11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 14, 2015

It is rather difficult for us to visualize the concept of the kingdom of God, sometimes, referred to as the reign of God. One of the images that Jesus uses is that of the mustard seed to help us begin to grasp the meaning of the kingdom. God’s reign begins as a tiny seed in the life of Jesus and grows towards its completion in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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Week of Prayer for the Renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council

At the Information Session held this past Wednesday, June 10, 2015, parishioners learned more about the tasks and ministry of the Parish Pastoral Council. At that meeting, participants who felt called to this ministry were invited into a deeper period of prayer and discernment. During this coming week, all parishioners are invited to pray for these persons and for the success of the renewal process, that all will be faithful to the wisdom of the Spirit stirring in their hearts and in the life of this parish cluster.

Knights of Columbus

Executive/General Meeting - Wednesday, June 17 in St. Boniface Church Hall following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church.

St. Boniface CWL

General Meeting - Tuesday, June 16th after the 7 pm Mass. Debbie & Henrica’s group hosting the meeting. The rosary will be said before the Mass.

Life In The Spirit

A seven session, enjoyable religious experience

The second group of about 25 parishioners met a week after the completion of the second seminar. As well as the wonderful experience from a religious point of view, it proved to be a great social event for folks in our parishes. Making new friends was a positive side benefit. Just as with last years’ group each session was held on Saturday evening after Mass and preceded by a potluck dinner. Each recipient received a guidebook to the seminar. Each week, short daily readings were assigned to prepare us for the evening. Following the dinner and prayers, a period of singing motivational songs was followed by selected speakers on video. These speakers were the motivation for small group discussions. At the end of each evening handouts were distributed and a hint at what was in store for next week was provided. The good news for those who missed the first two Life in The Spirit seminars is that another should be coming soon. Watch for notices and jump in and enjoy and grow together.

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 10 at the Zurich Mennonite Church. Times: drop off at 8:45 am and pick up is at noon. This year VBS will only be open to Kindergarten students up to Grade 6. There will be no youth classes (grade 7-10) this year. Parents can register their children online at www.ZurichVBS.ca. We are also looking for volunteers. If you can help please contact us at ZurichVBS@gmail.com or April Eilers at 519-236-9921. You may follow us on Facebook, check out our page: “Zurich Vacation Bible School” - www.facebook.com/zurichvbs.

Zurich Community BBQ Supper

Everyone is invited to the Zurich Community BBQ supper at the pavilion (behind the ball diamond at the park) on Thursday, June 18 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Hamburgers, hotdogs & live entertainment. Free will offering for Blessings. Bring your lawn chair.

In Anticipation of this September’s World Meeting of Families

In anticipation of this September’s World Meeting of Families Salt + Light TV was commissioned to produce a series of short witness videos on people and families who have lived their lives faithfully and fully. Please visit the Youtube video (https://youtu.be/KKcwF1sOKJ8) to see some of these very powerful videos.

Next Week is the Priests’ Pension Collection for Retired Priests

Retired priests of the Diocese of London receive a monthly pension from the St. John the Evangelist Priests Pension Fund Society. Similar to the challenges that face most pension funds, there are a greater number of retired priests today who are living longer lives than was anticipated just a few decades ago. As the numbers of retired priest’s increases, the pension funds needs to grow to meet future needs. The Priests Pension Collection allows each of us to show our gratitude and support for priests who have faithfully served our parishes and cared for us and our spiritual needs. Prayerfully reflect this week on how you can best respond in support of the needs of our retired priests. Use the special collection envelope for the Priest Pension Fund Collection. Please return it in the special collection next weekend or drop it off at the parish office.

