

Saint Boniface

Catholic Church
Celebrating 162 Years 1858-2020

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 11, 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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Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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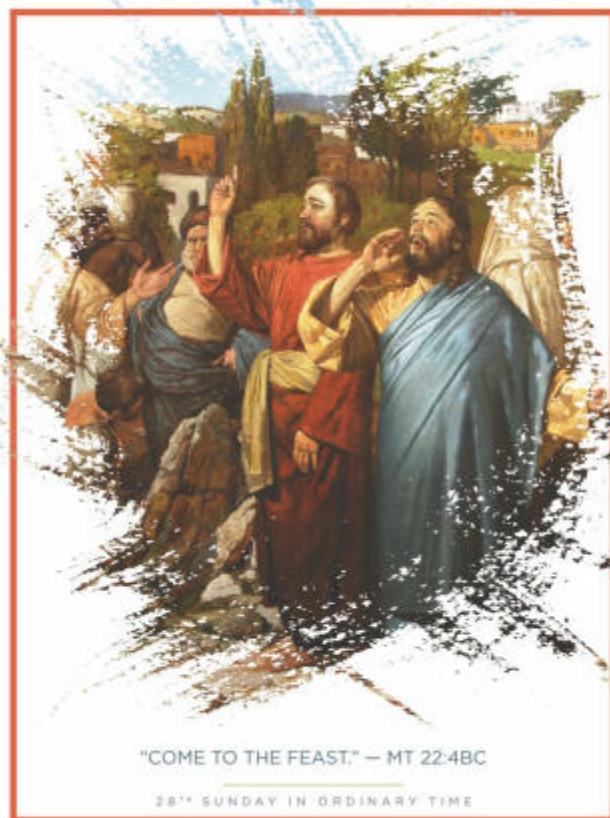
Partners in Prayer

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.



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Readings for the Week of October 11, 2020

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14
 Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6 Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25 Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10 Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14 Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23 Lk 12:8-12
 Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6 I Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

CONFESSION at 3:30 Saturdays

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 10, 2020

4:00pm Gerald 'Bucky' Garski †, Andy Garski

Sunday, October 11, 2020

10:00am Ray and Mary Rush ††

Sr. Dorothy Renckens, Bob Wrubel

12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

9:00am All the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, October 15, 2020

9:00am Ola and Michael Hoffman Family

Saturday, October 17, 2020

4:00pm Sr. Dorothy Renckens

Sunday, October 18, 2020

10:00am Charlie Garski, Gerald 'Bucky' Garski †

Members of the St. Boniface Council

12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

Hospital Chaplains Minister to Patients and FamiliesThe Catholic Spirit

Our parochial administrator, Father Biju Mathew, also serves in the role as hospital chaplain at four "homes away from home" hospitals: M Health Fairview's Bethesda and Saint Joseph's hospitals in St. Paul, St. John's in Maplewood and Woodwinds in Woodbury.

He is one of several chaplains from our archdiocese who serve about a dozen hospitals in the archdiocese.

Funds raised by the Catholic Service Appeal Foundation help pay the chaplains' expenses as they serve patients and their families.

God works through the medical skills of the doctors and nurses, Fr Biju said, "and God works through us and our ministry. You have the feeling that God is working through you, and you can be a comfort to people in the name of Jesus. It brings so much comfort as I pray over patient and anoint them with the consecrated holy oil."

Vocation Prayer: God our Father, send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. Amen.

Gospel Meditation - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:1-14

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open?
 Can I come to the banquet?
 I think I'd like to come.

St. John Paul II:

"In the name of God: Respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!"

Our Gift to the Lord:
October 4, 2020 - \$ 2,229.00
Online giving - \$ 105.00

Donations: online through the following link:

1. <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stbonifacechurch>
2. Or follow the link on St Boniface Church myParish App
3. You may mail in your gift to:
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Thank you for your stewardship

**Saint Boniface Catholic Church
Annual St. Boniface German Polka Mass
Most Reverend Archbishop Hebda Presiding**

Thank you to Archbishop Bernard Hebda and all of our parishioners and visitors who have come today for this Holy Mass. Thanks to Rod Cerar for providing the “polka” themed music to our day. We made it to 30 Years in 2019, let’s hope in 2021 we will have the traditional German Dinner once again!

