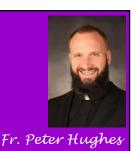


St. Boniface Parish Bulletin March 9, 2025

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Saturday, March 8 3:00PM Confession

4:00PM Mass (Lawrence Schuler† & living & deceased family)

<u>Sunday, March 9</u> - 1st Sunday of Lent 11:00AM Mass (Jim & Mary Alice Howe†)

Monday, March 10 Parish Office Closed 2:00PM FMSC 7:00PM Young Adults 7:00PM KC Meeting

Tuesday, March 11 Parish Office Closed 5:30PM Adoration 6:00PM Confession 6:30PM Mass (Shirley & Dana Busch†) 7:00PM Adult Faith Study

Wednesday, March 12 Parish Office Closed 7:30AM Confession 8:00AM Mass (Pope Francis) 8:30AM Faith Sharing NO FF @ ICC

<u>Thursday, March 13</u> *Parish Office Closed* 10:00AM Moms Pray, Kids Play

<u>Friday, March 14</u> Parish Office Closed 6:00PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15 3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass (Rudy & Vernice Borowicz†) 5:00PM Social Saturday

<u>Sunday, March 16</u> - 2nd Sunday of Lent 11:00AM Mass (Connie McIntosh†)

First Sunday of Lent

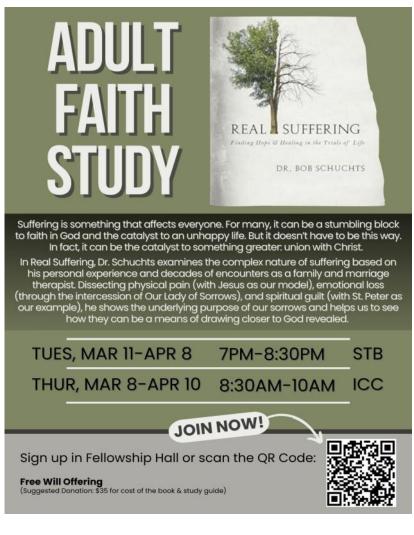
Theme: The Profession of Faith Candidates for public office and their aides know that the more they are convinced of their beliefs, the greater their enthusiasm and the better their chances of winning. In campaigning they draw up posters that tell in a nutshell what they stand for. Slogans on badges and bumper-stickers as well as "position papers" serve the same purpose. These formal statements of belief



strengthen the identity of the group and show others what their party program is all about.

Religion as organized in to groups has its "Confessions of Faith." They are brief formal statements of what the collective faithful believe in. These confessions determine the identity of the group or church. They are pronounced at meetings repeatedly and they strengthen mutual belonging, which is so important in religion. Think of our Profession of Faith during our weekly worship services! Today's Liturgy deals with confessions of belief in both the Old and the New Testament. Prayerful reading may help us to profess our faith wherever we are. - *St. Joseph's Missal*

Deepen your faith this Lent by attending this Adult Faith Study. Begins Tuesday! Sign up today!



Prayer Request

MaryAnn Thurk, Bert Heitz, Abby Turek, Mariah Davis-Viritto, Donn Thurk, Donna Schuler, Krystle Dietz, Scott Lunger, Michelle Luskey, Shawn Davis, Mark Broeckert, Vickie Weinzierl, Linda Anderson, John Bruner, Maynard Geyen, Greg Walsh, Aurora Segner, Chris Willadsen, Andrew Weinzierl, Tony Anderson,

Contact the Office to request 952-446-1054 or office@saintboni.org

FOOD SHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN - ALL MONTH!

March being Minnesota's food sharing month and the need being greater than ever, we are looking for your generous donations to help "restock the shelves" at our SHELVES local food pantries. With this month-long campaign

throughout the state you can make a difference in giving families hope, independence and dignity by not facing food insecurity. We will be collecting food donations every day of the month. Leave them in the basket at Friendship Hall and we will see they get delivered. Through your donations you are doing the will of the Father. Thank you!

Mark your Calendars for Church Deep Cleaning!

Volunteers are needed to help deep clean our Church and Fellowship Hall on Monday, March 31 beginning at 8:30am. We'd like to get much of the dust and grime scrubbed

prior to carpet cleaners coming later in the week. We need lots of help even if its just for an hour. Let's make our church beautiful for Easter!



"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst ... He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." - Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Through CRS Rice



Bowl, participants are invited to hear stories about their sisters and brothers in need around the world and devote their Lenten prayers, fasting and alms to change the lives of those who suffer in poverty. Please consider picking up a rice bowl box in the Fellowship Hall this lent. Find out more about CRS Rice Bowl at https://www.crsricebowl.org/.

Online Giving! Scan the QR Code to give to St. Boniface Catholic Church. You can donate one time or set up a recurring gift. Thank you!



St. Boniface Stewardship Information

Social Saturday - Mar 15

We are doing a little switch-a-roo for Fellowship Sunday this month. Instead we will be hosting Social Saturday on



March 15. We invite you to linger after Mass - enjoy some treats and fellowship!

Compliments of the Forever Young.



Sunday, March 30, 2025 1:00 - 4:00pm: BINGO 12:00pm: Doors Open

Church of St. Boniface School Building 8801 Wildwood Ave, St. Bonifacius, MN Proceeds benefit summer youth camps. Want more info? Contact Laura: ljanas@saintboni.org

Event made possible by Catholic United Financial Council 187 St. Bonifacius, MN Catholic United Sales Representative: Kendra Turner 763-442-8711 kturner@catholicumited.org This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial of up to \$1,000.00.

