

# 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 5, 2023 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

### **The Long Walk**

The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

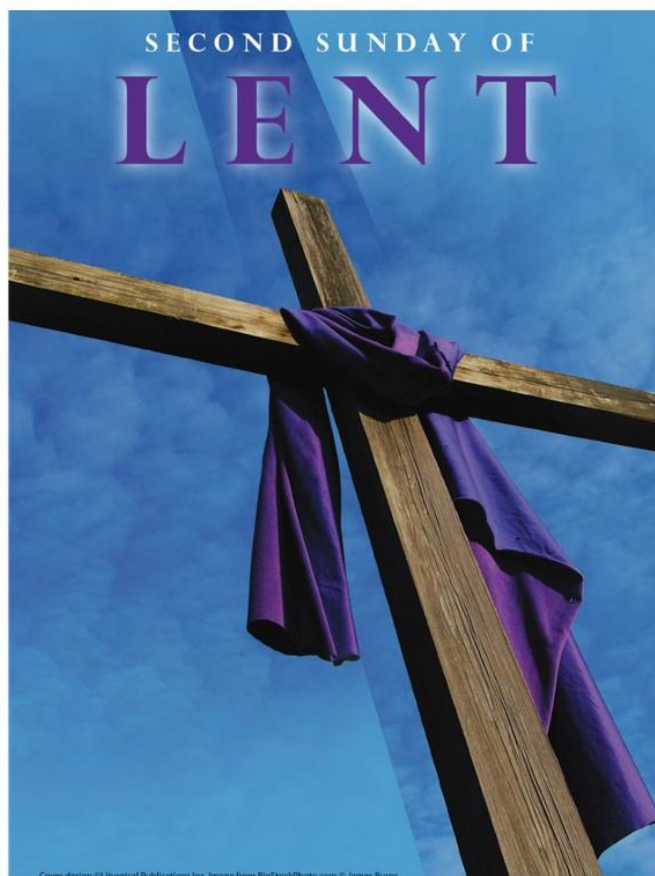
Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

*Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.*

*Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.*

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

*"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." — Psalm 33*



**Genesis 12:1-4a**  
**2 Timothy 1:8b-10**  
**Matthew 17:1-9**

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## Weekly Mass Schedule



<b>Sunday Liturgies</b>		
Saturday, Mar. 4	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† John & Josephine Gettel
Sunday, Mar. 5	8:30 am (St. B.)	Pro Popula
	10:30 am (St. M.)	† Richard Lysne
<b>Weekday Liturgies</b>		
Monday, Mar. 6	NO MASS	
Tuesday, Mar. 7	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Larry Novotny
Wednesday, Mar. 8	10:00 am (St. B.)	Eli Jelinek
Thursday, Mar. 9	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Rosemary Lenzen
Friday, Mar. 10	5:30 pm (St. M.)	Special Intention
	7:30 pm (St. B.)	† Marjorie & Ambrose
<b>Sunday Liturgies</b>		
Saturday, Mar. 11	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† Deceased Members of Tony & Frances Oster Family
Sunday, Mar. 12	8:30 am (St. B.)	L&D Members of the Lyon Family
	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.

**St. Boniface Altar Society Books** are ready. Please pick up your copy in the gathering space.

#### **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 with Mass to follow.**

Friday – March 10 – **5pm** at St. Martin’s

Friday – March 10 – **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

#### **Here’s How Half of U.S. Abortions Could Be Stopped**

**This Week** – *Catholic News Agency*

This week a federal Texas judge could stop over half of the abortions happening in the country in what may be the most consequential abortion ruling since the reversal of Roe v. Wade.

U.S. Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk for the Northern District of Texas is set to issue a decision in the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine’s (AHM) suit against the Federal Drug Administration that alleges the agency ignored its own research and testing standards when approving the abortion drug mifepristone.

AHM and several other medical organizations and doctors are represented in this suit by the legal group Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). ADF senior counsel Erik Baptist told CNA that unborn babies are not the only ones harmed by chemical abortion. Baptist said that at least 1 in 6 women experience severe medical complications because of using chemical abortion drugs.

