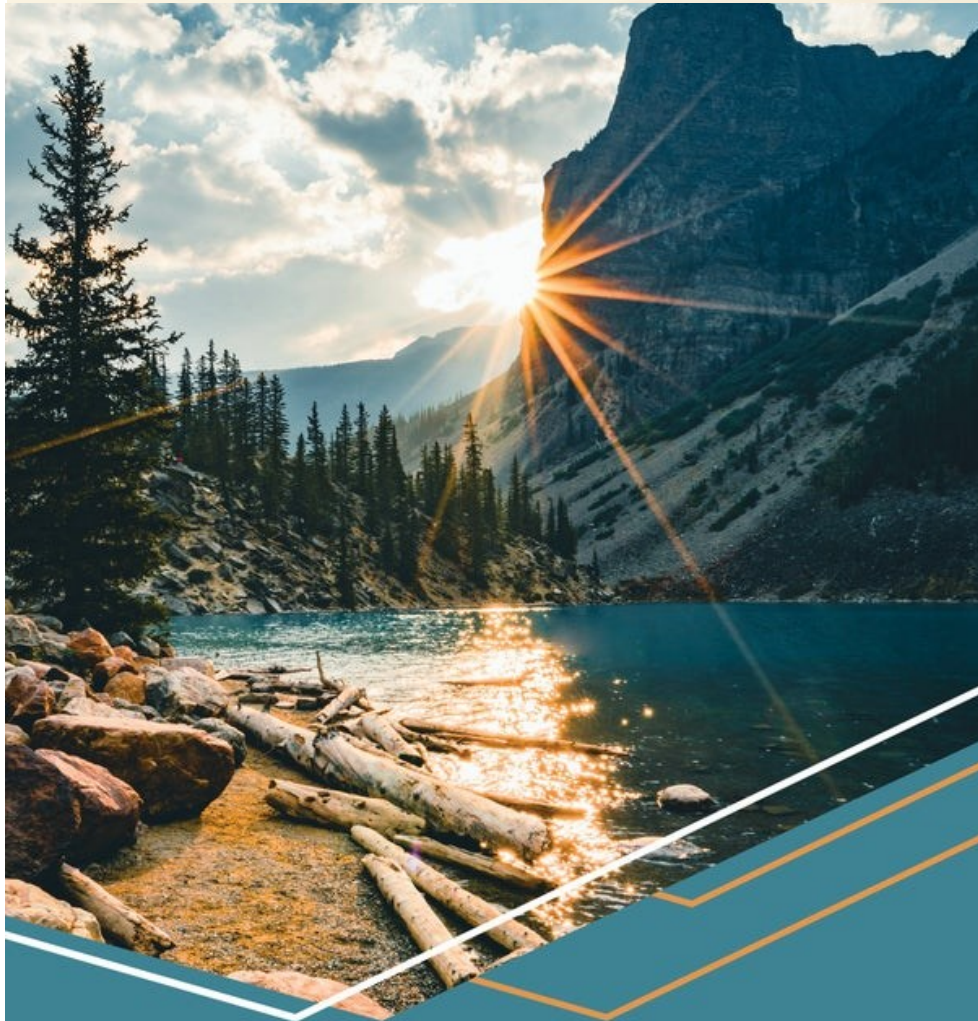




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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the pastor 1-2 months Prior to date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements to be made 6 months in advance.
Contact the Pastor.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults desiring baptism, confirmation or full membership in the Catholic Church, contact Father. Sessions begin in Fall.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the parish office or fill out one of the Family Registration sheets in the back of church. They can be handed in the weekend collection

VISITATION

Please notify the pastor when a hospitalized / homebound parishioner desires holy communion.

ANointing of the Sick

Call the church office or the Pastor.

JULY 19, 2026

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH OFFICE

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Website: tresecclesiae.org

Office Hours

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Mon, Wed, & Fri | 9 am - 2:30 pm

St. Boniface:

Tues & Thurs | 9 am - 2 pm

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- St. Lawrence Catholic Church
- St. Boniface Church

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Albert, Pastor

Mobile: (608) 863-8815

Rectory: (608) 687-3496

Connie Sweno, Office Administrator

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 7:30 pm (SB)

Sunday: 8:00 am (SL) & 10:00 am (IC)

Tuesday: Adoration an hour before mass
5:30 pm (SB)

Wednesday: 8:00 am (SL)

Thursday: Adoration an hour before mass
8:00 am (SL)

Friday: Adoration an hour before mass
8:00 am (IC)
11:00 am (SB)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 7:00 pm (B)

Sunday: 7:30 am (L)

Sunday: 9:30 am (IC)

KEY Immaculate Conception =(IC) | St. Lawrence Parish =(SL) | St. Boniface Parish =(SB)

From Our Pastor

Today's Gospel presents one of Jesus' most realistic and challenging parables. He tells us about a farmer who sows good seed in his field. But while everyone is asleep, an enemy comes and sows weeds among the wheat. As the plants begin to grow, the servants notice the problem and immediately ask the master, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" Surprisingly, the master says no. He tells them to let both grow together until the harvest, when the separation will be made.