Cemetery Cleanup

Please have all decorations removed from the cemetery by March 31. After March 31, our



Maintenance Supervisor will dispose of any remaining Cemetery Cleanup Remove by Mar 31 decorations. If you need assistance removing items, please call the parish office, 952-446-1054. Thank you!



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January 2025 Collections	January 2025 Actual		January 2025 Budget		Difference		Fiscal Year to Date Actual		Fiscal Year to Date Budget		Difference		Gen 15:5-12, 17-18
Envelopes	\$	23,790	\$	17,329	\$	6,461	\$	144,254	\$	132,474	\$	11,780	
Electronic Giving	\$	4,425	\$	4,429	\$	(4)	\$	30,940	\$	31,574	\$	(634)	Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9,
Plate	\$	3,855	\$	1,750	\$	2,105	\$	15,192	\$	14,250	\$	942	13-14
Total	\$	32,070	\$	23,508	\$	<mark>8,</mark> 562	\$	190,385	\$	178,298	\$	12,087	
													Philippians 3:17-4:1

We are striving to become a stewardship parish, where your generosity and sacrifice allows us to minister to the needs of our parish community. We have budgeted our collections based on the needs to continue the ministries that we provide. Thank you for your support of our parish operations!

Luke 9:28b-36



Mar 7-14	Parish Office Closed
Mar 11	Adult Faith Study Begins
Mar 15	Social Saturday
Mar 29-30	2nd Collection - Global Solidarity
Mar 30	Bunny Bingo
Mar 31	Church Deep Cleaning
Apr 4	Lenten Soup Supper
Apr 5	1st Communion Retreat Lifeline - Meet @ STB 4pm
Apr 13	KC's Ham Bingo
Apr 16	Tenebrae Service @ ICC 7pm
Apr 17	Holy Thursday Mass @ STB 7pm Parish Office Closed
Apr 18	Good Friday Mass @ ICC 7pm Parish Office Closed
Apr 19	Easter Vigil Mass @ STB 8:30pm
Apr 20	Easter Sunday Mass @ STB 11am

Faith Formation & Happenings

JOIN US! YOUNC ADULT DISCUSSION CROUP JOIN YOUR FELLOW YOUNG ADULTS FOR A TIME OF PRAYER, LEARNING, AND FELLOWSHIP WHO: YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-39) WHEN: MONDAYS, 7PM-9PM WHERE: ST. BONIFACE PARISH OFFICE BASEMENT CONTACT: ANNE JANAS AT 612-845-3884 OR ANNESJANAS@YAHOO.COM LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED FIRE Women's Ministry Book Club S and the "Jesus and the Jubilee" by John S. Bergsma (Abiding Together Lenten Study) The Biblical Roots of the Year of God's Favor Get your book today! Book Discussion Thursday, May 1

7:00pm St. Boniface Fellowship Hall For more info, contact:

Ronda Hague or Mary Kuntz, fireministry1249@gmail.com



Why do Catholics abstain from flesh meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays of Lent?

Abstinence is one of our oldest Christian traditions. "From the first century, the day of the crucifixion has been traditionally observed as a day of abstaining from flesh meat ("black fast") to honor Christ who sacrificed his flesh on a Friday" (Klein, P., Catholic Source Book, 78). Up until 1966 Church law prohibited meat on all Fridays throughout the entire year. The new law was promulgated in 1983 in the revised Code of Canon Law which states, "Abstinence [is] to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Canon 1251). "All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence" (Canon 1252). The U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) extended this law to include all Fridays in Lent. Since Jesus sacrificed his flesh for us on Good Friday, we refrain from eating flesh meat in his honor on Fridays. Flesh meat includes the meat of mammals and poultry, and the main foods that come under this heading are beef and pork, chicken and turkey. While flesh is prohibited, the non-flesh products of these animals are not, things like milk, cheese, butter, and eggs.

JOHN S. BERGSMA

Fish do not belong to the flesh meat category. The Latin word for meat, caro, from which we get English words like carnivore and carnivorous, applies strictly to flesh meat and has never been understood to include fish. Furthermore, in former times flesh meat was more expensive, eaten only occasionally, and associated with feasting and rejoicing; whereas fish was cheap, eaten more often, and not associated with celebrations.

Abstinence is a form of penance. Penance expresses sorrow and contrition for our wrongdoing, indicates our intention to turn away from sin and turn back to God, and makes reparation for our sins, it helps to cancel the debt and pay the penalties incurred by our transgressions.

Abstinence is a form of asceticism, the practice of self-denial to grow in holiness. Jesus asks his disciples to deny themselves and take up their Cross (Mt 16:24). Abstinence is a sober way to practice simplicity and austerity, to deny the cravings of our bodies to honor Jesus who practiced the ultimate form of self-denial when he gave his body for us on the Cross. Thus, to give up flesh meat on Fridays, only to feast on lobster tail or Alaskan king crab, is to defeat the ascetical purpose of abstinence. Less is more! There are countless options for simple Friday meatless dinners: pancakes, waffles, soup and rolls, chipped tuna on toast, macaroni and cheese, fried egg sandwiches, grilled cheese sandwiches, cheese pizza, and of course, fish.