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Please call 612.379.2761 or email the church office to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to deliver the Blessed Sacrament to you. Please include with your request:

- . How many will receive the Eucharist
- . Best time for the EM to bring Communion
- . Best Contact number
- . Address (with special instructions, if any)

Catholic Home Missions Appeal - October 11

This appeal for the Catholic Home Missions was scheduled on April 26, 2020. Due to recent interruptions, your generosity at this time will be appreciated. There is an envelope in your packet (if you still have April 26) or there will be envelopes in the pews for your gifts. Thank you.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Tuesday, October 13, 7-8:00pm • St. Nicholas, New Market
Come spend an hour with Jesus each month to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, diaconate and holy marriages.

Women Entering Religious Life

We would like to understand how many women in the Archdiocese are entering (or have entered) a religious order in the year 2020. If you are aware of a woman from a parish in the Archdiocese entering Religious Life during the year 2020, please let us know! Also, please forward our contact information to them and ask them to contact us. We will include them on our website and ask people to support them in prayer! Please phone the Office of Vocations and speak to Father David Blume, 651.962.6892 or you may call
Patty McQuillan, 651.962.6890 or www.10000vocations.org.

Speaking on Vocations: A conversation about Men’s Vocations with Archbishop Hebda at 6:00pm on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Archbishop Hebda, Bishop Cozzens, and Father Blume, Director of Vocations, invite men, ages 16-50, who are discerning the priesthood or religious life, to join us for this virtual event! Come for an evening of prayer and conversation with Archbishop, priests and religious, sharing their vocations testimonies. stpaulpriest@10000vocations.org

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Rosary Coast To Coast - Sunday, October 11, 2020
St. Charles Borromeo Church, in St. Anthony, at 3:00pm.
Gather in front of church at 3:00pm to pray the rosary.

**Did You Know? From our Venezuelan Mission
“Propane and Firewood”**

Fr. Dempsey: My article this week was written in response to an area of shortages affecting people’s lives in Venezuela. Despite all the challenges they face, people here are quite resilient and retain an inspiring sense of joy in their daily lives.

For many in Minnesota, gas and charcoal grills are fired up outdoors for a delicious evening meal on the patio. Weekends may be spent at lake cabins and campgrounds sitting around a bonfire. . All that outdoor cooking and campfires require a good supply of propane and firewood, which brings me to the point of this article.

Nearly 90% of Venezuelan families cook with propane gas. Venezuela is blessed with more extensive oil reserves than any other country in the world. Due to the petroleum industry’s decaying infrastructure, propane production and availability in Venezuela is suffering a similar fate to that of gasoline. When gas stations are open, people wait in lines of hundreds of cars to buy gas at 50 cents a liter or \$1.90 a gallon. Propane purchases will vary anywhere between every couple weeks to every couple months.

This situation is better for the relatively small percentage of families who have electric stoves and ovens, but even then, frequent power outages become problematic. Here is where firewood comes in. People here in our part of Venezuela don’t waste it on bonfires. They have no desire to make their evenings warmer. Firewood for cooking has become a standard commodity. I regularly get out biking past the undeveloped areas and outskirts of our city. It has become a common sight to see people coming out of the woods and passing by with machete in hand and a load of scavenged firewood on their shoulders or in a wheelbarrow. What they don’t use for their own cooking needs will be bundled and sold. Dead trees and downed branches in our parks and woods are all being cleaned out. Tree branches being trimmed at people’s homes no longer end up in trash piles but are dried and put to use for cooking.

Even were there to be a change of government opening Venezuela to a tremendous infusion of foreign investment in all of Venezuela’s major industries, it would still take years before the country’s infrastructure could be restored to the point that petroleum and hydroelectric production levels would be sufficient for Venezuela’s domestic needs much less for exportation on which Venezuela’s economy previously depended. In the meantime Venezuela could more quickly develop new localized energy sources with solar and wind power as well as biogas. Already in use in regions of Africa and Asia where other fuel are scarce, a family can produce sufficient biogas in their own home for all their cooking and electrical needs just from table scraps and other organic matter that would otherwise end up in the garbage ..so much for propane and firewood!

Points to Ponder: What kinds of energy do you consume in your home and your family’s activities? Do you know what each form of energy costs? Are you trying to conserve energy for less cost as well as the good of our planet?

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