

# Saint Boniface

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Celebrating 160 Years 1858-2018

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - - September 5, 2021

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

St. Boniface Church Mass Schedule  
Saturday 4:00, Sundays 10 am, Noon in French

livestreaming Sunday 10:00 Mass—Go to:

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Masks are optional at St Boniface  
Consider your recent activities in your decision  
whether you should wear a mask or not.

#### PARISH STAFF

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

Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick:  
Please call parish office for information.

**You are welcome, you are needed, you are appreciated.  
Now is the time to join your parish in joyful participation.**  
We have many opportunities coming up. **Please see details inside.**

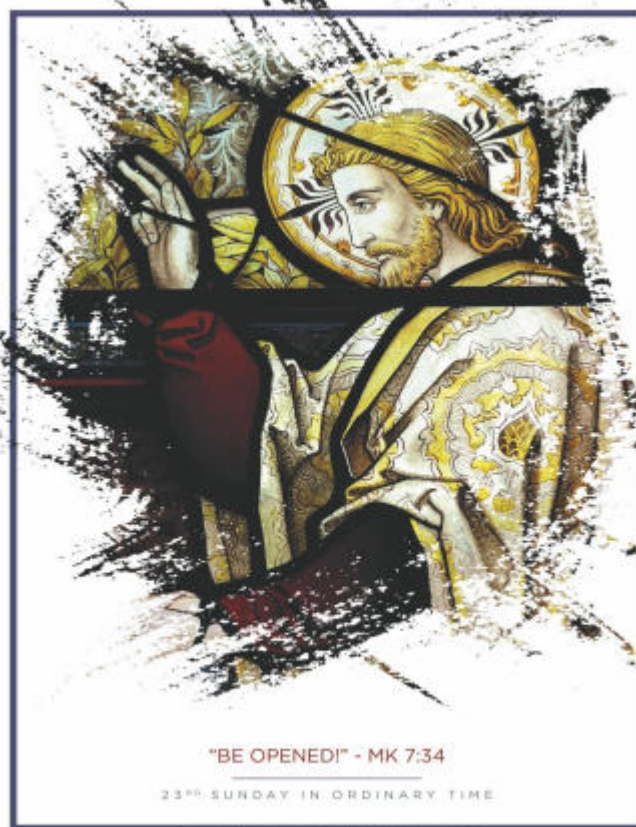
Electronic signup sheets are available at these links as well as in  
person on paper signup sheets in church.

Synod Small Group Signup: [volunteersignup.org/DEMAR](http://volunteersignup.org/DEMAR)

NE Farmers Market Signup: [volunteersignup.org/MEHEC](http://volunteersignup.org/MEHEC)

German Dinner Signup: [volunteersignup.org/78TDY](http://volunteersignup.org/78TDY)

Lectors for September and October: [volunteersignup.org/7ERJF](http://volunteersignup.org/7ERJF)



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#### Partners in Prayer

Phone prayer intentions any time to 612.986.3445

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**READINGS for the Week of September 5, 2021**

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37  
 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3 Lk 6:6-11  
**St. Regina, virgin & martyr**  
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19  
**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
**St. Peter Claver, priest**  
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Lk 6:39-42  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49  
 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

**PRIVATE CONFESSION**

Father Biju hears Confessions Saturdays at 3:30pm

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, September 4, 2021  
 4:00pm John Seward† (HNS), Mary A. Rolek†  
 Sunday, September 5, 2021  
 10:00am St. Boniface Council of Catholic Women  
 Tina and Luan Nguyen: Thank God for Blessing Many Year  
 Fr. Biju Mathew: 23rd Anniversary of his Ordination  
 Robert Gwiazdon†  
 12:00pm (French) Parishioners of St. Boniface  
 Tuesday, September 7, 2021  
 9:00am Father Tim Nolan†, Leonard Stephen Rabatin  
 Thursday, September 9, 2021  
 9:00am Robert and Regina Bona Family

**9:30-10:30am Eucharistic Adoration after 9am Mass**  
**"I Am Here. Come Visit Me."**  
 My Catholic Faith Ministries

Saturday, September 11, 2021  
 4:00pm John† and Jean Seward, Journey Roberge  
 Jon F. and Jami (Scott) Kenyon  
 Sunday, September 12, 2021  
 10:00am Members of St. Boniface Council  
 Ray and Mary Rush††  
 Mary and Gary Polaczyk—60th wedding anniversary  
 12:00pm (French) Parishioners of St. Boniface

**GoSeeDo**

**SeptemberFest 2021! Holy Cross Church**  
 Fri., Sept. 10: Chef Lucas food trucks and a Fish-Fry evening  
 Sat., Sept. 11: Polish food, Roast beef sandwiches  
 Sun., Sept. 12: Morning breakfast, Afternoon Polish food.  
 Rummage Sale (lower level of school Kolbe Hall)  
 Saturday, 10am to 8pm and Sunday 8am-Noon (\$2 Bag)

**Lebanese Festival, St. Maron Catholic Church**  
 Sat., Sept. 18: 1:00-8:00pm and Sun., Sept. 19: 11am-6pm

**German Dinner, St. Boniface Catholic Church**  
**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

10:00am Holy Mass with Rod Cerar Polka Band  
 11:00am-2:00pm German Dinner meals: Take Out Only!

**Gospel Meditation - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's readings offer us a message of hope - God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

The Gospel presents us with the story of the profound physical healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. People brought him to Jesus and begged for his healing Jesus took the man off by himself, touched his ears and his tongue, then proclaimed, "Be opened!" Immediately he was healed.

