

CLUSTER PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish Cluster of St. Ann, St. Boniface, and St. Lawrence strives to merge our strengths and our individual gifts with each other fostering a stronger vision of the Catholic Christian faith in our area. We welcome people and families and incorporate them into our faith community. We teach the Word and celebrate the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, with joy. We share the Good News of Jesus Christ, supporting each other in our common needs and reaching out to the community in love and service.

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

March 7 – 13

MONDAY

SL 7:00am Donald and Marguerite Seiler
by estate

TUESDAY

SL 7:00am Barb Hasselman
by Jon Hasselman & family

WEDNESDAY

SL 7:00am **Ash Wednesday**
Rick Keller
by Charles & Shirley Bower

SB 8:00am Elizabeth Krainak
by William Krainak

SB 5:00pm Distribution of Ashes

SL 6:15pm Distribution of Ashes

THURSDAY

SL 7:00am Clyde Eck
by estate

SB 8:00am Walter Thaler (Ann.)
by Margie and family

FRIDAY

SL 7:00am Charles Karney
by estate

SB 8:00am Mary Lou Beiter (Ann.)
by Paul Beiter

SL 12:00pm Stations of the Cross with
Distribution of Communion

SB 4:00pm Stations of the Cross with
Distribution of Communion

SATURDAY

SB 4:00pm Elaine Felix
*by Adina Caschera and
Bob and Annett Krauser*

SL 5:30pm Martha Overdorf
by Marti Bryant

SUNDAY

SB 9:00am Tarcila R. deAcosta
by Barb Fiorini

SL 10:30am Helen Churba
by family

SB 12:00pm Joseph Rigard Baptism

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Offering – Weekend of February 26/27

St. Boniface

Sunday Envelopes	\$7,658.14
All Other Envelopes	<u>227.00</u>
	\$7,905.14

St. Lawrence

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,814.25
All Other Envelopes	<u>85.00</u>
	\$3,899.25

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sere Altebrando, John Clabaugh, Allena Fowler, Tom Fronk, Marie Gatsche, Dan Gerber, Mary Louise Hamm, Nicholas Jacopetti, Edythe Maggs, Thomas Miller, Margaret Miosi, Tom & Judy Montgomery, Wendy Mull, Helen Munro, Josephine Ruch, Irene Stout, Patti West, Carl White, Jr.

Assignments For March 12/13

Altar Servers

SB 4:00pm – M. Perchinski, V. Edkin

SL 5:30pm – J. Anthony, R. Keller

SB 9:00am – A. & V. Balestino, E. Betts

SL 10:30am – I. & J. Dinsmore

Eucharistic Ministers

SB 4:00pm – T. Matlock, S. Wert, A. Beiter,
C. Edkin

SL 5:30pm – E. Baldys, M. Bryant, J. Fetzer

SB 9:00am – K. Baldwin, M. Pautz, K. Woltz,
G. Dincher, D. Nardone, M. Troisi,
R. DePasquale

SL 10:30am – J. Griggs, T. Hart, P. Wenner

Commentators / Lectors

SB 4:00pm – L. Edkin / H. Delaney

SL 5:30pm – J. Keller

SB 9:00am – D. Hamm / K. Balestino

SL 10:30am – J. Orso

Scripture Study

Wednesday, March 9th – 7pm St. Lawrence

Thursday, March 10th – 10am St. Boniface

RIOT Report Grades 7 – 12

Righteous Invasion of **Truth** Youth Group
Next meeting of RIOT Youth is today, March 6, 11:30ish-1:45 in the RIOT Room of the SL Parish Center. Detective Chris Kriner and Mrs. Pam Temons will be presenting **Social Networking Safely** for both the parents and students of RIOT. Parents are a very important factor in insuring their child's on-line safety. I'm looking forward to learning a lot as well! We're adjourning a little early today so we can join Pass the Salt at St. Joseph the Worker Parish!

Thank you! A great time was had at Ski Sawmill by the boarders/skiers/tubers last Sunday! Thank you Mrs. Dinsmore, Mrs. Geise and Mr. McCusker for driving and chaperoning!

