

# 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 - 11:45 a.m.

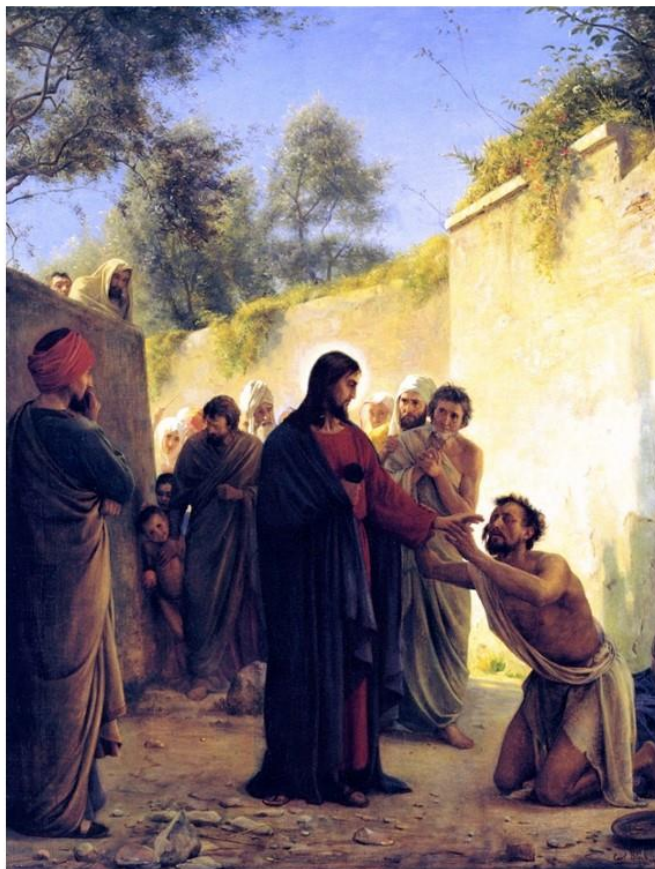
(Even Numbered Months)

March 19, 2023 - 4th Sunday of Lent

### Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.



**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

**John 9:1-41**

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## Weekly Mass Schedule



<b>Sunday Liturgies</b>		
Saturday, Mar. 18	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† Donna Spellerberg
Sunday, Mar. 19	8:30 am (St. B.)	Katelyn Heley
	10:30 am (St. M.)	Pro Popula
<b>Weekday Liturgies</b>		
Monday, Mar. 20	NO MASS	
Tuesday, Mar. 21	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Bob Haas
Wednesday, Mar. 22	10:00 am (St. B.)	Max Thomas
Thursday, Mar. 23	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Norman Gust
Friday, Mar. 24	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Erwin Lugert
<b>Sunday Liturgies</b>		
Saturday, Mar. 25	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† Roman Heley
Sunday, Mar. 26	8:30 am (St. B.)	Cody Heley
	10:30 am (St. M.)	Pro Popula

### **Reconciliation Schedule**

**St. Boniface: Saturday & Sunday – prior to Mass**  
**Wednesday – 9:45 am**

**St. Martin: Sunday – Before and after Mass**

### **Prayer Requests**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:  
 - Peggy Harles      - Shelby Northrop      - Shirley Ahrens  
 - Brad Meyer          - Beth Stroehl                      - John Popp  
 - Dejah Anderson      - Rick Kane                      - Dan Frolek  
 - 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 the following times: Monday through Friday at 9:30 am. The Rosary for the Unborn will be said on Tuesdays.

**Eucharistic Adoration** – Adoration is open to all, please come and spend time with Jesus in Adoration anytime on Thursdays from 5am to midnight. Please contact Sharon to become a regular or substitute at 612-790-1211 or 538-7010.

#### **Mass Schedule Change**

Beginning on Sunday, April 16, Sts. Peter & Paul will be having Mass at 7pm every Sunday. They will now have Mass full-time!

#### **Stations of the Cross Only – No Mass**

Friday – March 24 – 7pm at St. Boniface

#### **Holy Week Mass Schedule**

Holy Thursday – Apr. 6 - 7:00 pm at St. Boniface  
 Good Friday – Apr. 7 - 3:00 pm at St. Boniface  
 Easter Vigil – Apr. 8 - 8:30 pm at St. Martin’s  
 Easter Sunday – Apr. 9 - 8:30 am at St. Boniface  
    - 10:30 am at Sts. Peter & Paul

**Egg Bake Breakfast** will be served at St. Boniface following the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 19.

**KC Fish Fry** – Friday, March 24 from 5-7pm at the KC Hall.

**Penance Services** - Sunday, Mar. 26, 7pm, St. Boniface  
 - Sunday, April 2, 3pm at St. John’s in Wyndmere

**St. Boniface Altar Society** will be having an important meeting to talk about finances on Monday, March 20 at 7pm. All members, please try to attend! The following are the Diocesan financial guidelines as of 2022:

*- Other parish organizations, at the end of their fiscal year, are to donate to the parish all monies on hand in excess of \$2,500 to be used for parish purposes only, giving consideration to the wishes of the members of the parish organization.*

#### **Desolation and Discernment** – *Theology of Home*

Many years ago, my spiritual director advised me to avoid making major decisions during Lent. It is something my husband and I have held onto strongly over the last fifteen years of marriage. Often we've made major decisions the week before Lent, right up to Fat Tuesday, then waited to make bigger decisions until Easter arrived.

