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
Mass at 10:30 a.m. on the
3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the Month

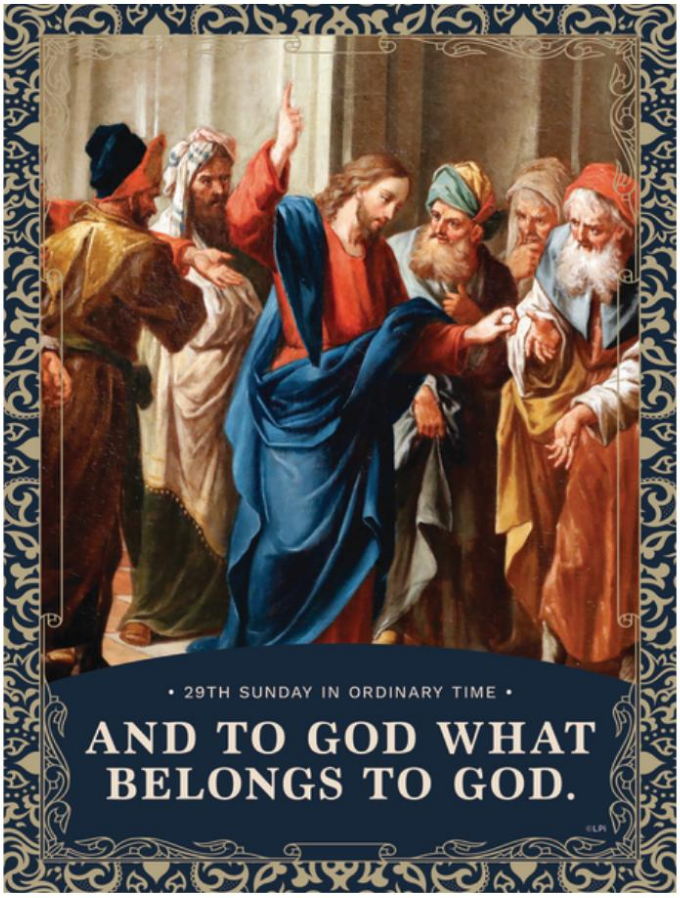
Sts. Peter & Paul - Cayuga
Mass at 10:30 a.m. on the
1st & 2nd Sundays of the Month

October 18, 2026 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Chosen

Many years ago, during faith formation in my parish, one of the children wrote something that wasn't very nice on a textbook that belonged to someone else. Being the pastoral associate that oversaw the program, I began the investigation immediately. Slowly I began eliminating suspects until it became obvious who the perpetrator was. He denied he was the one, but after much pressure he broke down and confessed. Of course, I derived no satisfaction from finding out the culprit. Of course, it was my own son. My son didn't want to come clean because he naturally feared what I would say and do when I found out. He also knew that our pastor would find out as well. He felt accountable for his actions and that made it very difficult for him. He realized he let himself, others that loved him, and God down. It was a lesson learned that wasn't much fun to go through. What I was grateful for was the fact that he felt the weight of what he had done. If he hadn't, things would have been very different.

That was a long time ago and when I reflect on it, I think about how often we all do things we regret and then have to face the consequences. But that's what being accountable is all about. We are accountable to those we love, to our neighbor, and to our God. When we begin to slide into a worldview that focuses too much on ourselves, we can easily make decisions that hurt others. We must always seek to do what is good in the eyes of God and that respects others. When we are children this is easier said than done. Alright, let's be honest--it isn't always so easy as adults either.



Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

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Weekly Mass Schedule

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Sunday Liturgies		
Saturday, Oct. 17	**5:00 pm** (St. B.)	† Johnny Ahrens
Sunday, Oct. 18	**8:30 am** (St. B.)	Pro Popula
	10:30 am (St. M.)	† Ed, Mary & Stella Podliska
Weekday Liturgies		
Monday, Oct. 19	**NO MASS**	
Tuesday, Oct. 20	**NO MASS**	
Wed., Oct. 21	**NO MASS**	
Thurs., Oct. 22	**10:00 am** (St. B.)	† Clint Gaukler
Friday, Oct. 23	**NO MASS**	
Sunday Liturgies		
Saturday, Oct. 24	**5:00 pm** (St. B.)	Special Intention
Sunday, Oct. 25	**8:30 am** (St. B.)	† Andrew & Minna Gaukler
	10:30 am (St. M.)	Pro Popula

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:
Ardeen Haas – Lois Breker - Tracey Monson
Lawrence Heley - Fr. Chad Wilhelm Avery Trittin
Baby Weston - Anne Heley - Joan Moerke - Dan Frolek
Shirley Ahrens - Peggy Harles - 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.

Breakfast at the Lidgerwood Golf Course will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

St. Martin Brotherly Help Society and Cemetery Association will meet Sunday, October 18 at 5 pm.

St. Philip's Fall Dinner will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 11am – 1pm. They will be serving ham, parmesan chicken with mashed potatoes and the fixings.

Fall Festival at St. John's Church in Rosholt, SD will be held on Nov. 1 at the Rosholt Community Center from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm.

Breakfast at St. Boniface will be served on Sunday, Nov. 1 following the 8:30am Mass.

Mass at Dakota Estates will resume on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 10am.

Please Pray for Pope Leo who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. We pray for his healing and quick recovery.

Fr. Anderl will be away next weekend, Oct. 24-25 to celebrate his godson and nephew Luke's wedding in Colorado. We welcome Fr. Jimmy Tiu, chaplain for the Carmelite nuns these past 15 years. We thank the Carmelites for moving their Mass time earlier so that Fr. Tiu could join us.

'I Saw the Real Hell': Michigan Priest Says Unforgiveness Sent Him on a Supernatural Visit to Hell

Christian Broadcasting Network

A Michigan priest is going viral after claiming in a series of TikTok videos that he died and went to hell – sharing that he "wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy."

