

Saint Boniface

Catholic Church
Celebrating 162 Years 1858-2020

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 15, 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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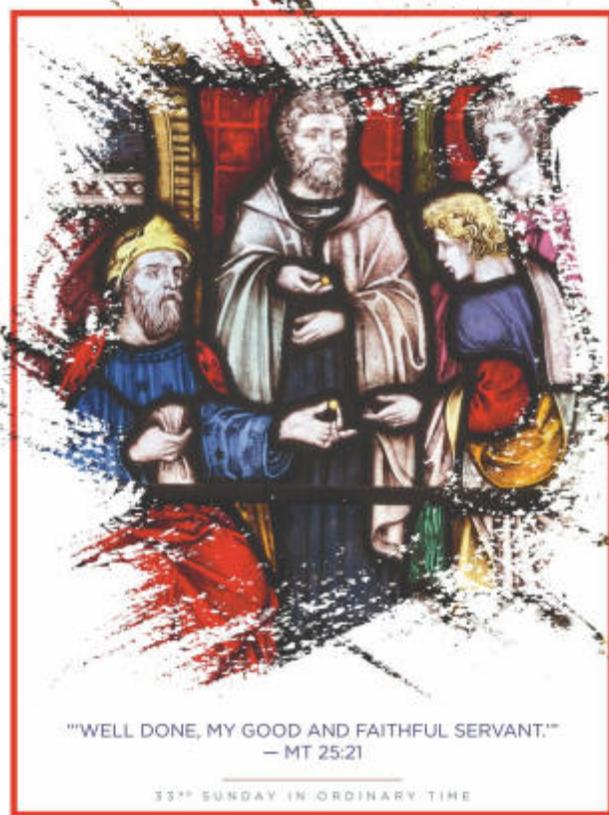
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St. Boniface, pray for us.

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



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Readings for the Week of November 15, 2020

Sun: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30
 Mon: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43
 Tues: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Lk 19:1-10
 Wed: Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28
 Thurs: Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44
 Fri: Rv 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48
 Sat: Rv 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40
 Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 | I Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

CONFESSION at 3:30 Saturdays

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 14, 2020

4:00pm Ray and Mary Rush††, Margaret Erickson †

Sunday, November 15, 2020

10:00am Amy Suek Wivell

12:00pm (French) Joelle Francine Fosso

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

9:00am Bob Bendel, Gerald 'Bucky' Garski †

Thursday, November 19, 2020

9:00am Loretta and †Bruce Thielen

Saturday, November 21, 2020

4:00pm Ali Jones, Gerald 'Bucky' Garski †

Sunday, November 22, 2020

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

12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

Ministry In A New Language

Born with hearing loss, Jake Epstein has a soft spot in his heart for the deaf. So, last spring 2019, he asked his formators if he could make sign language part of his formation. Epstein's request was accepted, and he spent much of his summer at Gallaud University, a premier institution for deaf and hard-of-hearing students in Washington, D.C.

Living on a secular, sign language only campus, Epstein was immersed in a new culture and realized his collar stood out among his classmates. "It was amazing to see the impact on fellow Christians in the classroom when they learned I was studying to be a priest. They were excited!"

Epstein also served at St. Francis of Assisi, a Catholic parish for the deaf in Maryland. Interacting with parishioners, he felt their gratitude that a seminarian was passionate about learning sign language and was reminded why he wants to serve the deaf community in his home Diocese of Des Moines. "These are the people I desire to minister to," he said. "They are marginalized in many ways, and the Good news is for them as well."

Epstein looks forward to priestly ministry when he can put his seminary formation and sign language to work for all those willing to hear.

Source: *Orade*, Fall 2019

Gospel Meditation - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:1-6

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

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November, Month of the Souls in Purgatory

During this month when we especially pray for the dead, be sure to make a visit to a cemetery if at all possible. Please remember in prayer all our faithful departed. We all need this spiritual help someday. St. Padre Pio used to ask the Poor Souls in Purgatory to intercede for him and for his special needs. We can assist them with our prayers and they can assist us!

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them! May they rest in peace. Amen.

Fr. Joseph Johnson, Holy Family Church, St. Louis Park MN

Vatican extends time to obtain full indulgences for souls in purgatory. . .

