approximately 175 young adults, after participating in an extensive five week training program, are grouped into teams of eleven members. They then travel the country in vans doing retreats for junior high and high school aged youth. Please visit [www.netusa.org/retreats](http://www.netusa.org/retreats) for more information on the purpose and structure of these retreats. Jenelle Suchy, 651.450.6833 x113.

### **Chrism Mass Moved to Holy Thursday**

This year, a snowstorm a few days before Holy Week led to the Chrism Mass being rescheduled for Holy Thursday morning - coincidentally, the day the *Roman Missal* lists as the preferred option. Our archdiocese will try it out in 2020: Chrism Mass will be celebrated Thursday, April 9, 2020, at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul MN.

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Saturday, September 7 - Sunday, September 8

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00pm Carol Torborg, Abe Welle

10:00am Judy Soder, Mary Nagel

### **Lector**

4:00pm Abe Welle

10:00am Kristin Olson

Saturday, September 14 - Sunday, September 15

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00pm Mary Ann Perry, John Seward

10:00am Keith Hockert, Rita Krall

### **Lector**

4:00pm Patricia Foss

10:00am Patty Griffin

God Bless and Thank each and every one of you for your service to the parish of Saint Boniface in this very special way.  
Patty Griffin

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### **Holy Hour for Vocations**

Tues., Sep. 10 at Good Shepherd, Golden Valley: 7-8:00pm. All people of the archdiocese are invited to spend an hour with Jesus to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and diaconate. [1000vocations.org](http://1000vocations.org).

### **14th Annual Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children - September 14**

at Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota Heights, MN. Prayer vigil is 10:00 to 11:00am. We remember 13 aborted babies found in the Robbinsdale Clinic dumpster in 1987 and we buried them at Resurrection Cemetery. Visit [abortionmemorials.com](http://abortionmemorials.com).

### **We Gather Together - Gather 4 Good** to celebrate our community. **Sunday, Sep 15 @ 11:00am to 1:00pm.**

Immaculate Conception Church, 4030 Jackson Street NE.

**Family Fun** - Enjoy musical entertainment and children's activities at this family friendly volunteer opportunity!

Refreshments served. Sponsor: Catholic United Financial.

Help us prepare! Please register by Friday, September 13.

All pre-registered volunteers will receive a free t-shirt.

Go to [www.gather4good.org](http://www.gather4good.org) or call 1.888.346.7183.

### **Lebanese Festival: Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 21-22**

St. Maron Church, 602 University Ave NE, Minneapolis  
Lebanese food, delicious pastries, games, live music, raffles, silent auction, folkloric dance. Visit [www.stmaron.com](http://www.stmaron.com).

### **Minneapolis Deaneries Council of Catholic Women First Deanery Day Meeting of 2019-2020**

**Monday, September 23, St. Raphael Church, Crystal**  
9:00am to 2:30pm. Call Diane Weber, 612.588.2630, to register. Please bring items for the NEAR Food Shelf collection. The cost is \$15.00.

**40 Days for Life Twin Cities Fall 2019** held at the Planned Parenthood, St. Paul, MN. Every day 6am to 6pm.  
Website: [plam.org/events/](http://plam.org/events/)

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