

St. Boniface

Catholic Church

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Also Serving St. Martin of Tours, Geneseo and Sts. Peter & Paul, Cayuga

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saint Boniface

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

St. Martin of Tours - Geneseo

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

(June and August)

Sts. Peter & Paul - Cayuga

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

(July and September)

September 20, 2026 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?



Isaiah 55:6-9/ Philipians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

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Weekly Mass Schedule



Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, Sept. 19	5:00 pm (St. B.)	Special Intention
Sunday, Sept. 20	8:30 am (St. B.)	Pro Popula
	10:30 am (Sts P&P)	† Dec. Family of Ted & Regina Breker

Weekday Liturgies

Monday, Sept. 21	NO MASS	
Tuesday, Sept. 22	NO MASS	
Wed., Sept. 23	NO MASS	
Thurs., Sept. 24	10:00 am (St. B.)	† John Gaukler
Friday, Sept. 25	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Roman Heley
<u>Sunday Liturgies</u>		
Saturday, Sept. 26	5:00 pm (St. B.)	Shirley Ahrens
Sunday, Sept. 27	8:30 am (St. B.)	Tyler & Alexa Thomas
	10:30 am (Sts P&P)	Pro Popula

Reconciliation Schedule

St. Boniface: Saturday & Sunday – Before/after Mass
Thursday – after Mass

St. Martin: Sunday – Before and after Mass

Sts. Peter & Paul – Before and after Mass

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers:
Tracey Monson - Lawrence Heley - Fr. Chad Wilhelm
Avery Trittin - Baby Weston - Anne Heley
Joan Moerke - Shirley (Art) Heley - Dan Frolek
Shirley Ahrens - Peggy Harles - Dan Schmit - If you have any imminent prayer requests, please call or text Cindy at 701-640-1401.

All Parishes

Eucharistic Adoration - Please come and spend time with Jesus on Thursdays in adoration, anytime from 5am – midnight. We need adorers to share the 2-3, 3-4 and 5-6pm slots. Please contact Sharon at 612-790-1211 or 538-7010 if you are able to help.

Women's Group – please join us for a program entitled “She Shall Be Called Woman”. We will meet at St. Boniface Church on Wed., Sept. 16 with food and fellowship at 6:30 and the presentation at 7pm. All women are invited!

Hankinson's 24th Octoberfest will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26. Come enjoy food, fun and music beginning at 10:30am and ending with fireworks at 9pm. For more info

Mass Time Change – there will be only one Mass on Sunday, Oct. 4. It will be at St. Boniface at 10am.

Raffle Tickets – All St. Boniface Altar Society members are asked to pick up two books of raffle tickets to sell for the fall bazaar. They are in the gathering space at the church. Money and tickets may be turned in to Mel.

St. Boniface Fall Bazaar will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4 from 11am – 1pm.

The First TV Star on the Altars: 12 Things to Know About Soon-to-Be Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen Church Pop

Archbishop Fulton Sheen was a “Catholic influencer” before influencers were even a thing.

An Emmy-winning TV star, he pioneered Catholic media evangelization in the golden age of television, and just might be the future patron saint of Catholic content creators.

In the 1950s and 60s, Archbishop Sheen was one of the biggest names on primetime TV, and his show is often cited as the most widely watched religious series in history. Week after week, his catechesis reached an estimated 10–30 million viewers. His sainthood cause even highlights “new evangelization through mass media” as a key part of his path to holiness.

Here you have 12 things to know about Archbishop Fulton Sheen:

1) His birth name wasn't Fulton.

He was baptized Peter John Sheen in 1895 in El Paso, Illinois; “Fulton” was his mother's maiden name and later became the name the world knew him by. He was born on May 8, 1895, the eldest of four sons of Newton and Delia (Fulton) Sheen, on a farm near El Paso, Illinois. He grew up in a small Midwestern farm family and went on to become one of the most widely heard Catholic preachers in the world.

2) The Catholic bishop who beat Hollywood for an Emmy.

