



## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh."

- Lk 6:21

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**POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**  
**For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's Mission in the priesthood and religious life.

"Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world."  
 Join us in St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

**Baptismal Training Sessions 2025**

February 18th	6:30 pm	St. Boniface	814-885-4488
February 20th	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	814-486-0569
March 22nd	10:00 am	Sacred Heart Church	814-781-1019

**FAITH FORMATION** -- Students in Grades K-5 will meet in the Faith Formation building for class. **NO** Edge class Sunday.

Our **2024 CSA Campaign** is coming to a close. There is still time to make the final payments of your pledge. We did not meet our goal for 2024, so the Church must pay the difference between the assessed goal of \$31,134 and the pledged amount of \$28,430 --which is \$2,704. Any remaining balances on pledges not completed also becomes the responsibility of St. Joseph Church. Please submit any outstanding pledge balances by February 24th so they can be processed and sent to the Diocese before the end of the month. Thank you for your commitment to our CSA!

**The Church office will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents' Day. We will re-open at 9 am on Tuesday, February 18th.**

**A Family Perspective** When you hear today's Gospel speak of poverty, hunger, sorrow, or exclusion, you don't have to look far. These struggles often occur within families. Children feel 'insulted' when constantly criticized. Spouses 'hunger' for affection. Grandparents feel 'excluded' by divorce and custody decisions. Parents 'weep' because they feel alienated from their children.

**Marriage Moments #1133** If a positive and negative message conflict, the negative message is always stronger. That's why if you compliment your spouse, but follow it with a complaint, the complaint is remembered more strongly. Therefore, always compliment your spouse.

St. Boniface Parish will be hosting a Cash Bash on Saturday, March 1st, in the Social Hall. **NO ONE UNDER 21 WILL BE PERMITTED.** Cost: \$10 ticket donation which includes food, pop, beer, and a chance to win \$500, \$750, or \$1000. Other raffles, drawings, small games of chance throughout the night. Come and enjoy what is sure to be a fun-filled night of music, laughter, and luck! All proceeds to benefit St. Boniface Parish.



**Sharing our Faith Series**  
**Benediction**

We, Catholics, find it spiritually helpful, and a great benefit in our relationship with God, to participate in the **Benediction** service at Church. Normally, we have Benediction every First Saturday, immediately following Mass and on Sunday evening during Lent. Benediction consists of the following steps:

**Exposition**--A large, consecrated Host is brought from the Tabernacle and placed in the Monstrance on the Altar. The Monstrance is a large, ornate liturgical vessel used in worship of the Blessed Sacrament. It has a small glass window in which, when placed inside, the Host is visible for the sake of Adoration. The hymn: "*O Salutaris Hostia*" ("O Saving Victim") is sung at this time while the Monstrance is being incensed.

Next is the time of **Adoration**. During this time, silence is taking place, when we can offer our prayers to the Lord. Also, the priest may share a reflection on Sacred Scripture during this time. Often, people find it especially prayerful by looking at the consecrated Host in the Monstrance and expressing a prayer of thanksgiving.

At the end of Adoration, all kneel and the hymn: "*Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*" ("Down in Adoration Falling") is sung and the incense is used again.

Immediately following this is the **Benediction Song**. The priest chants, "You have given them Bread from Heaven." The people respond, "Having within it all sweetness." The priest then prays the **Eucharistic Blessing**. "Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of Your Suffering and Death. May our worship of this Sacrament of Your Body and Blood, help us to experience the salvation You won for us and the peace of the Kingdom where You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen."

The priest now puts the Humeral Veil over his shoulders, goes to the Altar, and blesses the people by making the *Sign of the Cross* with the Monstrance containing the Consecrated Host. After this, the priest kneels in front of the Altar and leads the **Acclamation** with the following words..

"Blessed be God...(and concludes with)  
 Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints."

After this, the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the Tabernacle. Then the concluding hymn "*Holy God We Praise Thy Name*" is sung.

My brothers and sisters, come to Mass and Benediction on First Saturday mornings at 9 am and experience the Heavenly Graces and Blessings of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist and in Adoration and Benediction.  
 God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 17, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>  <b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b>	Terry Miller	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	Gn 4: 1-15, 25 Mk 8: 11-13 (335)
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday	Gn 6: 5-8, 7: 1-5, 10 Mk 8: 14-21 (336)
Wednesday, February 19, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday	Gn 8: 6-13, 20-22 Mk 8: 22-26 (337)
Thursday, February 20, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Mike Chiodo birthday	Mom and family	Weekday	Gn 9: 1-13 Mk 8: 27-33 (338)
Friday, February 21, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Eddie Levenduski birthday	wife Janice	Weekday <i>Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Gn 11: 1-9 Mk 8: 24--9: 1 (339)
Saturday, February 22, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	1 Pt 5: 1-4 Mt 16: 13-19 (535)
Saturday, February 22, 2025 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, February 23, 2025 <b>9:15 a.m. Mass</b>	Andrea Calliari 3rd anniversary	Family	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15: 45-49 Lk 6: 27-38 (81)

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Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

### EVERYONE WANTS TO BE HAPPY

The Gospel Reading today, according to Luke, gives us the prescription on how to be happy. The word Blessed, is translated into our English language to mean Happy. There are four statements that St. Luke uses to describe how to have blessings, or we would say, happiness. Let's take one of these statements: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6: 20) These might not sound like happy words, but what's being said here is that in the midst of your poverty, you will become happy when you see your need for God's Love. If, therefore, you trust in God through daily prayer, eventually, if not sooner, you will be lifted out of your poverty, possibly through other people to help you. Your soul will feel good and satisfied that God has heard your prayer because you put your trust in Him. The Kingdom of God is peace and that peace has come to you because of your faith in God. If your need includes physical poverty, then the Wisdom of God can lead you to the people that can help you out of compassion for you in the midst of your need. They, too, were in need and people had compassion for them. My friends, the important thing when praying and asking God for Blessings is to also pray for the patience in allowing God to do His Work in you. It could happen immediately or it may take some time. **OUR HAPPINESS ULTIMATELY COMES FROM WITHIN!**

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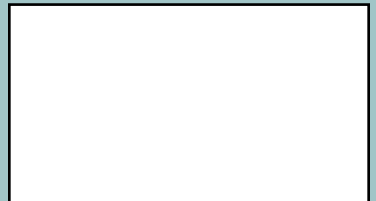
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