

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 - 12:00 p.m. (noon)

April 26, 2026 - 4th Sunday of Easter

What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.



Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

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Weekly Mass Schedule



Sunday Liturgies		
Saturday, Apr. 25	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† Johnny Ahrens
Sunday, Apr. 26	8:30 am (St. B.)	Pro Popula
	10:30 am (St. M.)	Special Intention
	12:00 pm (Sts P&P)	Weston Gregor
Weekday Liturgies		
Monday, Apr. 27	NO MASS	
Tuesday, Apr. 28	NO MASS	
Wed., Apr. 29	NO MASS	
Thurs., Apr. 30	NO MASS	
Friday, May 1	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Raymond & MaryAnn Jelinek
Saturday, May 2	10:00 am (St. B.)	Special Intention
Sunday Liturgies		
Saturday, May 2	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† Helen Novotny
Sunday, May 3	8:30 am (St. B.)	Pro Popula
	10:30 am (St. M.)	Special Intention
	7:00 pm (Sts P&P)	† Jim Woytassek

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:
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.

Mass Time Change – Beginning on May 3, Sunday Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul in Cayuga will be at 7pm.

Please Pray for Our 3rd Grade Students as they received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Friday, Apr. 24 – Michael Heley, Lane Kohoutek, Libby Kohoutek, Elijah Maier, Addison Posschl, and Felicity Schwebach. There will be a parish celebration at St. Boniface on Sunday, Apr. 26 at the 8:30am Mass with breakfast to follow. All are welcome.

KC Highway Cleanup will be at 1pm on Sunday, April 26.

Baccalaureate will be held at St. Boniface on Sunday, May 3 in honor of senior Blaise Frolek. Please keep him in your prayers. There will be an egg bake breakfast following the 8:30am Mass. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions – If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, whether living or deceased, please contact the parish office or call Cindy Jelinek at 640-1401

Fr. Anderl will be on his yearly Canonical Retreat this week and will not be available except for Mass on Friday. Call Mel Novotny if you need anything.

First Friday Mass will be at St. Boniface on May 1 at 10am.

First Saturday Mass will be at St. Boniface on May 2 at 10am. Joining us will be the 3rd Order Carmelites from our surrounding area. There will be a meal and meeting following Mass for anyone who wants to stay and learn more about the 3rd Order Carmelites.

Hour of Power - including Adoration and Mass, will be held at St. Martin's on Tuesday, May 5 from 7-8pm with adoration at 7pm and Mass at 7:30. We will pray for our planting season (rogation prayers) and for all of our people.

Hour of Power - including Adoration and Mass, will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul on Tuesday, May 19 from 9-10am with adoration at 9am and Mass at 9:30am.

Silent Directed Retreats

Come away for a week of silence and reflection on the beautiful prairies of eastern North Dakota, where you can listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance and experience His grace in a special way. Dates for 2026 include **June 3-10, July 1-8, and August 12-19**. Enjoy daily Spiritual Direction, our beautiful chapels & grounds, Mass & Adoration (optional), and comfortable accommodations.

Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/7Rsr3C8y76> or contact Sr. Mary Ruth: 701) 242-7195 / smaryruth@sfcetreats.org

New book on archaeological evidence for Jesus rockets to top of bestseller list - Dr Jeremiah Johnston says 10 major finds, including the Shroud of Turin, corroborate biblical accounts. By *Kristine Parks Fox News*

A new book on the historical evidence for Jesus has skyrocketed to the top of the bestseller charts as a prominent New Testament scholar argues that overwhelming archaeological finds verify the authenticity of the Bible and the resurrection.

In "The Jesus Discoveries: 10 Historic Finds That Bring Us Face-to-Face with Jesus," author Dr. Jeremiah Johnston points to 10 major archaeological finds, including the controversial Shroud of Turin and the Dead Sea Scrolls, as historical artifacts that corroborate the biblical accounts.

The book reached No. 2 on Amazon Charts' bestseller list in nonfiction last week, and reached No. 3 on the New York Times Bestsellers List this week. Johnston has shared his research on several popular podcasts recently, including the "Shawn Ryan Show," reaching over 1 million views.

Johnston said he has spent the past four years traveling the world to consult with scientists and archaeologists who have studied these artifacts. He argues the findings provide compelling evidence for the New Testament, regardless of a person's religious background.

"It turns out that we can learn 65 facts about the birth, the life, the ministry, the miracles and, of course, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus... before we ever open the Bible. And no other religious figure on planet Earth has ever been this well evidenced," he told Fox News Digital.

One discovery is the Shroud of Turin, a burial cloth some believe wrapped Jesus Christ, while others believe it is a 13th-century forgery. The shroud is unique compared to other burial cloths from the 1st century because it displays an image of a tortured, crucified man.

"The fascinating thing about the shroud of Turin is it has an image of a brutalized, tormented, crucified man on the front and back that when you see it in the photo negative, you're actually seeing it in a photo positive and it takes your breath away," Johnston said.

He said details on the cloth showing the man's injuries match the biblical narrative of how Jesus was killed.

"The red blood cells have broken down in the bilirubin because he's been tormented. It has high levels of ferritin and creatinine. And then you see that there is a wound on the left side, piercing through rib five and six," Johnston said. He noted the shroud shows piercings through the man's wrists and ankles, rather than through his palms and feet, as art from later centuries often depicts the crucifixion.

He also says that pollen samples taken from the cloth are native to the Jerusalem area. He argues no one has been able to replicate the cloth's "mysterious properties, including its anatomical accuracy, lack of pigment and three-dimensional characteristics."

"The image is only 0.2 microns thin. You realize that's one-fifth of the thickness of a piece of our hair?"

Johnston said. "That's how superficial the image on the shroud is."

Johnston spoke to Italian physicist Paolo di Lazzaro, a

senior researcher at the ENEA Research Center in Rome, who spent five years trying to recreate the image.

Lazzaro's testing found it would take "a burst of 34,000 billion watts of radiant energy delivered in one-40 billionth of a second to create the image," according to Johnston.

Johnston believes the findings suggest a supernatural event created it.

"That's why I say the Shroud of Turin is not a death cloth; it is a resurrection cloth. That is the moment when Jesus' physical body came back to life," he claimed.

The shroud has only been carbon-dated once, in 1988, returning a date of 1260-1390 AD. Johnston said recent peer-reviewed studies have "discredited" that dating, arguing the sample was a contaminated area that had been patched. He said newer technologies using Wide-Angle X-ray Scattering (WAXS) have "confirmed a 1st century date."

He points to other evidence suggesting the shroud is older than the radiocarbon date, such as a similar image of Jesus on the front of a seventh-century solidus from Emperor Justinian II.

The shroud is just one discovery Johnston discusses in the book. He also details an artifact dubbed the "Jesus Cup," which is dated to 50 AD. The cup is inscribed in Greek with a phrase describing Jesus as an enchanter or magician, which Johnston says shows Jesus' reputation as a healer was well known throughout the Roman Empire.

Other artifacts in the book include the James Ossuary, the Magdalen Papyrus, and finds confirming the existence of Pontius Pilate.

Johnston said he wanted to help Christians and nonbelievers see historical evidence for Christianity.

"Not a shred of the New Testament would have been written" if Jesus' apostles had not had an evidence-based belief that they saw him alive after he died, he said.

"We should be skeptical of anything we commit our lives to," he said. "The beautiful thing is, the deeper you go with your questions into Christianity, the more rock-solid our faith becomes."