**Come join us! You haven't missed it all yet!
It'll be fun!**

Sharon Faust rioton@live.com or 326-9994

On Facebook: **St. Boniface/St. Lawrence RIOT Youth**

St. John Neumann High School Placement Exam

SJNRA will offer a High School Placement Exam for current 8th grade students interested in a Catholic education for their senior high school years. Scholarships are available for qualified students. The Exam will be given on Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11 during the school day, and on Saturday, March 12 from 9am – noon at St. John Neumann High School. To register call 323-9953, ext. 500. For more information contact Ms. Abby Brown, Guidance Counselor, at 323-9953, ext. 204 or email guidance@sjnra.org.

Iron Chef Father Bechtel

Father Bechtel from St. Joseph the Worker Parish is going to be an Iron Chef at the Family Promise fundraiser at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 27th. Mark your calendar and come see Father Bechtel and his team compete against the St. Mark's team.

Donation is \$25.00 and includes dinner of pork tenderloin, potato, veggie, salad, roll & dessert. For reservations, call the Parish Office at 323-9456. All proceeds benefit Family Promise. Doors open at 4:30pm – dinner at 5pm. Please make checks payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church and in the memo put "Iron Chef."

St. Boniface / St. Lawrence

Religious Formation / Education News

PREP Class Today Sunday, March 6 St. Lawrence PREP 9:15 to 10:15am and St. Boniface PREP 10:15 to 11:15am.

Take Time To Prepare Lent should be a positive time, a time for new life to appear within us as well as around us. Lent is a season when springtime's rebirth of nature should reflect the growth taking place within us. New attitudes and fresh ways of looking at things are born. Old attitudes and unhealthy habits disappear. The dying and rebirth of nature, the dying and rebirth that takes place within our hearts – both reflect the great mystery of the death and Resurrection of our Lord.



St. Boniface PREP Change in Calendar There will be **no PREP class at St. Boniface on Sunday, April 3rd** due to the Ham Dinner. This is a perfect time for our youth to offer to help with this fund raiser. **There will be PREP class at St. Lawrence.**

First Communion Banner – Each family with a child preparing to celebrate First Communion will be asked to make a First Communion family banner. The packets are being put together for distribution in March. There will be instructions and a date the banner must be returned to a PREP Instructor or myself.



First Communion Instructional Mass is Sunday, April 3rd at 1pm at St. Boniface for those in the sacrament program at St. Lawrence, St. Boniface and attending SJNRA. This is for the children and their families and **does meet** the Sunday Mass attendance obligation.

First Communion Mass Saturday, May 7th at 10am at St. Boniface for those in the sacrament program at St. Lawrence, St. Boniface and attending SJNRA. All children should arrive at the church by 9:30am.

First Communion Attire needs to reflect the reverence, dignity, joy and importance of this occasion. Boys should wear dress pants, nice shirt and white tie; nice shoes, no white sneakers. Girls should wear a white dress and dress shoes. It is not recommended that boys or girls have any objects in their hands as this can be distracting for this occasion. (I have white ties for \$5.00 if you wish to purchase one)

First Communion Mass Rehearsal To be announced.

Parish May Crowning Mass – Sunday, May 8 at 9:00am at St. Boniface Mass and 10:30am at St. Lawrence Mass. The month of May has been revered in Catholic tradition and culture as the Month of Mary. Catholics have ever since honored the Blessed Virgin by placing a crown on her image. The crowning shows the deep respect we give the Blessed Virgin Mary as the one singularly favored by Almighty God to bear His only-begotten Son. **Our First Communion Class** has been invited to participate in this Mass. Any child attending may choose to wear their Communion attire and will be invited to place flowers at the base of her statue and one child will be invited to crown our lovely Lady.

If any time through the year you need to communicate with me, please do so by phone 322-3278 or e-mail (actsoffaith@yahoo.com)



March 6, 2011

PASTOR'S CORNER

“WHISTLING PAST THE CEMETERY”

This is an old phrase of whose origin I am not sure. It may be the 1934 musical “Death Takes a Holiday” where “death” becomes a personality that falls in love thus creating for this muse a dilemma. Grazia the beautiful female lead steps ahead of the other frightened females to engage him and fall in love. She dares to go where no other would go. In some ways Lent for the Christian is like that. We are invited to a desert journey into ourselves. The self is the precious person you are. It is the blessedness, the salt and the light and child of God identified by Jesus in the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. We dare to look at that self and what it has become throughout life's journey.

