

St. Boniface

Catholic Church

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230 1st St. NW - Lidgerwood, ND 58053

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.

Saint Martin of Tours - Geneseo
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

Saints Peter & Paul - Cayuga
Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

July 28, 2024 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope. I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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**2 Kings 4:42-44 | Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15**

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Weekly Mass Schedule



Sunday Liturgies		
Saturday, July 27	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† Dec. Members of Al Polansky Family
Sunday, July 28	8:30 am (St. B.)	Pro Popula
	10:30 am (St. M.)	† Lawrence Harles
	7:00 pm (Sts. P&P)	Special Intention
Weekday Liturgies		
Monday, July 29	NO MASS	
Tuesday, July 30	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Georgine Novotny
Wed., July 31	10:00 am (Dak. Estates)	† Mary & Alois Polansky
Thursday, August 1	10:00 am (St. B.)	L&D Members of Wulfekuhle Family
Friday, August 2	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Margaret Maczkowicz
Sunday Liturgies		
Saturday, August 3	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† Dec. Family of Tony & Frances Oster Family
Sunday, August 4	8:30 am (St. B.)	Pro Popula
	10:30 am (St. M.)	† Jerry Riba
	7:00 pm (Sts. P&P)	Special Intention

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:
 Joan Moerke - Richard Novotny - Doug Spieker
 Steve Listopod - Peggy Harles - Rick Kane
 John Popp - Dan Frolek - Shelby Northrop
 Shirley Ahrens - Brad Meyer - Beth Stroehl
 Nick Podliska - Barb Perry
 If you have any imminent prayer requests, please call or text Cindy at 701-640-1401.

All Parishes

Join us in Prayer - The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 9:30 am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. **No Wednesdays.**

Eucharistic Adoration – We are in immediate need for someone to take the 3-4 pm adoration slot. Please contact Sharon at 612-790-1211 or 538-7010 if you are able to help. Adoration is open to all and is Thursdays from 5am to midnight.

Men's Group on Tuesday, July 30 at 6:30 am at St. Boniface.

KC Youth Outing (open to all tri-parish youth, **3rd grade and up**) to a Red Hawks game will be on Wednesday, July 31. The bus will leave the KC Hall at 4:30 pm. Please sign up by Tuesday, July 30. There is a sign-up sheet and release forms on the table in the gathering space at St. Boniface. Fill out the form and bring it with you on the day of the trip. Questions, contact Aaron Frolek at 640-1117.

Redeemed Eucharistic Congress - September 6-7 at the Jamestown Civic Center. This two-day Eucharistic event will serve as the local diocesan launch of the National Eucharistic Revival's Year of Mission. Reserve your place at this event by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed.

Australian bishop hails U.S. Eucharistic Congress as model for global Catholic renewal

Catholic News Agency

As the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis drew to a close, an Australian bishop praised the event as a model for revitalizing the Catholic faith across the world and expressed hope that it could inspire similar revivals worldwide.

Auxiliary Bishop Richard Umbers of Sydney, who attended the congress as an international observer, said that the U.S. gathering had generated a lot of interest in Australia, according to the Australian Catholic Weekly. "We are very interested in learning all the aspects of the journey to this national congress," Umbers said. "We've been following this revival, and it has captured our imagination."

The bishop noted that the congress, which drew over 50,000 participants from all 50 states and 17 countries, demonstrated the power of Eucharistic devotion to unite and energize the faithful. "It has been an amazing experience that we can all gather so many people," Umbers said. "We talk about Real Presence, but for that we need to be present, and present in the liturgy."

U.S. support for Eucharistic congress in Australia

Umbers said Australia is closely studying the U.S. Eucharistic revival with a specific purpose, too: Catholics in the Land Down Under hope to host the International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney — with American support — in the year 2028.

This September, the 53-year-old prelate plans to travel to South America for the upcoming International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador.

"I will be going to Quito and I will be taking a group of people with me," the bishop said. "We will have an observation team and a pilgrimage to see where we can learn because we love holding events such as these in Australia."

Umbers explained that following the COVID-19 pandemic, Australia's Plenary Council voted to pursue hosting an International Eucharistic Congress to help reinvigorate Catholic life and bring people back to Mass. "COVID had hit us hard, we really need to revitalize

ourselves in appreciation of the work of the Lord and worship together,” he said.

The bishop also addressed growing challenges to religious freedom in the U.S. and Australia, suggesting these pressures may fuel a resurgence in public expressions of faith. “The Catholic Church in Australia is the largest nongovernment provider of education, health care, and social services and we are increasingly noticing a squeeze on being able to operate according to our faith,” Umbers said.

