26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 25, 2016

We must be mindful of the stumbling blocks that distract us from living as disciples of Jesus. Wealth is not inherently evil, but can cause us to become complacent and lose our focus on building up the kingdom of God on earth. Jesus is reminding us that our worldly possessions must not blind us to the fact that our blessings come from God, and we must use them to love one another, and to help ease the suffering of others.

**M A S S I N T E N T I O N S F O R T H E W E E K O F S E P T E M B E R 2 6 - O C T O B E R 2**

**MONDAY:** September 26 (We pray for Rev. Paul Duplessis, O.F.M. Cap)

**TUESDAY:** September 27 - No Mass (We Pray for Rev. Kenneth McKernan, C.S.B.)

**WEDNESDAY:** September 28 - No Mass (We Pray for Rev. Christopher Pietraszko)

**THURSDAY:** September 29 (We Pray for Rev. Vince Guillikers)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm “Community Service”

**FRIDAY:** September 30 - No Mass (We Pray for Rev. Richard Charrette)

**SATURDAY:** October 1 (We Pray for Deacon John White)

St. Boniface Church - No Morning Mass
St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY:** October 2 (We Pray for Deacon Cap Au)

St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church—11:00 am

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**ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD**

**Key Passage**

Jesus said, “So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’” (Luke 17:10)

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**Dear Parishioners:**

**What a blessing to be spending the time in prayer with others!**

Mon., October 3

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

St. Boniface & St. Peter’s CWL will be collecting non-perishable items to be donated to Blessings. There will be a box in the narthex/entrance of the church to collect the items. Please have all your donations at the church by Monday, October 3. Thanks for your support in helping to ensure everyone has a “Happy Thanksgiving.”

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**ST. BONIFACE CWL**

Reminder - Our Pot Luck Supper has been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 27 at 6 pm in the church Hall.

**Fall Bazaar -** We are looking for new donations for our annual fall bazaar. We have that people are looking for something new in between Aboriginal and Non-aboriginal Canadians. St. Ka- teri, pray for us! We had an excellent meeting with the parents of our Confirmation Candidates; the in-home study evenings were well received. We began the process of meeting with Leaders/Catechists blessed at the Sunday Masses when I return from a family holiday out East. Here’s something from the Well, well – it looks like Gondi may have been right after all Department: we had a toilet leak which flooded the narthex & basement of St. Boniface; repairs are on-going. (Some time ago, Gord Smith gleefully told me that “The whole place is 25yrs old now, and everything is falling apart.” Please feel free to tell Gord to go suck a lemon, the next time he takes such obvious pleasure in being our local prophet of doom.) I hope to have a full report from the Parish Vocations Committee Workshop in Chatham that I can present to our parishes & see what we can do to spur more vocations. If you have something you would like to donate please contact Debbie Pennings at 519-236-7750. Please have your donation to the church by Friday, October 21st.

**Flowers/Potted Plants at St. Peter’s**

Plants don’t live through the week St. Peter’s! If you could help by bringing flowers or potted plants on a weekend and make our church more beautiful it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Patty LaPorte at 519-236-4876 if you have a particular weekend in mind and together we can glorify God and bring more life to our celebrations.

**BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN AGAIN**

We are doing the Acts. If you are interested please contact our GroupLeader via phone/text 226-920-2592 or sign up to join us so we can order the materials needed. The Bible Study group will meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 at St. Peter’s Parish Hall and will run for approximately 8 - 10 weeks. Date to start will depend on when the material arrives.

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**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

The Blessing of Animals on the Feast of St. Francis will be on Tuesday, October 4 at 5:30 pm at St. Boniface Church. Our pets are a blessing please consider getting your animals blessed.

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**RECONCILIATION/1ST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING**

Parents of children in Grade 2 are asked to attend a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October 5 at St. Boniface Church following the 7 pm Mass. This meeting is for parents/guardians only. Parents of children studying in schools other than St. Boniface who would like to participate may also sign up to contact the Church Office as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend the Parent Meeting please contact the Church Office.

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**3RD ANNUAL COUNTRY HARVEST FESTIVAL**

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St. Peter’s Seminary Open House

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**THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

**Questions of the Week**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Faithful Christians**

Reading 1 Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2a (Habakkuk’s complaint)
Reading 12 Timothy 1:16-8, 13-14 (exhortation to faithfulness)

Gospel Luke 17:5-10 (sayings on the requirements of faith)

**Key Passage** Jesus said, “so when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’” (Luke 17:10)

**Adult:** When have you done more than was required of you?

**Youth:** How do you feel after doing something extra for a family member or friend?

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**Ways to be Merciful**

“Visit the graves of your ancestors, or visit a local cemetery and walk around praying a rosary for all the souls buried there.”

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**PRAYER LIST**

Please remember in your prayers the following individuals:

- Patrick Mihm, Kyle Craner, Joanna Nyland, Theresa Davies
- Rev. ‘Chris’ Felski
- Dr. Tom Brophy
- Teresa Bensker
- St. Peter’s Hazelburn
- Fr. Matt

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**ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH BUILDING UPDATE**

The Building Committee has met with a representative from the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwestern Ontario to determine what we need to do and what takes priority. The representative from the Diocese recommended that we have an internal study done to our building to determine what we need to do and what takes priority. The committee has met with the architect and we have replaced the rectory barbeque with a new natural gas one, changed the copper line going to the stove top and added new black pipe for the gas barbeque. We are in the midst of getting the windows for the rectory replaced and are looking into getting the pot hole at the bottom of the circle drive out back fixed with paving. In the church we are having new handrail made to assist anyone that is going onto the altar. As further items develop we will keep you informed. Thank You. Doug Debus, Building Committee Chair

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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.

Weekend Masses

- **Sat**: 5:00 pm at St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
- **Sun**: 9:00 am at St. Boniface, 11:00 am at 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 (NIV, Catholic edition)

**Parish Pastoral Council**
- **Cynthia Forler**
- **Lynette Graham**
- **Kathy Kiekebusch**
- **Janet Soudant**
- **Marg Suplat**
- **Dave Tepping**
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**Website**
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