

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)

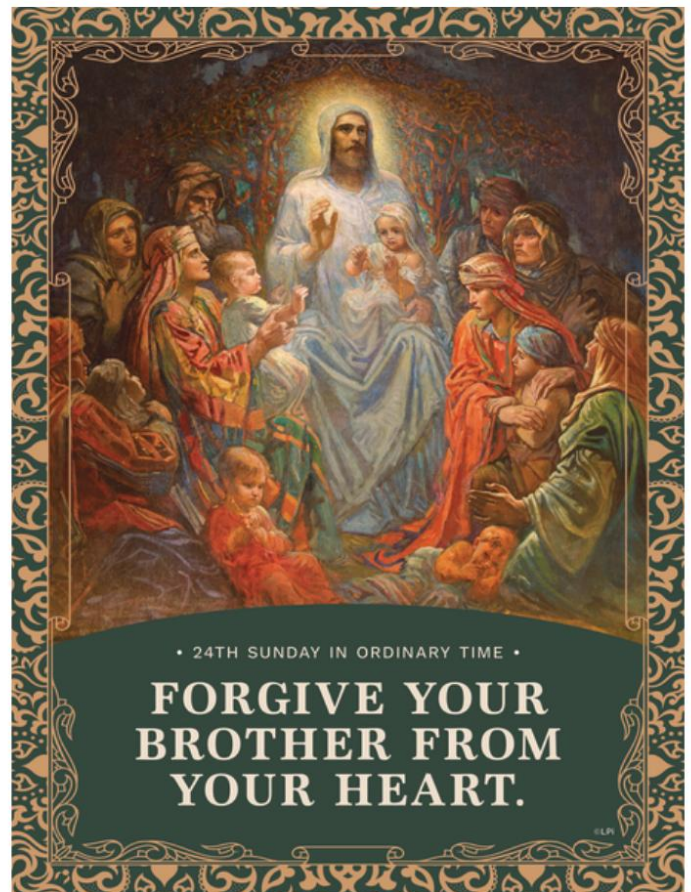
September 13, 2026 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Forgiving Wrongdoings

Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me. Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family that would years later truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011.

Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness benefited me far more than my father.

As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can be wise and use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, resentment, and anger. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus.



Sirach 27:30-28:7 / Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

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Weekly Mass Schedule



Sunday Liturgies		
Saturday, Sept. 12	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† Dec. Members of Oscar & Mary Cubis Family
Sunday, Sept. 13	8:30 am (St. B.)	Pro Popula
	10:30 am (Sts P&P)	† Doug Spieker
Weekday Liturgies		
Monday, Sept. 14	NO MASS	
Tuesday, Sept. 15	NO MASS	
Wed., Sept. 16	NO MASS	
Thurs., Sept. 17	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Randy Berntson
Friday, Sept. 18	10:00 am (St. B.)	L&D Members of Lyon Family
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

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.

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.

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
 call Julie at 701-242-7414 or visit www.hankinsonnd.com

From a sermon on the beatitudes by Saint Leo the Great, pope

Those who love your law shall have abundant peace
 The blessedness of seeing God is justly promised to the
 pure of heart. For the eye that is unclean would not be
 able to see the brightness of the true light, and what
 would be happiness to clear minds would be a torment
 to those that are defiled. Therefore, let the mists of
 worldly vanities be dispelled, and the inner eye be
 cleansed of all the filth of wickedness, so that the soul's
 gaze may feast serenely upon the great vision of God.
 It is to the attainment of this goal that the next words
 refer: *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be
 called sons of God.* This blessedness, dearly beloved,
 does not derive from any casual agreement or from any
 and every kind of harmony, but it pertains to what the
 Apostle says: *Be at peace before the Lord*, and to the
 words of the prophet: *Those who love your law shall
 enjoy abundant peace; for them it is no stumbling
 block.*

Even the most intimate bonds of friendship and the
 closest affinity of minds cannot truly lay claim to this
 peace if they are not in agreement with the will of God.
 Alliances based on evil desires, covenants of crime and
 pacts of vice—all lie outside the scope of this peace.
 Love of the world cannot be reconciled with love of
 God, and the man who does not separate himself from
 the children of this generation cannot join the company
 of the sons of God. But those who keep God ever in
 their hearts, and are *anxious to preserve the unity of the
 spirit in the bond of peace*, never dissent from the
 eternal law as they speak the prayer of faith. *Your will
 be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

These then are the peacemakers; they are bound
 together in holy harmony and are rightly given the
 heavenly title of *sons of God, co-heirs with Christ.* And
 this is the reward they will receive for their love of God
 and neighbor: when their struggle with all temptation is
 finally over, there will be no further adversities to
 suffer or scandal to fear; but they will rest in the peace
 of God undisturbed, through our Lord who lives and
 reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and
 ever. Amen.

"Our bodily demeanor, including gestures and clothing, ought to convey respect, solemnity and joy."

— CCC 1387

PROPER SUNDAY DRESS CODE

What Should Catholics Wear to Mass?



1 MASS IS NOT AN ORDINARY EVENT



The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, the central act of Christian worship. Our clothing should reflect reverence, dignity and joy.

2 THE CHURCH DOES NOT REQUIRE EXPENSIVE CLOTHES



There is no rule that you must wear designer or costly clothes. A poor person in clean and modest dressing can approach Mass with the same reverence as anyone else. Dignity is not measured by price.

3 WHAT MAKES CLOTHING APPROPRIATE?



MODESTY
Respects the dignity of the person.



DECENCY
Appropriate for a sacred gathering.



REVERENCE
Shows awareness that you are in God's house.



SUITABILITY
Fits the circumstance and environment.



OUR GOAL
It is not about fashion, but about faith, reverence and love for God.



Dress in a way that shows you know where you are going and Whom you are going to meet.

EXAMPLES OF APPROPRIATE ATTIRE

FOR MEN



- Shirt and trousers
- Suit (optional)
- Neat and modest attire
- Clean and presentable
- Traditional attire (appropriate and modest)

FOR WOMEN



- Modest dresses or skirts
- Blouse and skirt/trousers
- Neat and decent attire
- Shoulders and knees reasonably covered
- Traditional attire (appropriate and modest)

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A FINAL REMINDER

You do not need to impress people.
You are coming to worship God.
Come clean. Come modest. Come reverently.
Come with a sincere heart.

4 WHAT SHOULD WE AVOID?



- Clothing that is deliberately revealing, provocative, distracting or inappropriate for the sacred setting.
- This applies to both men and women.
- Modesty is a virtue for everyone, not just for women.

5 CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS



- The same principles apply, with patience and good judgment.
- Teach them, don't embarrass them.
- Help them understand that Mass is a time to worship God, not a fashion show.

6 WHAT IF SOMEONE CANNOT AFFORD "PROPER" CLOTHES?



- No one should stay away from Mass because they cannot afford special clothes.
- If you have only simple clothing, a work uniform or are coming from a difficult situation, you are still welcome.
- God looks at your heart.

7 CULTURAL DIFFERENCES



- Appropriate dress can look different across cultures.
- The Church does not prescribe one universal fashion style.
- The principles remain the same: modesty, dignity, reverence and suitability.

"Let all things be done decently and in order."

— 1 CORINTHIANS 14:40