Priest Gerald Johnson is sharing the message that unforgiveness, essentially, sent him to hell. "I saw the real hell," he shared. "I was there and I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy. I don't care what he did to me. No one deserves that."

In February 2016 he died and said his spirit left his physical body and he plummeted to the center of the Earth where he says Hell is. "I thought I was going upward because I thought I had done so much good in this lifetime trying to help so many people and made so many decisions that were godly decisions, but as opposed to me going up, I went down."

In the interview, posted to TikTok and YouTube, which now has over 3.5 million views, Johnson explains what he saw was horrifying. "The things that I saw were indescribable and it makes me emotional every time I talk about it," he said. Johnson describes seeing a man "walking on all fours like a dog and getting burned from head to toe. His eyes were bulging and worse than that: He was wearing chains on his neck. He was like a hellhound. There was a demon holding the chains."

"Like telepathic communication, I knew that the demon was sent in this man's life to ride him from his childhood to his death," he shared. He also warned that the demons' goal is to have mankind serve them in hell. "This demon knew that 'if I could stay in his life long enough on the earth, if I can keep getting him to not serve God and to make bad decisions on the earth, then I'll have power over him in hell and he will be a slave to me'," Johnson shared. He added, "It's like you're a slave on earth to the things of the devil and then in hell, you are a 'tormented-dog' slave."

Johnson said he also experienced another part of hell that blew him away. He describes a section in hell where secular

music plays. "It is the same music we hear on the earth, but as opposed to entertainers singing it, the music demons were singing it," he said. Johnson said he heard songs like Rihanna's "Umbrella" and Bobby McFerrin's "Don't Worry Be Happy."

"I knew on earth that a lot of the music and the lyrics and the songs are inspired by demons," he explained. "Demons give [artists] lyrics for the purpose of controlling people on the earth."

He added, "[In hell] every lyric, in every song is there to torment you as to the fact that you did not worship God through music when you were on the earth. You had the chance to worship Him at church or worship Him at home, but you chose to worship Satan by repeating the lyrics that he inspired to come into the earth."

So why did a priest like Johnson end up in hell? Johnson says it was unforgiveness. "I was angry with God because I did so much good in my life and ended up in hell," he said. "I lifted up out of hell and came back on the earth and God spoke to me." Johnson said Jesus gave a personal message to him. "He said, 'You have been secretly upset with the people who have hurt you. You had been hoping that I would punish the people that hurt you. These are not your people. These are my people.' He said, 'I only want you to focus on the assignment I am giving you.'"

Johnson explained, "Although I did good, the thing I had in my heart was the unforgiveness to the people who wronged me. A person that can't forgive is a person that has forgotten how much they have been forgiven of."

He ended the video warning people to get their hearts right before God. "Hell is a real place and I don't believe that God sends people to hell. People send themselves to hell. Whatever is still left inside of you that God has been trying to get out of you that you die with that is going to determine where you go. God wants to know did you learn to love well and did you learn to forgive well," he shared.

"I thank God for the Light, who is Jesus. Because of that Light, I will not see any more days in hell," he added.

The Day the Sun Danced: The Story of Fátima and the Miracle of the Sun – *Church Pop*

Catholics all over the world remember three shepherd children in Fatima today who received a special visit from the Virgin Mary.

It was 1917, and much of Europe was engulfed in World War I.

Portugal, where these shepherd children tended to their flock, had been hit by famine, disease, and a government trying to erase religion from public life. Catholic churches were seized, and public religious celebrations were banned.

October 13 marked the sixth and final visit from the Blessed Mother to ten-year-old Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto (ages nine and seven).

Beginning in May, Mary appeared to the children on the 13th of each month. She asked them to offer sacrifices for sinners and pray the Rosary daily. Despite official threats and public ridicule, the children stood firm. When Lúcia previously asked for a sign, Our Lady promised: *"In October I will tell you who I am and what I want, and I will perform a miracle so that everyone may see and believe."*

On October 13, 1917, an estimated 70,000 people — believers, curious onlookers, and hostile skeptics — gathered at the Cova da Iria under a torrential downpour. Standing before the oak tree, Lúcia asked her usual humble question: *"What does Your Grace want of me?"*

The Blessed Mother answered: *"I wish to tell you that I want a chapel built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes."*

Lúcia then presented requests from the crowd for healing and conversions: *"I have many things to ask you: if you would cure some sick persons, and if you would convert some sinners…"*

And Our Lady told her: *"Some yes, others no. They must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins."*

Growing noticeably sad, Mary delivered her final heartfelt plea to humanity: *"Do not offend the Lord Our God any more, for He is already too much offended!"*

Opening her hands, Our Lady reflected light upon the sun and began to ascend. As she departed, Lúcia pointed toward the sky and shouted to the crowd: *"She is going! She is going! Look at the sun!"*

The clouds abruptly parted, giving way to the **"Miracle of the Sun."**

The sun appeared as a bright, silver disc that anyone could look at directly without burning their eyes. It began to spin rapidly like a wheel of fire, casting vivid, multicolored lights across the landscape.

Suddenly, the sun detached from the sky and plunged toward the earth in a jagged motion. Terrified onlookers fell to their knees, weeping and praying aloud.

Just as quickly, the sun returned to its place. The crowd realized that the torrential rain had ceased, and their soaked clothes and the muddy ground were completely dry.

The miraculous event made front-page news even in secular media including anti-Catholic, Masonic newspapers. For the shepherd children, it was divine confirmation.

Reflecting on the impact of seeing these divine mysteries, young Francisco later told Lúcia: *"I loved seeing Our Lady… but I love God so much! But He is very sad because of so many sins. We must never commit any sins again."*