20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 19, 2018
We grow in wisdom as we grow in our understanding of God. Our human understanding limits us, and so Scripture and the Church provide teachings that help us to know, love and trust in God. In Jesus, we come to know the Father; and through Jesus, as the Bread of Life, we come to have eternal life.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 20 - 26

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<td>11:30 am - Rosary &amp; Devotions to St. Joseph &amp; St. Andre</td>
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**Dear Parishioners:** What a week! We said farewell to the Omer family, who returned to the USA; the Assumption of Mary celebration at the Diocesan Shrine was excellent - both in attendance and the Bishop’s homily, marking his 16th Anniversary as our Bishop! Parishioners who attended St. Peter’s Reunion Sunday Mass two weeks ago heard Bishop Fabbro echo the Pope’s challenge to open the doors to refugees in our day: after Mass I thanked him for his providential words and informed him of our local situation. I was astonished when he informed me that, as the Catholic representative to the Canadian Council of Churches, he is very much involved with a legal challenge to the Safe Third Country Agreement, the framework by which the Omers were denied the right to claim refugee status in Canada! (There is a July 4, 2018 press release at www.councilofchurches.ca which nicely summarizes where the court case is at.) I made a mistake in the homily last week when I said that the Official Opposition Critic also supports doing away with the STCA: the former Conservative Immigration Minister Chris Alexander made that statement. As far as I can tell, the current Opposition only speaks of ‘closing loopholes’ as opposed to ending the Agreement. Please pray and act (contact your MP and the Minister of Immigration so that on this most basic level, our natural policy may be more Christ-like! Have a blessed week.

*Fr. Matt*

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**DDMS Database**
A draft copy of the Diocesan database census form is available (online & paper). On Wednesday, August 22 following the 7 pm Mass we will have a meeting to discuss how we can best modify the census form to make better use of the information needed.

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**Internet Scam**
Please note there is a new internet scam going around that the scammers are creating a Gmail email account in various pastors’ names and emailing people asking them for iTunes gift cards for a sick friend in the hospital or for a relative. If you receive this type of email please don’t respond. A pastor would not reach out with this kind of request. Please be careful out there!

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**Life and Family Prayer for Families & Small Groups**
God of life, you come to meet us day after day in the Eucharist. Break down our excuses and help us to hunger for you. May we desire to receive you as much as you desire to meet us. Amen.
Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Louise Merner, Reese Thomson, Fr. Martin Nyland, Shirley Bedard, Madeline Denomme, Marie Cyr, Theresa Davies, Janet Durand, Steven Overholt, Donna Smith, Pat Mihm, Diane Belanger, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.

The Newly Baptized

Welcome to our parish family Auston James Boere, son of Bradley & Christine who was baptized at St. Peter’s last weekend.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations and our prayerful wishes to Christopher Lukas & Tiffany Eybergen who were married at St. Peter’s last weekend.

55th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations John & Mary Jacobs on the Occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our warm wishes and prayerful support.

Office Closed

Please Note: The office will be closed on Thursday, August 23 at 11:30 am.

St. Boniface CWL

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the amazing bakers, and those who sold baking, bought baking, made donations and took part in the silent auction. Because of you the bake sale last weekend was a huge success. Thank you all for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

Bean Festival Ecumenical Service

The Ecumenical Service on Bean Fest Sunday, August 26 will be held at the Zurich Pavillion (Park) this year at 1:00 pm. Bring your lawn chair. Everyone is welcome.

Shrine Summer Days

The Shrine Days at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine and St. Patrick’s Church in Merlin, ON are coming up on August 20, 21 & 22; and September 12 - 15, all from 11 am - 3 pm. For more information visit www.olrshrine.ca/shrine_days.

Ultreya

The September ultreya in Goderich will be on Friday, September 14 at the Knight’s of Columbus Convention Centre at 390 Parsons Court. It’s a pot luck. Doors open at 5:30 pm Supper at 6:00 pm followed by the ultreya. Please bring plates, cups and cutlery. London cursillists will be joining us. All are welcome. For further information call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-955-9320.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. The next Retrouvaille weekend program will be held August 24-26. Please contact Greg & Anita at 519-243-0687 or retrouvaillelondon@stthomas@gmail.com, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com for more details.

I.d.9:16

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Are you a student or working, married or single, with or without children? If so, i.d.9:16 might be just what you are looking for. It is a wonderful way to meet with young adults. “Disciples’ Nights” will be held on the first Thursday of each month starting September 6 at St. Michael’s Parish, London. Each evening will begin with Mass at 6:15 pm followed by the sharing of a meal and drinks at 7:00 pm, and a live stream talk and small group discussions at 8:00 pm. September Disciples Night will be “The Baseball Priest: Conversion, Vocation, and the Chicago Cubs” featuring Fr. Burke Masters. The evening will go until 9:30 pm. The cost of dinner and talk is $10 with an RSVP, $12 without an RSVP, $5 if coming for talk only. Please RSVP no later then Sunday, September 2 via Facebook event or email id916london@gmail.com. If you can’t be there in person, you can live stream the talk at www.id916.com/live - live streaming begins at 8 pm.

News Briefs from the August 2018 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting...

Blue Water Rest Home has committed to supporting the Centre for Learning and Employment in their “Reach for Success” program. This program is a training opportunity for ages 15-30. It is a paid 4 week directed training and an 8 week placement for individuals that are interested in becoming a Personal Support Worker, Developmental Service Worker or a Food Service Worker. This is an exciting opportunity for people interested in working in the healthcare sector. Administrators from the Huron and Perth Not-For-Profit Long-Term Care Homes have a meeting scheduled with MPPs from Huron and Perth on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 to move forward advocacy efforts for increased staffing. Hearing Testing clinics will be held quarterly at the Blue Water Area Family Health Team in partnership with Sound Therapy. They will begin in October and any senior in the Zurich and surrounding area is welcome!

Upcoming Events

Mental Health First Aid is being September 27 & 28, 2018 at the West Huron Care Centre. Cost $160.00. For more information, please contact Patty Groot, Outreach and Programs Manager 519-236-4373 x 631.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- DDMS Database Meeting - Wednesday, August 22 following the 7 pm Mass
- Bean Festival Weekend - August 24 - 26
- Bean Festival Ecumenical Service - Sunday, August 26 at 1 pm at the Zurich Pavilion
- Coffee Social - Sunday, September 2 following the 9 am & 11 am Masses
- First Day of School - Tuesday, September 4
- 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, September 7 from 8 am - 8 pm at St. Boniface Church
- Parent Sacrament Meeting - Wednesday, September 19 at 7:30 pm at St. Boniface Church
- School Mass - Friday, September 21 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church

St. Andre 100 Years Website - http://standre100.weebly.com

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
Parish Organizations

Parish Advisory Council: A combined council meets regularly 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 the 9:00 am mass.

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.

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

Parish Pastoral Council
Kristie Cresswell
Cynthia Forler
Lynette Graham
Ray Mathonia
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

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)

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 after the 12:00 pm Mass and Devotions on Tuesdays at St. Peter’s or before Mass on Saturday mornings from 8:00 - 8:45 am at St. Boniface 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.

Devotions
St. Joseph and Saint André - Tuesday after the 12:00 pm mass - St. Peter’s.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help - Wednesday after the 7:00 pm mass - St. Boniface.
Every first Friday at St. Boniface Church there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm—come be transformed by the healing power of Jesus.