

# Saint Boniface

Catholic Church  
Celebrating 162 Years 1858-2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 6, 2020 -- Cycle A

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

**Welcome Back to St Boniface Church Mass**  
**Saturday 4:00, Sundays 10 am, Noon in French**

Please arrive early for check-in time before Mass

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Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Chapel (left side of altar)

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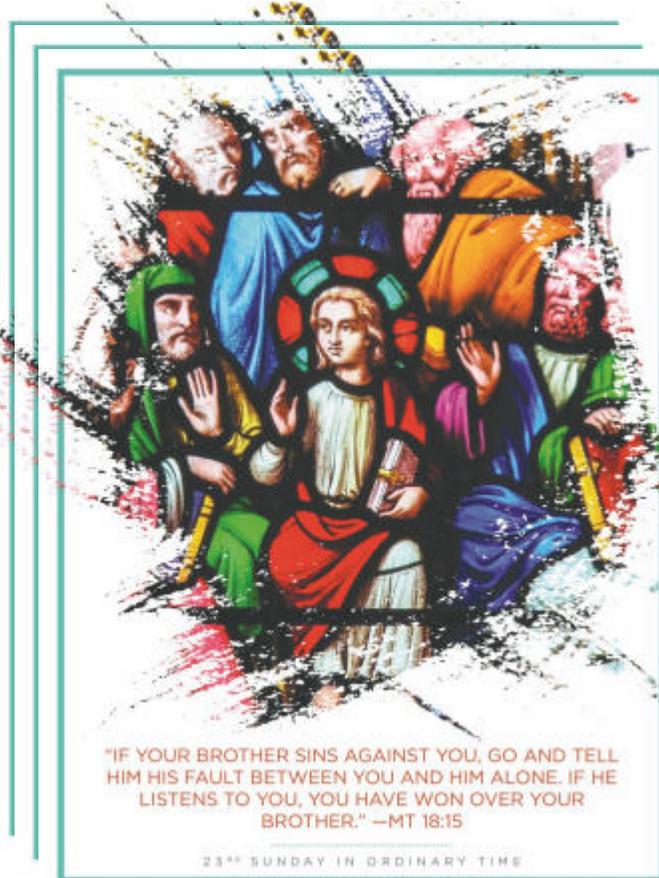
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Phone prayer intentions any time to 612.986.3445

E-mail prayer requests to: [boniface1858@usfamily.net](mailto:boniface1858@usfamily.net)

St. Boniface, pray for us.

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



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**Readings for the Week of September 6, 2020**

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20  
 Monday: I Cor 5:1-8 Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
 Wednesday: I Cor 7:25-31 Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: I Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Lk 6:27-38  
 Friday: I Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Lk 6:39-42  
 Saturday: I Cor 10:14-22 Lk 6:43-49  
 Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

**CONFESSION at 3:30 Saturdays**

Father Biju will be in our Chapel (located left side of Altar)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, September 5, 2020

4:00pm Ray & Mary Rush††, Mary & Joseph Rolek††  
 Fr. Mathew Biju-Ordination Anniversary, 22 years

Sunday, September 6, 2020

10:00am Living & Deceased Wrubel Family  
 St. Boniface Council of Catholic Women  
 12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

9:00am †Frank Wator

Thursday, September 10, 2020

9:00am Regina and Robert Bona ††

Saturday, September 12, 2020

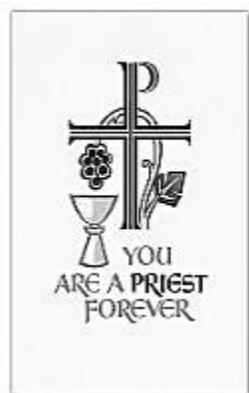
4:00pm †George Wator, †Eline Leitschuh

Sunday, September 13, 2020

10:00am †Jeanette Dick, Don Dick Family,  
 Don and Michelle Howard & Family, Reiland Family  
 12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

**Archbishop Hebda announces appointment. .**

Reverend Biju Mathew Pattasseril, CFIC, assigned as parochial administrator of the Church of Saint Matthew in Saint Paul. This is in addition to his current assignments as parochial administrator of the Church of Saint Boniface in Minneapolis and as chaplain to Saint Joseph's Hospital in Saint Paul, Minnesota.



**Father Biju,  
 God's Blessings  
 on the  
 22nd Anniversary  
 of your  
 Ordination**

**Gospel Meditation - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Matthew 18:15-20**

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear.