Plenary or full indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November for the souls of the faithful in purgatory can now be gained throughout the month of November, the Vatican said October 23, 2020. "The Plenary Indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased, even if only mentally, normally established only on the individual days from 1 to 8 November, may be transferred to other days of the same month, until its end," said the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal that deals with matters of conscience. In a notice updated Nov. 2, the tribunal clarified that that plenary indulgence can only be fulfilled with an actual cemetery visit.

Source: *The Catholic Spirit*, November 5, 2020

Bishop Donald J. Hying, Diocese of Madison, WI

"To pray for the dead is the most loving thing we can possibly do. When we pray for the dead, they are loved, they are remembered and are lifted up to God through the power of our prayer."



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Audrey Ringdal

She was received into heaven on November 3, 2020.

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Memorials to St Boniface are part of the tradition of long standing here at St Boniface Church. Some people have remembered our church in their estate plans or wills. Others have been directing money from their retirement income to support the parish. Some families state in the obituary announcement that memorials can be sent to us.

However the funds arrive they are greatly appreciated and dedicated to continuing the mission of St Boniface, either by direct request that comes with the gift such as the St Boniface Stained Glass Window repairs, by paying for utilities or future repairs or improvements to the church structure or mechanics. We have started to report the money that has come to us in memory of our parishioners who have passed. You can see the offerings in the bulletin on page 2, in the "Our Gifts to the Lord" section. We have also received money from benefactors of the German Dinner. They send us notes that say they miss our annual dinner and have good memories of the fun we all had together at this event. They each express hope that we will be able to restart the tradition again

Thank you who have remembered St Boniface in memory of your loved ones. Thank you who have supported the parish with other memories.

50th Anniversary

Venezuela Mission Stirs Gratitude, Hope The Catholic Spirit, November 5, 2020

For many Twin Cities Catholics, "Father Greg Schaffer" has become synonymous with the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis' mission in Venezuela. The St. Paul native, who serves as pastor of the mission parish of Jesucristo Resucitado, has been in Ciudad Guayana for 26 years, the longest tenure of any archdiocesan priest who's had the assignment. During that time, he's forged strong relationships between Minnesotans and the Venezuelan people he serves, whether through organizing intercultural trips between the two locales, or by actively inviting archdiocesan laypeople to support the many initiatives undertaken at the mission.

"It's really unique to a part of that," said Father Schaffer, referring to the archdiocese's mission presence which began in December 1970. He is currently joined at the parish by Father Dennis Dempsey, who previously served the mission for five years in the 1990s. "The people here still remember the men that came before with such fondness and real sincere love for them."

Although plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary have been postponed due to Covid-19, Father Schaffer and others who have contributed are taking the occasion to look back gratefully upon a vibrant and varied history.

According to Deacon Mickey Friesen, who directs the Center for Mission in the archdiocese, it's also a chance to reflect upon the spirit that's animated the mission throughout its distinct chapters and phases. Identifying the beating heart of the mission, he hopes, will help inform its activity going forward into a future that - amid a political crisis in Venezuela and a declining number of available priests in Minnesota - will likely look different from its past.

"We have a calling to be there," Deacon Friesen said of this common element. "And this is part of who we are as a diocese, to be serving in mission there."

Venezuelan Mission of St. Paul & Mpls. Archdiocese

"After several months hiatus, we are finally returning to public Masses in church this coming weekend. Lots to be done with a number of directives similar to those in effect in most of your parishes, but it is a joy to do so looking forward to being together in community again. In the meantime, we have learned a lot about best procedures from the experience of your parishes there in Minnesota.

The directives are going, but still so very inconsistent across the board. We will be checking temperatures on the forehead of everyone coming to Mass, a good precaution, but there is no local hospital when I have gone to anoint people nor do they restrict people from the crowding around or even ask visitors if they've been sick recently. We will be observing social distancing measures at church, but, as I write in articles, the sea of people shopping in the city market is similar to the most crowded day at the Minnesota State Fair in past years. What joins us all together is choosing Jesus Christ as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessing to you, your congregations, and our country."

In Christ,

Fr. Denny Dempsey

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