He'll be the first U.S.-born Catholic bishop to be beatified — and the first Emmy-winning TV personality to reach the altars! In 1953, he won the Emmy for “Most Outstanding Television Personality” for his groundbreaking show, “Life Is Worth Living,” beating out some of the biggest names in entertainment at the time. And in true Fulton Sheen fashion, he kept his trademark humor, saying he wanted to thank his “writers”: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

3) Radio made him a nationwide voice with “The Catholic Hour.”

Before television, Archbishop Sheen reached millions through The Catholic Hour radio program, which he began in 1930 and hosted for years. This show helped

make him a household spiritual guide across the United States.

4) A genius theologian before he was a “TV celebrity.”

Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Peoria in 1919, he was a gifted intellect who used his learning to bring people to the faith. He earned advanced degrees in philosophy and theology, pursued further studies in Europe, and later taught philosophy and theology at The Catholic University of America. He received a doctorate in philosophy in Belgium and was awarded the prestigious Cardinal Mercier Prize for his work.

5) He helped invent “Catholic media evangelization” as we know it.

Starting on the radio and then moving to television, Sheen showed how modern media could be used to preach the Gospel, making him a true pioneer of the “new evangelization” decades before that phrase was popular.

As a priest of the Diocese of Peoria, later auxiliary bishop in New York, and eventually Bishop of Rochester, he brought his preaching, pastoral work, and media apostolate together, showing how a bishop could shepherd his flock not only in a geographic diocese, but also through the airwaves to millions around the world.

6) His show “Life Is Worth Living” became a ratings phenomenon.

In the 1950s, Sheen hosted “Life Is Worth Living” (1951–1957), a weekly TV program that mixed theology, philosophy, and current issues with his trademark chalkboard and cape. It quickly became one of the most popular programs on the airwaves, not only among religious shows but in primetime television overall.

7) He used media to make converts, not fans.

His goal was always conversion and holiness, not celebrity. Stories include high-profile converts and little-known souls whose lives were changed after encountering Sheen’s preaching. He was instrumental in the conversion or reversion of tens of thousands of people to the Catholic faith, including prominent figures like Bella Dodd, Clare Boothe Luce, and Louis Budenz.

8) He made chalkboards cool before YouTube whiteboards.

On “Life Is Worth Living,” Sheen spoke straight to the camera about faith, culture, and morality, using only a chalkboard and his cape—and drew audiences of up to 30 million viewers a week, most of them non-Catholic.

9) He raised millions of dollars for the missions.

In 1958, Sheen became national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, coordinating missionary support across the United States. This was one of his favorite roles, where he used his platform to

raise funds and awareness for missions worldwide. He spent 16 years raising money that supported missionary work around the globe, helping countless people encounter Christ and His Church.

10) He nicknamed the Virgin Mary “Our Lady of Television.”

His Marian devotion was central: his episcopal motto was “To Jesus through Mary,” he considered The World’s First Love his favorite book, nicknamed the Madonna and Child statue on his TV set “Our Lady of Television,” and made frequent pilgrimages to Lourdes.

11) G.K. Chesterton wrote the introduction to his first book.

Intellectually, Sheen was deeply shaped by G.K. Chesterton, whom he credited as the greatest influence on his writing. Chesterton wrote the introduction to Sheen’s first book, “God and Intelligence in Modern Philosophy,” and Sheen cultivated an encyclopedic culture, including a deep love of poetry.

12) His cause for sainthood has a miracle, and the Holy See confirmed his beatification after a six-year pause.

In 2012, the Vatican declared Fulton Sheen “Venerable,” recognizing that he heroically lived the Christian virtues. Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to Sheen’s intercession in 2019: the medically unexplained recovery of James Fulton Engstrom, a baby who had been stillborn. This healing cleared the way for his beatification, but the ceremony—once scheduled for December 21, 2019—was postponed while questions about his time in Rochester were reviewed. The Holy See confirmed on February 9, 2026, that his beatification cause can officially move forward.

Fulton Sheen shows us that media and holiness can go together: a bishop who stepped into the spotlight not for himself, but to preach that life in Christ is truly worth living.

Soon-to-be Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen, pray for us!