This story in our Gospel overwhelms us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on this reading, we see that God uses this moment of physical healing as an opportunity to restore something much deeper - our souls

Often, we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments - through our loved ones, our community, or even a stranger. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves.

These are how we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us. This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might "be open" to His workings, words, and promptings in our lives. *Stewardship Reflections by CatholicSteward.com*

**The German Dinner is the major fundraising event for the year. Listed below are the expenses and the suggested donations:**

	Estimated Cost	My Contribution
Apple rings	\$150.00	_____
Dumplings	375.00	_____
Mushrooms / Onions	80.00	_____
Meat	650.00	_____
Sauerkraut	135.00	_____
Red Cabbage	175.00	_____
Coffee	70.00	_____
Dessert	600.00	_____
Buns	175.00	_____
Paper Products	250.00	_____
Rod Cerar Band	600.00	_____
Beer & Wine		_____
No preference		_____

Donations mailed to the Parish office or dropped in the collection plate, marked "German Dinner."

Silent Auction items and baskets dropped off at the sacristy before/after Masses or brought to the Parish office Tuesday thru Friday between 10:00am and Noon.

**Our Gifts to the Lord**  
**Collections August 29, 2021 - \$ 1,998.00**  
**Thank You for sharing your treasures!**  
**2nd Collection for Haiti \$ 857.00**

**Take this opportunity to express your opinions, ideas and suggestions in Synod Small Groups. . .**

In August 2020, Archbishop Hebda announced focus areas for the Archdiocesan Synod. This fall, your prayer, conversation, and feed back on priorities within these focus areas, will form the topics selected for the Synod Assembly in June 2022. This is a rare and important opportunity to have your opinions heard and to offer your prayerful consultation for the future initiatives of St Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocese Church.

The time to Join in the Parish Consultation with Small Groups at St. Boniface is close. The Small Groups will meet in 6 two-hour sessions. There will be two opportunities to attend each session. Starting at 6:00 Thursday evenings, September 23, 30, October 14, 21, 28, November 4.

Saturday evenings, September 25, October 2, 16, 23, 30 and November 6. Light refreshments will be served at each session.

Signup sheets can be found at the 2nd Street Sanctuary entrance to share your plan with us and save the date on your calendar for each session, or go to our electronic link to register. Registration is encouraged but it is optional. The link to sign up electronically is: Synod Small Group Signup: [volunteersignup.org/DEMAR](http://volunteersignup.org/DEMAR) If you are interested in being a Facilitator or Scribe, please call the Parish Office, 612-379-2761.

3 FOCUS AREAS, 6 SESSIONS, 2 TOPICS per session.  
Total of **12 Topics** to be discussed.

**Pray. Learn. Discuss. Respond:**

Small groups of approximately 8 people will gather to:

**Pray:** Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Learn:** Experience the compelling truth of the Catholic faith in today's cultural context.

**Discuss:** Examine questions under each focus area, sharing perspectives among a small group of sisters and brothers in Christ.

**Respond:** Weigh in on how we as a Church might respond to these questions to help Archbishop determine priorities.

A trained facilitator will promote a meaningful and charitable dialogue between group members.

Participants will complete an Individual Feedback Form. A trained scribe will submit the information, which will then be provided to your parish and Archbishop Hebda.

**The Synod - Fall of 2021**

**Facilitators and Scribes, thank you for volunteering to be part of the Small Group Process. . .**

**The Role of the Facilitator**

. Facilitators provide a welcoming presence and gently guide the table discussions, while also participating in the discussion and giving feedback.

. The materials greatly assist facilitators in their role. The video host will help set ground rules and will prompt the time to end discussion. The handouts at the table explain the discussion process and structure.

. The facilitators' role is only during the sessions. There is no additional time commitment required before or after a session (other than the one-time training).

**The Role of the Scribe**

. Scribes participate in the discussion and give individual feedback like everyone else. It is important to note that scribes do not have to take notes on the discussion.

. After the session scribes electronically input the data from the feedback forms of those at their table. This task involves using a browser on a smartphone tablet or computer. We estimate the data entry will take less than 30 minutes per session.

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**Traditions Live On At St. Boniface. . .**

Announcing plans for the  
**St. Boniface Annual German Dinner.**  
Our 10:00am Polka Mass featuring Rod Cerar  
is planned for **October 10th, 2021.**

Following Holy Mass will be  
a modified version of our German Dinner,  
selling take away dinners only!

Silent Auction and raffle tickets will be sold  
Rod's band will play in the hall after Mass

**However,** we need volunteers to help

- 1) prepare the church kitchen the week before,
- 2) making dumplings on Saturday, October 9th,
- 3) and then help serve and other chores the day of the event on Sunday, October 10th.

Please contact Patty Griffin at [PJG9550@yahoo.com](mailto:PJG9550@yahoo.com)  
or call 612.799.0072

to put your name on our faithful list of Volunteers, or go  
to our convenient Electronic sign-up here:

German Dinner Signup: [volunteersignup.org/78TDY](http://volunteersignup.org/78TDY)

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St. Boniface will be hosting a tent at the NE Farmers Market  
Saturday September 18 and September 25.

This is a great opportunity to promote the German Dinner.  
Please consider volunteering either date. Pick a time from a  
half hour to the entire Market is open from 9am-1pm.  
Sign up for this on the Church level Notice Board by the elevator entrance—or Electronic sign up here:  
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