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School

Greetings! Hope all of you are doing well because here at St. Anne’s it has been a very exciting and eventful month as we are nearing the end of the year and preparing for exams. Towards the end of May we had our Student Cabinet elections for the 2015-16 Student Cabinet and every elected member will do a great job to ensure that next year is a fun, faithful and friendly year to remember. Fundraisers that took place at our school the past few weeks began with our St. Andre Bessette fundraiser where God Squad had a bake sale and also sold ice cream sundaes for students to enjoy on their lunches. Our Me to We group hosted our first Colour Run which was a huge success and everyone who participated had an amazing time running for change while showing their true colours. Many thanks to the organizers, volunteers and participants who made this event possible. We also had our Outside-a-Palooza event where we were blessed with beautiful weather, a wonderful mass, and amazing music with Chris Bray and his band. This day also consisted of many carnival games, a free catered lunch along with several snacks and drinks that local businesses brought for students to enjoy. All Grade 12 students who attended our enchanted forest themed prom looked very fancy and had a wonderful time with their classmates and friends. As for athletics, our girls rugby team travelled to OFSAA in Mississauga and finished 6th in the province. Lexi Aiten captured a gold medal in 100m hurdles and Ella Baker Lehnen earned a bronze medal in 800m at OFSAA in Toronto. This past week our Grade 12 students gathered at the Goderich beach for their retreat and our Grade 9 students in math wrote EQAO. As we enter into quiet week preparing for exams we would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer! Thank you for a wonderful year.

Ministers of Faith Lexi Smith & Yris Van der Ploeg
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....
- Joint Meeting of PPC, Finance, Building & Fundraising Committees - Thursday, June 18 at St. Boniface Church at 7 pm
- Novena to St. Peter’s Feast Day Begins - Saturday, June 20 following the 5 pm Mass
- Renewal of the PPC Council Meeting - Monday, June 22 at St. Boniface Church at 7 pm
- Grade 8 Graduation Mass - Tuesday, June 23 at St. Boniface Church at 5:30 pm
- Year End School Mass - Thursday, June 25 at St. Boniface Church at 9:15 am
- Finance Meeting - Tuesday, June 30 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church
- First Friday & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, July 3 at St. Boniface Church

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**St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes**

**Weekend Masses**
- Sat 5:00 pm St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
- St. Boniface (mid October to mid April)
- Sun 9:00 am St. Boniface
- 11:00 am St. Peter

**Pastoral Staff:**
- **Pastor:** Fr. Matthew George
- **Secretary:** Lori LaPorte
- **Office Hours:** Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
  Friday - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

**MISSION STATEMENT**
And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV, Catholic edition)

**Parish Organizations**
- **Parish Advisory Council:** A combined council meets every month to discuss and plan pastoral initiatives and practical functioning of the parish. If you have suggestions please consider contacting one of the members.
- **Youth Ministry:** Youth from grades 5 to 8 gather regularly for fun, faith and friendship. See the website for information.
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Every Sunday at both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses.
- **Catholic Cemeteries:** We have the privilege of having cemeteries associated with St Peter and St. Boniface Churches. Information can be found on the website.
- **Other Organizations:** Catholic Women’s Leagues, Knights of Columbus and others.

**Celebrating Our Faith**
- **Baptism**
  Please contact the office as you await the birth of your child or while you are awaiting adoption.
- **Reconciliation**
  God sent His Son so that we might be saved! Experience God’s healing through the sacrament of reconciliation before Mass on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 6:45 pm at St. Boniface or Saturday mornings from 8:00 - 8:45 am at St. Peter’s or by appointment.
- **Marriages**
  The sacrament of marriage is a beautiful expression of God’s love for the world! Minimum six months notice is required during which time the engaged couple must attend a Marriage Preparation Course.
- **Sacrament of the Sick**
  If you know of a person who is in hospital, or who is homebound because of illness and is desiring the sacrament of the sick, contact the office to make arrangements.
- **Bluewater Nursing Home**
  A weekly mass is offered on Thursdays at 3:30 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

**Parish Council**
- **Chair:** Monique Hartman
- **Vice-Chair:** Brian DePaepe
- **Secretary:** Rose Marie Rader
- **Staff:** Ken Forler
- **E-mail:** Liz Masse

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**Website**
Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures. www.bluewater.dionet.ca