

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 - 7:00 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.

(Even Numbered Months)

September 11, 2022 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Q What is a Mass Intention?

A From the days of the early Church it has been common practice to offer Mass for the dead, as well as for others. Archaeologists have discovered epitaphs on tombs in the Roman catacombs, asking for prayers for the departed one. Numerous early Church Fathers witness to this practice. Recall from St. Augustine's "Confessions" St. Monica's one dying request, "that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." Countless Christians have made this same request of their survivors. In his encyclical *Mirae caritatis* (1902), Pope Leo XIII situated the offering of Mass for others in the true context of our concern for others, the Communion of Saints. "For faith teaches us, that although the venerable Sacrifice may be lawfully offered to God alone, yet it may be celebrated in honor of the saints reigning in heaven with God who has crowned them in order that we may gain for ourselves their patronage. And it may also be offered — in accordance with an apostolic tradition — for the purpose of expiating the sins of those of the brethren who, having died in the Lord, have not yet fully paid the penalty of their transgressions" (No. 12).



24th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." - Lk 15:7b

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**Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 | 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32**

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Weekly Mass Schedule



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| Sunday Liturgies | | |
| Saturday, Sept. 10 | 7:00 pm (St. B.) | † Marcella Getel |
| Sunday, Sept. 11 | 8:30 am (St. B.) | † Anton J Krebs |
| | 10:30 am (St. M.) | Pro Popula |
| Weekday Liturgies | | |
| Monday, Sept. 12 | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday, Sept. 13 | 8:00 pm (St. M.) | † Alex Warzeka |
| Wednesday, Sept. 14 | 10:00 am (St. B.) | Anna Heley |
| Thursday, Sept. 15 | 10:00 am (St. B.) | † Harvey, Joe & Mike Kutter & Mary S. |
| Friday, Sept. 16 | 8:30 am (St. B.) | † John & Mary Maczkowicz |
| Sunday Liturgies | | |
| Saturday, Sept. 17 | 7:00 pm (St. B.) | † Jonah Wettstein |
| Sunday, Sept. 18 | 8:30 am (St. B.) | † Hilmer Bergstrom |
| | 10:30 am (St. M.) | Pro Popula |

Reconciliation Schedule

St. Boniface: Saturday – 6:30 - 6:55 pm
Sunday – prior to Mass
Wednesday – 9:45 am

St. Martin: Sundays – Before and after 10:30 am Mass

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Levi Witt -Jan Breker -Dan Frolek
 - Peggy Harles - Shelby Northrop - Shirley Ahrens
 - Brad Meyer - Miranda Jelinek - Beth Stroehl
 - Rita Schmit - John Popp - Harvey Heley
 - Bob Haas - Dejah Anderson - Rick Kane
- If you have any imminent prayer requests, please call or text Cindy at 701-640-1401.

All Parishes

KC Highway Cleanup will be on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 1pm.

KC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 9pm.

St. Boniface Fall Bazaar will be held on Sept. 18 from 11am – 1pm. It will be dine-in for the first time since 2018. We need everyone's help to ensure success. Ladies, please be kind to your circle leaders when they call and be generous with your time, talents and pies! Please pick up you raffle tickets in the gathering space.

Redeemed Eucharistic Conference will be at the Delta Hotel in Fargo on Sept. 23-24 and will feature Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Msgr. James Shea, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, and Dr. Mary Healy. Register online at fargodiocese.org/redeemed or take a registration form in the back of the church. The cost is \$75.

Tri-parish Pilgrimage to the Carmelites in Wahpeton will be Tues., Sept. 20 with Mass at 9:30 am and meal at Pizza Ranch to follow at 11:30 am. All are welcome.

Richland-Wilkin Emergency Food Pantry is expanding their building to provide ADA accessibility along with safe and adequate storage for their food products, etc. Their mobile pantry comes to Lidgerwood the first Tuesday of the month. For more info about the food pantry and the expansion plans, contact Laurie Drewlow at 701-403-3507 or check the bulletin board at St. Boniface. Please consider donating to this building project. All monetary or food donations are very much appreciated.

Octoberfest will be held in Hankinson on Saturday, Sept. 24. See bulletin board for more details or visit www.hankinsonnd.com.

The Saints of September Offer Words of Wisdom about Doing God's Will with Obedience

During September, the month dedicated to the Sorrows of Mary, we are reminded of how the Blessed Mother was the perfect model of obedience to God's will and how many saints followed in her footsteps.

These four saints celebrated in September show us the importance of doing the will of God through loving obedience to Him. May we turn to their words the next time we need a good reminder. Below, meet a humble missionary, a martyr pope, a mystic confessor, and a hermit scholar, all of whom have something powerful to say about doing God's will.

