St. John the Baptist was chosen to be ‘the prophet of the Most High God’. (Luke 1:76) As baptized Catholics we too are called to be prophets. The Second Vatican Council confirms this, “…the (the laity) are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic and kingly functions of Christ” Lumen Gentium (31). What has this got to do with stewardship? If we are to be prophetic, then we must be good stewards of the Gospel message by sharing it with others. We do this by the example of our lives and the witness of our spoken word. Thus, like St. John, we too can prepare the way of the Lord.  

**Advent Parish Mission**  
* - this Sunday, Monday & Tuesday *

All are invited to an exciting and dynamic Advent Mission “Welcome the Spiritual Gifts” at St. Boniface Church this Sunday, Monday & Tuesday - December 8, 9 & 10 at 7 pm. Guest Speakers are Peter & Debbie Herbeck. Peter and Debbie have dedicated their lives as Catholic Lay Evangelists to enlivening the faith of hundreds of thousands of people. The Advent mission is a great opportunity to prepare for the celebration of the Word made flesh for our salvation.

Also, on Monday, December 9th there will be a Men’s Morning of reflection (lead by Peter) and on Tuesday, December 10 will be a Women’s Morning of reflection (lead by Debbie). Both mornings begin with Mass at 9 am at St. Boniface Church followed by a light Continental Breakfast, talk and then an opportunity for questions and discussion. Cost: No Charge - Freewill Offering - All Events.

**Reconciliation during Advent**

In preparation for the feast of the Nativity of the Lord Father Graham will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation at various times during advent to try to accommodate those with busy lives. Father Graham will be available to hear confessions at St. Boniface Church on: Wednesday, December 11 - 6 - 6:45 Saturday, December 14 - 4 - 4:45 pm & 6 - 8 pm Wednesday, December 18 - 7:30 - 9 pm Saturday, December 21 - 4:00 - 4:45 pm & 6 - 8 pm

**Sunday Missals & Advent Candles**

New Living with Christ Sunday Missals for 2014 and Advent Candles are available for purchase at the back of both churches or by contacting the church office.

**1st Reconciliation**

Students from St. Boniface School will be making their 1st Reconciliation on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

**Offertory Envelopes for 2014**

If you are not currently receiving offertory envelopes and would like a set for 2014 or would like to make your offertory donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.
Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Lenissen, Janice Hartman, Steven Wild-Denys, Emily DePaepe, Nicole Brideau, Toni Brand, John LaPorte and Harold Dietrich.

Donations for 2013

Please have all donations for 2013 into the church office no later then Tuesday, December 31 at 10:00 am to ensure that your donations are included on your 2013 income tax receipt. Any donations received after 10:00 am on December 31 can only be included on your 2014 income tax receipt.

A Message from your Finance Committee

The Finance Committee appreciates and depends on your generosity especially at Christmas time for the financial needs for the mission of our parishes. Last year both parishes ended up in the black. Currently St. Peter’s is operating in the positive and St. Boniface is operating in a deficit. A big reason for the deficit at St. Boniface is the unexpected expense this summer for the Zurich Lagoon. Hopefully this year we can meet our operating needs at both parishes, Thank-you! The Finance Committee

Knights of Columbus

Membership Dues - for 2014 are due in the month of December. Dues are $40.

St. Boniface CWL

Christmas Hampers - St. Boniface CWL will be collecting for Blessing’s Christmas Hampers. They need stuffing mixes, canned fruits & vegetables, canned juices and ingredients for Christmas desserts. We will be collecting for the hampers until December 13. There will be a box set up in the Narthex.

Adult Catechetical Class

Our next Adult Catechetical class will be held on Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. Our topic for the evening will be “The Holy Spirit/Trinity”. All are welcome to attend.

Praise & Worship Jam Night

Our next Jam session will be Sunday, December 15 at St. Boniface Church at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come out and sing, bring along an instrument to play or just come to sit and enjoy the music! Our theme for the evening will be O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Just in time for Christmas!

