Jesus instructs us to serve only one master. Many things compete for our attention on a daily basis. Some of the things we do, we do in light of our faith and in the service of God; other things may draw us away from both. Jesus exhorts us to pay attention to our actions and our motives, for we cannot serve both God and the things of this world.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 22, 2019

There is an awful lot going on when a person dies: when we choose to limit the rites of the Church, I’m afraid we expect too much from our one chance – and limited time – to accomplish all that the Supplement refers to. Cheeseburger Theology Update: we had an excellent turnout last week – the most people to come to any Adult Faith Development event during my time! (Why didn’t I think of cheeseburgers before?!) There’s been a request to change the order of the presentations, so that a parishioner won’t miss “Perspectives on Women in the Church Today”; as a result, we’ll reflect on “Walls, Security & the Sacred” this week instead. Come join us! From one dishonest manager to another, we have a lot to learn from each other! God bless.

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Reese Thomson, Fr. Martin Nyland, Shirley Bedard, Marie Cyr, Theresa Davies, Carolyn Rau, Nanc Wilkins, Fr. Matt George, Tillie Rau, Barbara Coker and all who minister in hospitals.

Prayers & Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Ulrich Duttmann, husband of Anna who died this past week. May he rest in peace.
**Cheeseburger Theology Series**
The last Cheeseburger Theology will be held at St. Peter’s Parish Hall on Saturday, September 28 following the 5 pm Mass.

**Blessing’s Thanksgiving Food Drive**
St. Boniface and St. Peter’s CWL will be collecting non-perishable food items for Blessing’s Food Bank until October 6. They are in need of juices (apple), jam, peanut butter, snack crackers and soda biscuits, cookies and coffee. Please place your donations in the containers at the entrance of the churches. Thank you for your continued support for our local food bank.

**Knights of Columbus**
The September monthly meeting for the Exeter/Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus is on Tuesday, September 24 at Precious Blood Parish in Exeter at 7:30 pm. Mass at 7. Preparations for the Ham and Sausage supper.

**Community Card Party**
Tuesday, September 24 at 7:15 pm in the Narthex at St. Boniface Church. Everyone welcome!

**A Slice of Faith Pizza & Discussion Group**
Our next Youth Discussion Group will be held on Thursday, September 26 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. Come out and socialize and enjoy a slice or two of pizza!

**Blessing of Animals**
The Blessing of Animals will be held Friday, October 4 following the 9:15 am Mass at St. Boniface Church. Our pets are a blessing please consider getting your animals blessed.

**Bible Study**
Bible study on the Book of John will begin on Tuesday, October 1st at 9:30 am in St. Peter’s Parish Hall. Please contact Martha Mungar at 519-236-7321 if you would be interested in attending.

**Sacramental Parent Meeting**
There will be a Sacramental Parent Meeting on Wed., Oct. 2 at St. Boniface Church following the 7 pm Mass. This meeting is for all parents/guardians with students who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and 1st Communion. This meeting is for parents/guardians only. Parents of children studying in schools other than St. Boniface who would like to prepare their children for these Sacraments are asked to contact the Church Office as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend the Parent Meeting please contact the office.

**Parish Pastoral Council News**
A new year (and new terms!) is upon us. It’s time for new voices on the council: please consider serving your parish as a member of the pastoral parish council. See the outlines posted on our parish website at www.bluewater.dionet.ca. Pray for our parishes and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we discern our future as a faith community.

**Family of Parishes Encounter Gathering**
The first meeting of our Parish’s leadership will take place on Sunday, October 20 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm at the Zurich Community Centre. The Diocese would like to have 30 people from each parish in leadership. If you have been involved in Ministry in our parishes, please consider attending this important meeting.

**Ham & Sausage Supper**
The Exeter/Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus and the CWL’s are hosting their annual Ham and Sausage supper at Precious Blood in Exeter on Sunday, October 6, from 5-7 pm. Adults $15 and those under 12 are $7. The little guys are free. Tickets available at mass (and at the door) beginning September 21-22. Proceeds to the purchase of liturgical literary materials for Precious Blood and Mount Carmel. Come on out and enjoy some fellowship along with a great meal.

**News Briefs from the September 2019 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting**

**Ladies Auxiliary Donation** - The Ladies Auxiliary raised $668.90 from their quilt raffle, and they added an additional $400 to purchase two new tables for the Blue Water Rest Home dining rooms. A special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for this generous donation. We appreciate it very much!

**Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Inspection** - On August 28, 2019, there was an inspection and no areas of concern were identified. Special recognition goes to our entire team as this is the second inspection this year and both visits resulted in no areas of concern.

**Flu Season** - This is a good time to remind everyone not to visit if you have coughs, colds or are unwell in any way. Please use hand sanitizer and wash your hands frequently. Hand washing is the best defense against the spread of germs. Thank you for caring!

**Blue Water Rest Home is a Non-Profit Charitable organization and donations of $10 and greater are receipted and $500 and greater are recognized on a Donor Plaque.**

**Zurich Branch Library News**

**Storytime** - Drop in for songs, stories and crafts from Friday, October 18 - Friday, December 6 from 9:30 - 10:00 am.

**Adult Chess Club** - Adult Chess Club Monday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Interested in joining? Please leave your name and contact information with Library staff and we will get back to you regarding a start date.

**Author Talk & Book Signing** - join celebrated local author David Yates at Zurich Branch Library as he discusses his popular book Out of the Woods: Chronicles and Characters of Huron County on October 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

**CCCB Life and Family Prayer Suggestion**
God of life, you have offered us all things to be gifts for your glory. Help us to pursue you above all things, and then to use your resources faithfully. May we be good stewards of your gifts, now and for ever. Amen.
Events at a glance....

- **Community Card Party** - Tuesday, September 24 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** - September 24 at 7 pm in St. Boniface Church Hall
- **A Slice of Faith Pizza & Discussion Group** - for youths grades 7 - 12 - September 26 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **School Mass** - Friday, September 27 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- **Cheeseburger Theology** - Saturday, September 28 following the 5 pm Mass at St. Peter’s
- **Saccramental Parent Meeting** - Wednesday, October 2 at St. Boniface Church following the 7 pm Mass
- **Blessing of Animals** - Friday, October 4 at St. Boniface Church following the 9:15 am Mass
- **First Friday 12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, October 4 from 8 am - 8 pm
- **Saturday Night Mass moves to St. Boniface** - October 19

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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 on Tuesdays at 11:30 am before the Mass at St. Peter’s or before Mass on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 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 St. André - Tuesday at the 11:30 am - St. Peter’s.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help - Wednesday at 6:25 pm - 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.

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

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 7 to 12 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.

Parish Pastoral Council
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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