Those well versed in Ignatian Spirituality know the reason why. St. Ignatius explained in his "rules for discernment of spirits" in his Spiritual Exercises that there are cycles of desolation and consolation. The consolations are when we feel the spiritual highs, the closeness to God, and even we sometimes see a glimmer of fruit of our efforts.

Desolation, in contrast, are those arid times when God feels far away, when the spiritual life feels like an up hill climb instead of a mountain top experience. It is also the time when we face challenges and struggles, when the wrenches get thrown into our best laid plans.

During desolation, Ignatius warns, we should not make any changes to things that we have already discerned we ought to do. Spiritual desolation is no time to end the relationship, close the business, stop writing the book, give up on the degree, leave the seminary, or abandon the dream. It is perhaps a universal experience that when we are faced with a challenge, we decide to just quit, to give up, to think that God changed his mind and that we were not supposed to move past this point because of the resistance. I know there have been many points in my



own life where, when faced with what seemed insurmountable, I just wanted to throw in the towel. But the voice of St. Ignatius niggled in the back of my mind, "It isn't the right time to be making this decision."

Desolation is the season where there will be challenges. Through them, we see not only how we respond to them -- hopefully with greater patience and humility -- but we are also to recall the times of consolation and find solace in those warm memories, to let our actions be driven by what we know to be true instead of by the frustration we are facing in a difficult moment.

Lent and Advent are the liturgical seasons where we can simply expect that there will be challenges, that our faith is being sharpened, virtues stretched through pockets of confusion or suffering. Even if we may feel we are in consolation, by default, these seasons of preparation are desolate stretches.

There might still be situations that arise that require quick decisions, or doors might be closed unexpectedly. Like everything, these need to be navigated with grace, patience, and the proper discernment. But like a dry and desolate desert, we should focus on getting through it wiser and stronger, instead of being distracted by a mirage that lures us into an elusive place of rest.

### **It's Time Catholics (and All Americans) Examine the Role of the News Media in Today's Society**

#### *Religion Unplugged*

Journalism today is very different from the one many grew up with just a few decades ago. As recently as the 1990s, in a pre-internet world, you would have received the majority of your news from your local newspaper each morning. If you didn't get it there, you watched the evening news after dinner. That was it.

Today, there are thousands of news outlets and a dozen social media channels to tell us what is happening. The rise of the web changed the way we get news.

This also changed the way journalists report the news. Journalists no longer report the news. Instead, they try to give news context. Since anyone with a computer can watch the president's speech live for themselves, there's no need to report on what he said. Instead, reporting on the meaning of what he said matters more.

*READ: [5 Catholic Storylines You Need To Follow Closely In 2023](#)*

This has resulted in less objectivity and more activism on the part of a journalist class. At the same time, journalism went from being a blue-collar profession into a white-collar one in the span of just two generations. Reporting went from being a trade into one where now an Ivy League degree matters. Newsrooms also reflect this new demographic. They are also more secular and filled with young people who never learned civics in school.

This was the crux of my discussion at a two-day conference on March 10-11 held at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., entitled, "*Journalism in a Post-Truth World.*"

The conference — co-sponsored by Catholic broadcaster EWTN and Franciscan University of Steubenville — examined the state of the news media today, threats to freedom of speech and the hostility some have towards Catholics and other people of faith.

As many panelists noted during the course of the conference, the internet disrupted the traditional business model news outlets once employed. They are now forced to rely less on advertising (with an appeal to all readers and on objectivity) to paying subscribers. And those subscribers don't want to be challenged. Instead, they want validation.

As a result, we see journalists behaving more like activists these days. Activists don't have a duty to report on things that they think may be detrimental to their cause or distract from a particular narrative.

Journalists, on the other hand, are obligated — or at least expected — to report the facts, even if they go against a particular narrative.

For example, I have written extensively about the vandalism of Catholic churches in the United States over the past few years. This is something that 30 years ago would be what an editor would have called "a big story." Instead, it is a big story only in the Catholic media world. Places like *The New York Times* and *Washington Post* haven't reported on the trend.

It was at the very conclusion of the conference that Catholic Vote, a conservative political advocacy group, reported this past Sunday that the 300th attack against a Catholic church had occurred. The group's tracker stretches back to May 2020.

Why the mainstream national press hasn't covered this tragic trend goes directly to my original point on what is a journalist today. The journalist today is increasingly someone who lacks curiosity and doesn't want to report on certain issues. They believe in managing narratives and keeping readers satisfied.

This is exactly the opposite of what a journalist should be. Technology may have changed, but an informed citizenry is what's needed to maintain a flourishing democracy.