We have 10 tourtiere pies made by parishioners using an old recipe using pork, potatoes, spices and other secret ingredients for the St. Andre Garden. We will use a silent auction method to determine the top bidders by emailing mikendi@hay.net or phoning evenings 6 to 7 pm at 519-236-4005. The auction closes Friday, December 13 at 7 pm. A maximum of 2 pies per bid allowed. Bid high or lose the pie!

Advent Memorial Donations

We are very excited this year that we have the opportunity to offer two ways for you to remember your loved one this Christmas! As in the past we will be accepting donations for both parishes for Christmas Flowers to be donated in memory of your loved one OR if you wish you can make a donation to the St. Andre Healing Garden in memory of your loved one. Both are wonderful expressions of love for those who have died in honoring the gift of faith they have passed on from generation to generation. If you wish to make a cash donation in memory of someone please place your donation in an envelope and mark either “Christmas Flowers” or “St. Andre Healing Garden” along with your name or the name you wish to use as offered by and the name of the deceased person. Please have all donations to the church office by Friday, December 13. The names of the deceased loved ones will be published in our Christmas bulletin.

Get Your Raffle Tickets!!

Back by popular demand, the St. Andre Healing Garden committee is holding another “Shell Gas Raffle” - Only 300 tickets will be printed! 1st prize - $400 Gas Card; 2nd prize - $200 Gas Card; 3rd prize - $100 Gas Card Tickets are $10 each, draw will be held January 1! Makes a great stocking stuffer and what a great way to begin a new year and honour a great Saint at the same time. Tickets will be sold at the back of the church for the next few weeks. All proceeds go towards the St. Andre Garden.

St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School

This week at St. Anne’s we continued bringing in items for our Advent Project, which ends December 13th. We are bringing in gifts for teens and pre-teens for the Huron County Christmas Bureau in Seaforth, baby clothes and necessities for Room 2 Grow in Clinton, and winter wear for Kashechewan, a Northern Ontario First Nations Community, and Blessings in Zurich. Our Swim Team, Boys and Girls Hockey, Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball teams are all up and active! This past Tuesday we had the Evening of the Arts where the concert band, drama club, art students, and other talented people showcased their talents for the community. Also, our Me to We group is hosting an Indian Culture Night fundraiser on Thursday, December 12th, so be sure to purchase tickets for this wonderful event if you haven’t already! Ministers of Faith, Alyssa and Alex

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Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....

- **Advent Parish Mission** - December 8, 9, 10 at St. Boniface Church (please see inside bulletin for details)
- **Adult Catechetical Class** - Thursday, December 12 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **1st Reconciliation** - Sunday, December 15 at 2 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Praise & Worship Jam Night** - Sunday, December 15 at 7:30 pm at St. Boniface Church

**Christmas/New Year’s Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24, 2013
5:00 pm @ St. Boniface  7:30 pm @ St. Peter’s

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25, 2013
10:30 am St. Peter’s    1:00 pm BWRH

New Year’s Eve - Tuesday, December 31, 2013
5:00 pm @ St. Boniface

New Year’s Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2014
10:30 am @ St. Peter’s

**BIG BILL’S STORAGE**
HEATED - SECURED
RV’s, Trailers, Automobiles & Boats
Dashwood - Grand Bend Area
519 - 878 - 9123 or 519 - 235 - 2802
### Weekend Masses

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### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Graham Keep  
**Seminarian Intern:** David Johnston  
**Secretary:** Lori LaPorte  
**Office Hours:** Tuesday through Friday 8:30 am – 3:30 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 10:30 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 Saturday 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm 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 - Thursday after the 8:30 am mass - St. Peter’s.  
Our Lady 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.

### Parish Council

**Chair**  
Martha Mungar  
**Vice-Chair**  
Bella Soudant  
**Secretary**  
Brian DePaepé  
Rose Marie Rader  
Monique Hartman  
Ken Forler

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### Website

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