“Even culturally with the intellectual battles taking place, identifying yourself as a Christian or a Catholic in everyday life is to take it on the chin. This is one reason why more Catholics are going out on the street and saying we believe in Jesus.”

American ‘blueprint’ for universal Church

As the 10th National Eucharistic Congress concluded Sunday in Indianapolis, Umbers expressed hope that the congress’ fruits would spread far beyond American shores. “The world is so connected. The kinds of challenges you’re facing here in the United States are very similar to the ones we are facing in Australia,” he said.

“We’re looking to the U.S. experience as a blueprint for how the universal Church can be renewed through greater devotion to Christ in the Eucharist.”

National Eucharistic Congress: Promoting Sunday Mass Is Top Eucharistic Priority – Tom Hoopes

Being one of more than 50,000 people gathered to praise the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament will launch thousands of vocations and holy hours. But the highest hope for the Congress might be something more basic. The hope is that it will inspire **a new dedication to Sunday Mass.**

That’s what New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan said at the first Mass of the Congress. “My brothers and sisters to recover the centrality of Sunday Mass,” he told tens of thousands of participants, “has to be the resolve of this grand Eucharistic Congress.”

The importance of Sunday Mass was a theme that sounded again and again during the Congress, even as other forms of Eucharistic worship took center stage.

The opening night was dazzling, then profound.

I was right by the altar at the 50-yard line of the covered-over football field in the Indianapolis Colts’ stadium as the 10th National Eucharistic Congress got underway.

As the Eucharistic procession entered the stadium, tens of thousands of people went silent and dropped to their knees. Bishop Andrew Cozzens, the organizer of the National Eucharistic Revival, placed the monstrance on the altar then, kneeling in front of it, said, “Lord, we want to give you the first words in our National Eucharistic Congress,” and the entire stadium went silent.

It was a breathtaking beginning, and we returned to that altar for nightly holy hours three times, each preceded by keynote speakers. It was there that I first heard Sunday Mass emerge as a theme.

The key player in most testimonies wasn’t Eucharistic adoration, but Sunday Mass. There was, appropriately, a lot of stress on Eucharistic Adoration given at the Congress. But in the powerful testimonies given by speaker after speaker, it was most often Sunday Mass that made the difference in people’s lives.

First, Ken and Mary Ann Duppong, parents of Michelle Duppong, the Focus missionary whose canonization cause is underway, spoke of Sunday Mass being essential to their family’s faith. Then, Mother Olga, the Iraq-born religious foundress, shared testimonies of Eucharistic faith from her work with people in need.

Later, Sunday Mass figured in the story of an alcoholic’s recovery and in the testimony of the parents of a child with Down Syndrome who were able to overcome great odds, they said, because “God gave us the strength, through the Eucharist, through Sunday Mass, to do his will.”

Again and again, the theme returned throughout the event: Sunday Mass is the expression of faith that brought people back from the brink.

This is exactly what St. John Paul II expected at the beginning of the 21st century. In his 2001 Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (At the beginning of the New Millennium) St. John Paul II made promoting Sunday Mass a top priority for the Church. “It is necessary,” he said, “to stress particularly the Sunday Eucharist and Sunday itself experienced as a special day of faith ... the true weekly Easter.” He also strongly restated the rule in the Catholic faith that only those who have received confession can receive communion.

To show how serious he was, he made 2004 a Year of the Eucharist and in the 2003 encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (Church from the Eucharist) called Sunday Mass “fundamental for the life of the Church” and “drew particular attention to the Sunday Eucharist, emphasizing its effectiveness for building communion.”

Several speakers mentioned that Eucharistic faith took a hit during the Covid pandemic when Sunday Mass was unavailable. Cardinal Dolan said inattention to Sunday Mass is the major problem facing the Church today. “Pope Francis has repeated, ‘No Eucharist no Church,’” he said. “No wonder the influence of Jesus seems diminished in his Church, when only 25% of those who claim him as Lord and Savior are faithful to him in our weekly family meal.” To get a sense of how bad that truly is, consider that the Catechism says Catholics must attend Sunday Mass, and that “Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.”

Appropriately, the Congress culminated in a Sunday Mass at which papal delegate Cardinal Antonio Tagle delivered a message from Pope Francis, who hoped “that all participants of the Congress will be fully aware of the gifts be received from the heavenly food, and will impart them to others.” Pray for the success of the National Eucharistic Congress in the numbers of people we invite to Sunday Mass.