September 9 – St. Peter Claver (1580-1654)

St. Peter Claver was a Jesuit missionary who ministered to enslaved people brought to South American from Africa. Having resolved that he, himself, would be God's slave forever, he saw the intrinsic worth of these frightened slaves and upon their reaching the New World, he greeted them with medicine and food. He wore a cloak that he famously shared with anyone in need and it was said that anyone who had been draped in the cloak was healed. He baptized and catechized over 300,000 enslaved people and would himself sleep in slave quarters whenever possible. In the words of St. Peter Claver: "Man's salvation and perfection consists of doing the will of God, which he must have in view in all things and at every moment of his life."

September 16 – St. Cornelius, Pope (3rd century)

Pope Cornelius served as Pope from 251 until he was martyred in 253. He is famous for the merciful stance he took after a period of persecution of the Church, when a schism occurred regarding how lapsed Church members

(who had practiced pagan sacrifices to save their own lives) could be readmitted to the church.

Some believed those who had betrayed the Church by practicing pagan sacrifices should not be allowed to be readmitted to the Church. Cornelius' position was that if those sinners did varying forms of penance they could return.

As Roman persecutions swelled once more, Cornelius was exiled and then he himself died a martyr. This merciful pope with a martyr's soul gave everything to God, including his own life, to do the Father's will. In the words of St. Cornelius: "We remitted all things to Almighty God; in whose power all things are reserved."

September 23 – St. Padre Pio (1887-1968)

Padre Pio is a renowned and beloved saint from Pietrelcina, Italy. He was a Franciscan Capuchin friar and priest. He is famous for being a mystic who received the stigmata, deeply devout when saying Mass, and a dedicated confessor who had a mystical knowledge of the sins of those in his confessional before they had spoken a word.

Despite many trials including illnesses, attacks from the devil, painful stigmata, and persecution, his unwavering perseverance and obedience to the will of God is a model for us all. In the words of Padre Pio: "Where there is no obedience there is no virtue, where there is no virtue there is no good, where there is no good there is no love, where there is no love, there is no God, and where there is no God there is no Paradise."

September 30 – St. Jerome (born 342 in what would today be Croatia)

St. Jerome, patron saint of librarians, biblical scholars and translators, is famous for his legendary Latin Vulgate translation of the Bible. Though he struggled with morality as a brilliant young student and lived a wild life (in a way similar to St. Augustine), he sensed God's will calling him and so became a Christian, zealous in his faith. His peerless, invaluable contributions to Catholic theology made him a Father and Doctor of the Church. He lived for four years as a hermit alone in the desert, a sharp ascetic contrast to his former lifestyle of vice. And for a time, he even lived in a cave near the Church of the Nativity in the Holy Land, which is where he worked on his translation of the Bible.

In art, St. Jerome is often depicted as dwelling in a cavernous library surrounded by books, with a skull on his desk reminding of the fleeting passage of time.

In the words of St. Jerome: "Martyrdom does not consist only in dying for one's faith. Martyrdom also consists in serving God with love and purity of heart every day of one's life."

Saints of September, as we seek and savor your words of wisdom, pray for us!

4 Essential Reasons to Teach Your Kids about the

Saints

While the Catholic Church has a number of ways to teach

us about the faith, sometimes it can still be challenging for kids to really understand what the Gospel is all about, even if they're taking catechism classes.

Children often learn best through imitation, however, and this is where the Church has another powerful tool: its thousands of saints. Here are just a few reasons why these brothers and sisters who have gone before us are vital in forming our children's faith:

Saints are relatable

Reciting prayers and learning about the Gospels is, of course, important. Equally, the parables are a great way of reinforcing a message. However, if you look at the lives of today's children, they are far removed from the times these ancient texts were written.

But modern saints can offer children something relatable. Take one of our most recent (almost) saints, Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old Nike-wearing, Pokemon-loving boy who was devoted to God and the Eucharist. He didn't die a grisly martyr's death, but from a disease that lots of today's youngsters may have witnessed in their families. He is someone young people can connect with. However, it doesn't have to be the most modern of saints. It can be a saint who shares the same passion as your child, or a saint from the same country. It can even be a saint with the same name. Just help your child to identify a saint or two that they feel connected to.

Saints provide a friend of faith for life

Although there is a myriad of saints to learn about, sometimes you just need one special saint to feel close to and to reach out to in times of uncertainty and joy.

For a child, it's wonderful to find a saint that they're particularly drawn to. You can encourage them to learn more about that person; what they did in their life, and why they will always be by their side.

Interestingly, as your child grows, they'll probably gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for their go-to saint. Their relationship can truly blossom with age, just like your child's faith.

Saints are the perfect role models

One of the best things about the enormous number of saints that we know about is that they have led some truly interesting lives. Some were born devoted to God. Others found their faith later in life, and when they did, they led exemplary lives.

Whatever saints your children learn about, they'll definitely have some fantastic role models to emulate.

Saints remind us to live in hope, always

By learning about different saints, children get a walk through history and the various injustices that have existed. What they'll also appreciate is that none of these saints turned their back on God, despite the hardships many faced.

And that is a beautiful message that needs reinforcing permanently. When life fills us with fear and doubt, if you follow the path of these saintly men and women there will always be hope.