“The regimen that the FDA has currently approved is inherently dangerous because it allows a woman to self-administer and induce labor and delivery, in an abortion context, in her home, in her bathroom, in her dorm room, in a hotel room without any medical supervision,” Baptist told CNA. “It’s inherently going to create a situation where there’s going to be potential for life-threatening infections, severe hemorrhaging, and bleeding ... Therefore, it’s an inherently dangerous drug,” he said. “This case is focused on protecting the health, welfare, and safety of women and girls who take chemical abortions because the FDA failed to follow the science and follow the law when approving and taking away basic protections for women and girls who do take these drugs,” Baptist said.

If Kacsmaryk, a Trump appointee, rules against the FDA, the administration could be forced to rescind its approval of the drug, bringing its legal distribution to a halt across the country, even in states where abortion remains legal. Mifepristone is the first of two drugs used in chemical abortions, which account for 53% of all abortions in the country, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

The drug works by cutting off nutrients necessary for a fetus to continue developing. A second drug, misoprostol, is then ingested 24 to 48 hours later and induces

contractions that expel the dead unborn child. Though first approved in 2000 and commonly used throughout the country today, ADF argues that the FDA's authorization of mifepristone was given for political reasons, while ignoring the administration's own research and testing standards. ADF further argues that the FDA never conducted thorough tests on mifepristone's effect on minors, directly harming young girls across the nation who use the drug to this day.

Dr. Ingrid Skop, an OB-GYN and director of Medical Affairs at the Charlotte Lozier Institute, told CNA that "chemical abortion pills are far more dangerous than surgical abortion. They are far more dangerous than the abortion industry has told the American public." "Most of the studies to get published about abortion are published by researchers associated with the abortion industry. And they ignore the known fact that we cannot do a reference linkage study to determine all the complications," Skop explained. "So, when they report complications, they're only reporting complications they know about. But the reality is women who have complications often do not return to the abortion provider because they're surprised to have a complication because they've been told that there are hardly ever any complications."

"Just a couple of weeks ago I cared for a woman that I needed to do surgery on who had a chemical abortion complication," Skop said. "Women are being hurt physically, and they're being hurt emotionally and mentally."

Though a ruling against the FDA could block the legal distribution of mifepristone, that result might only be temporary.

The Biden administration has already announced it plans to fight any ruling against the FDA's approval of mifepristone. Any appeals will go to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court, which upheld the Texas Heartbeat Act in 2021 and other key pro-life laws, suggesting that this case may advance even further to the Supreme Court.

Vice President Kamala Harris decried ADF's lawsuit last Friday, saying "this is not just an attack on women's fundamental freedoms. It is an attack on the very foundation of our public health system."

A representative for Biden's Health and Human Services told the Washington Post over the weekend that "mifepristone went through a rigorous and evidence-based approval process," adding that they "will continue to use every tool we have available to protect access to reproductive health care."

### **Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Prayerful**

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so

many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch.

### **Everyday Stewardship**

Catherine Doherty said, "Yes, stewardship pertains to everything and I am responsible for my part of that everything." I am reminded of that quote when I read the words from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Both point to our own responsibility as a disciple, as well as the reality that we are not alone. We live with God in community. We each have our part to play in the kingdom of God.

Lent is an important time to focus on how our stewardship way of life causes us to sacrifice and, at times, experience hardship. If we find that we never seem to feel our sacrifice, then it is a good time to ask ourselves if we really are fully living as good stewards, cultivating what we have been given, and then offering it all back to God. If we only give from our excess, then we will never understand the meaning behind the words of St. Paul and Catherine Doherty.

This is why we must challenge ourselves. We must push ourselves to go that extra mile. It really is a way of exercising our stewardship muscles. So as this Lenten season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do that really pushes you out of your comfort zone? Can you double or triple your prayer time during the season? Can you search your household and give to charity more than just things you don't need anymore, but also things you still want? Is there someone to visit a few times before Easter than can no longer get out? Whatever it is, the strength will come from God to take greater care of your part of his everything.