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## **Archdiocesan Synod 2022**

### **The Church Prepares**

*Year I: Listening to each other and the Holy Spirit*

#### **19 Prayer and Listening Events • 11 Focus Events 8,173 Participants • 35,026 Comments**

Last year, Archbishop Bernard Hebda called for the archdiocese to embrace becoming a 'listening Church' in preparation for an archdiocesan Synod. From September 2019 to March 2020, thousands of Catholics shared what was on their hearts and minds when it comes to their parishes and the Church, and listened to what others had to say. Archbishop Hebda listened, too, and also tasked a team to code and analyze the information received. Upcoming events for September/October 2020, for October/November 2020, and Faith & Culture Series in January/February 2021 will be in our next bulletin.

After prayer discernment and consultation, the archbishop has determined which topics deserve a deeper dive as the local Church looks to its future.

Archbishop Hebda is particularly looking forward to hearing responses to the following questions:

#### **Focus Area #1: Forming parishes that are at the service of evangelization.**

1. Welcoming parishes - What can we do to make parishes more welcoming and accessible? Are there those who feel excluded from parish life? How can we address them? What have we learned from livestreaming parish events to build inclusion?

2. Collaboration in parish ministry - How can we promote a greater sense of ownership of parish activities? How do we call forth the gifts that God has given us to strengthen our parishes? How should parishioners be involved in setting a vision for the parish? How does a parish regularly assess its performance? How can a community provide for continuity when clergy and staff regularly change?

3. Liturgy and the Sunday experience - What needs to happen for Sunday liturgies to more completely satisfy spiritual needs and send us forth for service? How should we address the needs of multicultural, multilingual communities at Mass? Are there ways to create an Archdiocesan liturgical identity so that we feel at home in any one of our parishes? What would be important components of that identity?

4. Parishes at "central driving force of evangelization" - How do we foster the "pastoral conversion" of parishes to more fully serve the Church's evangelizing mission? How can parishes train parishioners to be evangelizers, especially in homes and neighborhoods? What are parish practices that have worked in bringing Catholics back to the Church or in attracting new members?

5. Bringing the implications of the Gospel into our communities - How can parishes be instruments of Christ's healing? How do we transform parishes to be attentive to the needs of others and to engage in the work of justice and racial equality?

#### **Focus Area #2: Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call.**

1. Encountering Jesus - What resources and experiences facilitate the personal encounter with Christ that is at the heart of missionary discipleship? What are concrete ways that our Church can credibly proclaim the core message of our faith (the "kerygma) in ways that lead to real conversion?

2. Tools to foster discipleship - How can we offer meaningful life-long formation for discipleship? What are useful resources and experiences for learning how to pray, especially with sacred Scripture? What retreat experiences have borne fruit? How can we encourage faith-sharing in small groups? How can we encourage mentoring in the life of virtue and accompaniment at difficult moments?

3. Enhancing adult formation - How can we promote a deepening in our understanding of the content of our faith? How can we more effectively meet the need for adult faith formation?

4. Fostering the universal call to holiness - How do we deepen our understanding of the family as the domestic Church and our appreciation of marriage as a path for life-long sanctification? How can the Church better accompany couples in living out their vocation throughout their marriage? How can we be more responsive to the spiritual needs of those who are single, separated or divorced, or widowed?

5. Joyful service as a Gospel imperative - How do we strengthen the tie between discipleship, love for neighbor and joyful service? How can we encourage individuals to manifest their faith in their works? How can we promote a greater sensitivity and response to the needs of others?

#### **Focus Area #3: Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.**

1. Supporting parents as primary educators - How can we better assist parents in forming children as disciples who know and love Jesus and his Church?

2. Helping the young encounter Jesus - How do we give pre-teens a personal encounter with Jesus that fosters spiritual growth? How about teenagers? How should we teach them to pray or help them grow in virtue?

3. Education at the service of encountering Christ - How can Catholic schools and religious education programs more effectively facilitate a relationship with Jesus? Do our sacramental preparation programs open young hearts to God's grace and call?

4. Ministry to millennials - How can we minister more effectively to college-age Catholics and single young adults? How about young married couples and young families?

5. Rethinking structures of young adult ministry - What should be the role of peer ministry and young adult leadership in this apostolate? Is there a need for a more regionalized approach? What are avenues for developing young leadership and opening Church structures to the insights of young adults? How can we better use social media to nourish young adults?

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