The “Kingdom of God is within you” Jesus said, further identifying the interior reality that each of us is. It may frighten some to look at what life has done to them. It may seem overwhelming to do anything with all the compromises we have made. The tradeoffs that we have agreed to in life may glare at us with blaming eyes. Jesus says, “Be not afraid” to look lovingly on that stuff that is the material for transformation. His healing grace will be sufficient. We must never forget that we are on a journey whose loving perfection is only guaranteed when we have encountered the loving God in our final encounter. In the meantime we can incrementally grow ourselves more in the likeness of the living, dying, rising Jesus in us. Move!

Love,
Msgr. McGough

St. Boniface Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner

This Wednesday

March 9th ~ 4 – 7pm

Adults \$8 ~ Children 12 & under \$4

Menu: Baked Haddock, Macaroni & Cheese, Vegetable, Applesauce, Beverage & Dessert. Tickets are available after Masses, at the Parish Office & at the door.

St. Lawrence St. Patty's Day Dinner

St. Lawrence will be hosting a St. Patty's Day Dinner on Wednesday, March 16th from 5 – 7pm in the Church Hall. Menu: Corned beef, ham, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, drinks, dessert. Advance sale tickets only. Ticket sales start after Masses beginning February 19th for 4 weekends, or at the Parish Office, or from Jerry Broskey at 322- 0787. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 to 12, Children 5 and under eat free. Please bring your family and enjoy the meal!

St. Patty's Day Dinner Committee Meeting

The St. Patty's Dinner Committee will meet on Thursday, **March 10th at 7pm** in the Parish Center to finalize plans for the dinner. If you can help with the dinner on the 16th or in the preparation on the 15th, please join us at the meeting.

Dinner Honoring Our Older Parishioners

Our dinner honoring our older parishioners will be **April 10th at St. Boniface**. This dinner is to honor the parishioners of St. Boniface and St. Lawrence who are age 65 and older. The meal will be prepared by Heidi Ryan and the entertainment will be provided by Gary and Bernadette Boerckel. Sign up sheets will be in the back of both churches. Watch future bulletins for more details.

Lenten Discussion Series at Resurrection Church

Please come and join us on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00pm for a discussion series centered around Scott Hahn's book, *The Lamb's Supper*. Dr. Hahn brings together powerful spiritual realities, so diverse that they can appear unrelated, e.g., the end of the world and daily Mass, and the routine of daily life and the coming of the Lord. Whether you are a cradle Catholic, have come into the Church, or are thinking about coming into the Church, Dr. Hahn will give you an appreciation of the Mass and help show us the link between the Mass, the end times, and daily life. Books will be available at a reduced price for this discussion series.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance

The Greater Williamsport Notre Dame Club's annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance will be held March 12 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall at 6:30pm. Cost is \$45 per couple, \$23 for single and includes family style turkey dinner, entertainment and beverages. Limited tickets, call 323-5522.

Newsboys are coming to Williamsport

Award-winning Christian band Newsboys are returning to the Community Arts Center in "The Born Again Experience" tour, with Kutless, Disciple, Carlos Whittaker, and special guest speaker Bob Lenz on Monday, April 11th at 7pm. Tickets are \$25 & \$18. For groups of 15 or more save a dollar per ticket. Redefining the live show experience, Newsboys plan to get audiences on their feet and to offer hope, service and compassion to the community and for one another. For tickets, visit www.caclive.com or call the Box Office at 326-2424.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Fish Dinners

Ash Wednesday **March 9** @ Annunciation Fleming Center, 720 W 4th Street, 4-7pm
Friday **March 11** @ Ascension Hall, 4:30-7pm
Friday **March 25** @ Ascension Hall, 4:30-7pm
Friday **April 1** @ Annunciation Fleming Center, 4-7pm
Friday **April 15** @ Annunciation Fleming Center, 4-7pm
Advance Adults: \$7.50/door \$8.00 – Children: \$4.00