At first glance, this response seems strange. Why would a wise farmer allow weeds to remain in his field? Wouldn't they rob the wheat of nutrients and reduce the harvest? Yet Jesus uses this image to reveal something profound about God's patience, mercy, and wisdom. The servants represent our natural instinct. We like quick solutions. We want everything to be clear-cut. We want good separated from evil immediately. We often believe that if only we could remove the "bad people" or eliminate every problem, God's kingdom would flourish.

But Jesus reminds us that life is not so simple. The field is the world, but it is also our own hearts. Each of us carries both wheat and weeds. Alongside faith, we sometimes harbor doubt. Alongside generosity, selfishness can creep in. We desire holiness, yet we struggle with temptation. Before we rush to judge others, we should honestly recognize that God sees both the beauty and the brokenness within each of us.

The remarkable message of this Gospel is that God is extraordinarily patient. He does not rejoice in condemning sinners. Instead, He gives time for conversion. A weed that appears hopeless today may, through God's grace, become a saint tomorrow. Think of St. Paul. Before his conversion, he persecuted Christians. Many believers would probably have considered him an enemy beyond redemption. Yet God saw what others could not see. Given time and grace, Saul

became Paul, one of the greatest apostles in history.

Think also of St. Augustine. For years he wandered far from God, searching for happiness in worldly pleasures. His mother, St. Monica, prayed tirelessly for him. God did not uproot Augustine in his sin. Instead, He patiently cultivated his heart until he became one of the greatest theologians and saints of the Church. God's patience should inspire hope for ourselves as well. Sometimes we become discouraged because we still struggle with the same weaknesses. We wonder why God has not completely removed our faults. Yet spiritual growth often happens slowly, like wheat maturing over an entire season. God continues to work within us, inviting us to cooperate with His grace day by day.

This parable also challenges us to avoid becoming judges of other people. It is easy to label someone as beyond hope because of a mistake, a failure or even years of sinful living. But only God sees the whole story. Only He knows what is taking place deep within a person's heart. The Gospel also gives comfort to those who feel surrounded by evil. We sometimes ask why God allows injustice, violence, corruption, or suffering to continue. We may wonder why evil people often seem to prosper. Jesus does not offer an easy explanation, but He assures us that evil will not have the final word. The harvest will come. God's justice may appear delayed, but it is never absent. In His perfect time, truth will prevail, righteousness will be rewarded and every hidden thing will be brought to light.

Therefore, we live between the sowing and the harvest. This is the season of grace. Every day is another opportunity for repentance, forgiveness, growth, and renewal. May we trust in God's wisdom, rejoice in His mercy and remain faithful until the day of the final harvest, when Christ gathers all who belong to Him into the fullness of His kingdom.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – 7/20/26

NO MASS

Tuesday – 7/21/26 - St. Boniface

5:30 pm † John Hillig by His Family

Wednesday – 7/22/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † LeRoy & LaVonne Bechly by Deb Betthausen

Thursday – 7/23/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † All Entrusted To The Pastor's Care

Friday – 7/24/26 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 am † Mike & Irene Waletzki

Saturday – 7/25/26 - St. Boniface

7:30 pm † Albert & Linda by Genevieve Schultz

Sunday – 7/26/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Dennis Speltz by His Family

Sunday – 7/26/26 - Immaculate Conception

10:00am † Wayne Konter by Family



MINISTRY SCHEDULE | JULY 25-26

SATURDAY | 7:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: LaVerne Pronschinske

Cletus Foegen - Les Brommer

Lectors: Elsie Brommer

Servers: Claire Fernholz - Gavin Kaltenberg

Ushers: Howard Misch - Joe Slaby

SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Lisowski

Amp Lisowski - Lorna Lisowski

Lectors: Pat Lisowski

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Dick Hawes - Dave Becker

SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Lori Beseler

Debra Kujak - Michele Klein

Lectors: Doris Killian

Servers: Goettings

Ushers: Jim Semling - Roman Kujak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you to the Ye Old Shoolhouse Shoppe and their volunteers. They sent a gift of \$500 to each church in the area that responded to a letter requesting to be considered for a donation. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You. 

WELCOME

We're blessed to have new faces joining us at Mass. If you're interested in becoming a registered member of our parish, we invite you to fill out one of the **Family Registration Forms** located in the back of the church.

Registering helps us stay connected with you, and it also ensures you receive proper credit for all your contributions throughout the year.



We're grateful you're here and hope you feel at home in our parish family.

PRINCIPLES FOR PASTORAL PLANNING:

We are piloting local pastoral planning conversations this year, with four core principles guiding the shared discernment of a path forward. This week, Fr. Derek reflects on Principle #4 – "Charisms and Responsible Stewardship." You can look up the link or click on the QR Code.

