



The Parishes of

Immaculate Conception Parish | St. Lawrence Parish | St. Boniface Parish

AUGUST 2, 2026

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Transfiguration OF THE LORD



While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

- Mt 17:5

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.

PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours

Immaculate Conception:

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

St. Boniface:

Tues & Thurs | 9 am - 2 pm

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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 the most beloved miracles in all of Scripture - the feeding of the five thousand. This miracle is much more than an extraordinary display of Jesus' power. It is a revelation of His compassionate heart, a lesson in discipleship and a foreshadowing of the Eucharist. The Gospel begins with Jesus withdrawing to a deserted place after hearing of the death of John the Baptist. John was not only His cousin but also the one who prepared the way for Him.

Jesus sought solitude to grieve and pray, yet the crowds followed Him on foot from their towns. Matthew tells us, "His heart was moved with pity for them and He cured their sick," This is the heart of God. Divine compassion is never exhausted. Jesus teaches us that love reaches beyond our own pain. Even while carrying sorrow, He remains attentive to the needs of others. This challenges us to ask ourselves: when life becomes difficult, do we close ourselves off, or do we still find ways to be instruments of God's love.

As evening approaches, the disciples become practical. They see a problem: a remote place, thousands of hungry people and no food. Their solution seems reasonable: "Send the crowds away so they can buy food for themselves." But Jesus responds with words that must have startled them: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." The disciples immediately focus on what they lack. "We have only five loaves and two fish." From a human perspective, their calculation is correct. Five loaves and two fish cannot feed thousands.

We look at our limited resources, our talents, our finances, our energy and our time. we tell God, "This is all I have." we assume that because our offering is small, it cannot make a difference. Yet Jesus never asks us to begin with abundance. He asks us to begin with trust. Jesus says, "Bring them here to me." The disciples place their small offering into the hands of Christ. Then Jesus looks to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and gives it to the disciples to distribute.

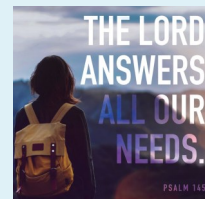
The sequence is deeply significant. The little they possess

becomes enough because it is surrendered to Jesus. The miracle begins not with abundance but generosity and faith. This is how God works in our lives. He does not always ask us to do spectacular things. He asks us to offer what we have- our gifts, our kindness, our prayers, our willingness to serve. When these are placed in His hands, He multiplies their effect beyond anything we could imagine.

The disciples also have an important role. Jesus performs the miracle, but He involves them in distributing the bread. God often chooses to accomplish His work through ordinary people. The Church continues this mission today. Christ feeds His people spiritually and often physically through the hands of His disciples. The miracle also reminds us of the Eucharist. The actions of Jesus - taking, blessing, breaking and giving the bread - anticipate what He will do at the Last Supper. The multiplication of the loaves points toward the Bread of life, Jesus Himself, who continues to nourish His Church. Just as the crowd received enough to satisfy their hunger, Christ offers Himself completely in the Eucharist to satisfy the deepest hunger of every human heart.

In today's world, we often hear messages of scarcity. We worry there's not enough money, enough opportunity, enough security, enough hope. The Gospel invites us to adopt divine providence. When we entrust ourselves to Christ and share what we have with love, God provides in ways we cannot foresee. Finally the Gospel asks each of us a personal question: what are the "five loaves and two fish" in my life. They may seem insignificant - a small talent, a few minutes of service, a simple act of kindness, a prayer offered in faith.

May we never underestimate what God can do with a willing heart. May we trust Him with our limitations instead of being discouraged by them. And as we gather around the altar to receive the Bread of life, may we be strengthened to become bread broken for others, sharing Christ's love generously in our families, our workplaces,



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – 8/3/26

NO MASS



Tuesday – 8/4/26 - St. Boniface

5:30 pm † Irene Dittrich by Dorothy Pronschinske

Wednesday – 8/5/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Eugene & Laura Auer by Ron & Rheta Brownell

Thursday – 8/6/26 - St. Lawrence

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

Friday – 8/7/26 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 am † Carol Abts by Jim & Bernice Semling

Saturday – 8/8/26 - St. Boniface

7:30 pm † Doris Pronschinske by Bob & Sharon Baecker

Sunday – 8/9/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Mark Hartman by Jon & Rose Wisneski

Sunday – 8/9/26 - Immaculate Conception

10:00am † Aaron Bagniewski by Eugene & Diane Bagniewski & Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE | AUGUST 8-9

SATURDAY | 7:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Cletus Foegen

Da Brommer - Karen Engstrand

Lectors: Faith Pronschinske

Servers: Gavin Kaltenberg - Claire Fernholz

Ushers: Glen Pronschinske - Howard Misch

SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lisowski

Bryce Lisowski - Sue Schamaun

Lectors: Mary Lisowski

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Mel Danzinger - Mark Schamaun

SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Bagniewski

Rod Bagniewski - Rita Bechly

Lectors: Duella Murphy

Servers: Goettings

Ushers: Jim Semling - Roman Kujak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG AT HEART

Young At Heart is a Senior (55 and older) event held on the last Friday of each month at St. John's that is open to all Seniors in the Alma area. Since Covid, we haven't had the attendance as before but we keep hoping for more people to attend. A pot luck lunch is served at noon. Everyone brings a dish to pass. After we eat, do the dishes, and put the food away, you want to stay a little longer. We play a card game called Spades. It's a game everyone can learn and play. (Chuck is a good teacher!) We always have a variety of delicious food plus a lot of sharing, caring, and good conversations. Come and join us on the last Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome! You won't be sorry! The next Young at Heart will be on Friday, August 28 at noon.

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



ASHLEY FOR THE ARTS VOLUNTEER

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:

www.ashleyforthearts.com/volunteer/

NEW Password: open26



CHARACTERISTICS OF A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST: IDENTITY

The first characteristic is that our identity is rooted in being a child of the Father, redeemed by the Son, and alive in the Holy Spirit. We are loved because of who we are, not what we do.

"See what love the Father has lavished upon us, letting us be called children of God. For that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1). This characteristic is at the heart of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. It is an entirely different way of understanding who we are and why we are valuable. The world would have us base our identity on how successful we are, the numbers in our bank account, or the numbers on a scale (just to name a few). Scripture tells us that our "value" is not based on any material thing, but on the love that God the Father has for us. The depths of that love can be seen on the cross, for "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16).

Having our identity rooted in the love of God changes everything. Our decisions, our relationships, our values, our actions...everything. It opens our eyes to a spiritual reality about the meaning of life and the dignity of others.

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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29 \$250	30 \$125	Thank you for supporting St. Lawrence Catholic Church.				
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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.



PARISH FINANCIALS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
29 Env	\$ 1,088.00	25 Env	\$ 420.00	15 Env	\$ 812.00
Plate	\$ 146.00	Plate	\$ 303.25	Plate	\$ 148.00
Vigil Lights	\$ 174.00	Vigil Lights	\$ 52.00	Mission Coop	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 1,408.00	Total	\$ 775.25	Total	\$ 1,076.00
Attendance	82	Attendance	90	Attendance	79

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PCCW

The next PCCW meeting will be Monday, Aug 10th (please note date change) at 2 p.m. in Hansen Hall (church basement). All women of the parish are automatically members and there are no dues required. We welcome new and old members to attend and share your ideas. Any questions call Rita Bechly at 608-687-8180.

DONATION

We have been blessed with several families coming forward wanting to make monetary donations to the church and/or PCCW. If you have ideas or suggestions on what you think best use of these donations would be, please let Connie Sweno, Deb Kujak, or Rita Bechly know. Or better yet please attend our next PCCW meeting where we will be holding discussions on this topic.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are in need of Mass intentions. They are running low. Please use the blue envelopes in the back. Intentions are \$20 or whatever you would like to give.



SAINT BONIFACE

FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival work schedule is out in the back of church to be picked up. If you aren't signed up to work and can help out, please let Teresa know. Thank you to all who turned in your sold raffle tickets for the early bird drawing. Congratulations to Faith who won the seller's drawing.



St. Boniface Parishioners are asked to bring items for the fall festival booths. The kids games, silver nugget, country store and cake walk depend on donations. If you have something for the raffle booth, please contact Kim. Please drop off the prizes in the church walkway by August 9th if possible. Baked goods should be brought on Saturday evening or early Sunday morning. Donated items are what keep the booths going and the fun last longer, thank you for your help! .

THANK YOU

A special thank you to two special people :

Kathy (Weiss) Oesau for sharing her gift of sewing for making new altar cloths and repairing Father's cloak.

Jeffrey Reglin (Reglin Excavating) for not charging the school for the trucking of the new pea gravel for the playground.

We appreciate your hard work and generosity!

Thank You. 

SAINT LAWRENCE

PCCW

We will have our PCCW meeting after mass today. All parish ladies are invited to attend.



ALL LADIES:

the annual PCCW potluck "picnic" is Monday, August 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. We will be eating at 6pm. This is a great chance for us to gather, eat and enjoy time together. Drinks and tableware will be provided, please bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert to share.

SUNDY BRUNCH

There will be NO Sunday Brunch in August. Please enjoy the St. Boniface Fall Festival

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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QUILTING GROUP



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

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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