<https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>



HISTORY TRAIN RIDE FUND RAISER;

Alma Knights of Columbus will host a mini-train ride fund raiser on Sept 26, 2026, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Involves a 7 mile ride aboard a mini-train into the historic Chippewa Bottoms (and back out) Info for the train can be found at:

<https://www.cvmca.info/events>

The ride will include presentations on the history of the train, history of DNR, and history of the Native Americans in the area (including artifacts).



Cost is \$40 / person with only 35 seats remaining. Contact Bryce Lisowski, GK at 715-495-0488, (text preferred) Or email for full details: Almaknights6789@gmail.com

ANNUAL DIOCESE APPEAL FINAL TOTALS

Immaculate Conception

Goal: \$21,170
Received: \$31,800
Rebate: \$10,630
51 donors - 31% participating
Recurring gift: \$60 month

St. Lawrence

Goal: \$13,855
Received: \$13,220
Under: -635
35 donors—30% participating
Recurring gift: \$200 month

St. Boniface

Goal: \$6,150
Received: \$15,956.33
Rebate: \$9,806.33
40 donors—23% participating
Recurring gift: \$75 month

ST. LAWRENCE FUNDRAISER

St. Lawrence is selling tickets for their new fundraiser. For \$20 you get a ticket with a chance to win one of the 30 prizes in the month of November. All proceeds will go towards their general account.

Any of the parishioners will be able to sell you a ticket or call Connie in the office.



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22 \$250	23 \$125	24 \$125	25 \$125	26 \$125	27 \$125	28 \$225
29 \$250	30 \$125	Thank you for supporting St. Lawrence Catholic Church.				
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Everyone is invited to the St. Boniface Fall Festival Sunday August 16th

10:00 Polka Mass
11:00–2:00 Homestyle Dinner
12:00 Kiddie Tractor Pull
2:30 Bingo in the hall
4:00 Duck Race
5:00 Raffle
All Day: Old Timer's Softball,
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PARISH FINANCIALS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
30 + 10 Env	\$ 1,005.00	25 + 9 Env	\$ 575.00	12 + 8 Env	\$ 921.00
Plate	\$ 97.00	Plate	\$ 251.00	Plate	\$ 152.00
Mission Coop	\$ 520.00	Mission Coop	\$ 715.00	Mission Coop	\$ 376.00
Total	\$ 1,622.00	Total	\$ 1,541.00	Total	\$ 1,449.00
Attendance	80	Attendance	94	Attendance	63

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PRAYER CHAIN

Our Prayer Chain is still active, so if you know of someone in need of prayers, please contact Bernice Semling at 608-687-8530. Miracles can and do happen with the help of prayer. We can also pray for you during our Sunday Rosary's, please call Rita Bechly at 608-687-8180.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

If you are interested in joining the Beautification Committee. This group is responsible for keeping our church looking beautiful throughout the year with flowers and seasonal décor. If you are interested, please call Connie she will be making the month schedule soon



MASS INTENTIONS

We are in need of Mass intentions. They are running low. Please use the blue envelopes in the back. Intentions are \$20.

Lighter Side



- Why do bananas wear sunscreen?
Because they peel
- What do you get when you cross an elephant and a fish?
Swimming trunks.
- What happens when ice cream gets angry?
It has a meltdown.
- Did you hear about the sunflower that was excited for summer?
It wet its plants.
- Where do boats go when they're sick?
To the dock.
- What do you call an anxious mosquito?
A jitterbug.
- How many blueberries can you grow on a bush?
All of them.
- What did the tree say when summer finally arrived?
What a re-leaf.
- Where do sheep spend their summer vacation?
The Baaaaa-hamas.

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Thanks to all who advertise on our back cover. They pay for our bulletin. Please consider doing business with them. This Week's feature advertiser:

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SAINT BONIFACE

PCCW

There will be a PCCW summer picnic/meeting Tuesday July 22 at 6pm at Teresa's house. All ladies of the parish are invited. Please bring a dish to pass.



FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival Raffle tickets are ready to be picked up in the connection wing of the church.

DONATION

Thank you to the Irene Dittrich Family for their donations to St. Boniface Church & School.



ASHLEY FOR THE ARTS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

August 6-8th

Each shift is a \$50 donation to St. Boniface School. You will receive a free t-shirt and all weekend admission to Ashley for the Arts. Sign up at:



www.ashleyforthearts.com/volunteer/

NEW Password: open26

SAINT LAWRENCE

SUNDAY BRUNCH



Join us today after mass for the KC/PCCW breakfast social. Parishioners with a last name beginning with A-L are asked to bring an egg bake, French toast bake, etc. Fruit and beverages will be provided.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The monthly meeting will be the 1st Sunday of the month. Hopefully this will bring more members to the meeting. We need your support to keep going. Meetings will be after 8am Mass in the basement. Bring a brother Knight with you.



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St. Lawrence quilting group meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1 pm in the church basement.

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