

SAINT BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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22 MARCH 2020: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**“He (the blind man) said, “I do believe, Lord,”
and he worshiped him” (John 9:38)**

The God we worship desires that we live in His light. Yet, so often we live in darkness—mistaking our darkness for the light. In so doing, we continue to live in the darkness—and furthermore lack the courage to step into the light.

Stepping into the light amounts to: “I do believe, Lord.” It begins with regaining his sight—but from the light of his eyes to the light of faith (Pope Benedict). The blind man continues to press forward as he proclaims his passionate belief in Jesus as the family, the crowd, and the Pharisees remain in fear, distance, and disbelief.

Such a passionate proclamation doesn’t come quickly. There is a movement in the transformation: the blind man moves from thinking of Jesus as a “man” among others to considering him as a “prophet” to proclaiming him as “Lord”. So is our journey of faith: it shifts from looking at Jesus as a thought to a moral figure to encountering a person “in whom we live and move and have our being”. (Acts 17:28)

Our journey toward the Light gets harder and harder everyday as materialism and individualism find their dwelling place in us. They blind us—and we lose sight of the Way, the Truth, and the Life. As we journey through this difficult time, let us ask the Lord to heal our blindness so that we can boldly say: “I do believe, Lord!”

Peace and All good, Father Chinna

Mission

“Being the Joy of the Gospel through a deeper love for Jesus and a stronger commitment to each other!”

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday: 5:30 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 AM

Thursday: 8:00 AM

Friday: 7:00 AM

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

*Sunday: 7:30; 9:00; and
11:00 AM*

*Confession:

Tuesday: 4 – 5:15 PM

Saturday: 9 – 10:30 AM

**Father Chinna is available for Confession during the week: Please call the office!*

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PARISH CONTACTS

WELCOME TO SAINT BONIFACE

If you are a visitor to Saint Boniface, we want you to know you're welcome here—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or another parish in the diocese. Say hello to the parishioners, please!

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you desire to become a member of the Saint Boniface family, please plan to attend a newcomers meeting held on the second Sunday of the month after the 11:00 AM Mass, or call the parish office at 515-987-4597 to pre-register for a meeting. The next meeting will be held on 10 May in the Mary and Joseph Room.

SACRAMENTS

If you need information on Baptism, Marriage, Confession, and Anointing of the Sick, please contact the office!

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DAILY READINGS

Saturday, 21 March

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 (242)

Sunday, 22 March

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (31) Pss IV

Monday, 23 March

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 (244)

Tuesday, 24 March (Saint Oscar Romero)

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 (245)

Wednesday, 25 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 (545)

Thursday, 26 March

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47 (247)

Friday, 27 March

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

Saturday, 28 March

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 (249)

Sunday, 29 March

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (34) Pss I

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 21 March

5:00 PM [Mary and Marcia Wiedenfeld]

Sunday, 22 March

9:00 AM [J D Wilson]

Tuesday, 24 March

8:00 AM [Michael McClain]

Wednesday, 25 March

8:00 AM [Max Lickteig]

Thursday, 26 March

8:00 AM [Intentions of our Parish Family]

Friday, 27 March

7:00 AM [Mary and Marcia Wiedenfeld]

Sunday, 29 March

9:00 AM [Kathy Bringle]

REFLEXION

Él (el ciego) dijo: "Creo, Señor " y lo adoró "(Juan 9:38)

El Dios al que adoramos desea que vivamos en Su luz. Sin embargo, a menudo vivimos en la oscuridad, confundiendo nuestra oscuridad con la luz. Al hacerlo, seguimos viviendo en la oscuridad, y además carecemos del coraje para salir a la luz.

Entrar a la luz equivale a: "Si creo, Señor". Comienza recuperando la vista, pero desde la luz de sus ojos hasta la luz de la fe (Papa Benedicto XVI). El ciego continúa avanzando mientras proclama su creencia apasionada en Jesús como la familia, la multitud y los fariseos permanecen en el miedo, la distancia y la incredulidad.

Una proclamación tan apasionada no llega rápidamente. Hay un movimiento en la transformación: el ciego pasa de pensar en Jesús inicialmente como un "hombre" entre otros a considerarlo como un "profeta" para proclamarlo como "Señor". También lo es nuestro viaje de fe: se pasa de mirar a Jesús como un pensamiento a una figura moral a encontrarse con una persona "en quien vivimos, nos movemos y somos". (Hechos 17:28)

El viaje hacia la Luz de Dios se vuelve cada vez más difícil a medida que el materialismo y el individualismo encuentran su permanencia en nosotros. Nos ciegan y perdemos de vista el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida. A medida que avanzamos en este momento difícil, pidamos al Señor que sane nuestra ceguera para que podamos decir humildemente: "¡Señor, creo en ti!"

Paz y Todo bien, Padre Chinna

STAY IN TOUCH

While we cannot come together as a parish family physically right now, we can come together as one virtually. Father Chinna has been doing Live Streams on our Facebook page and will continue to do so daily. Here are the many ways to stay connected and be part of these celebrations:

⇒ Facebook: St. Boniface Catholic Community

⇒ Flocknote: text StBInfo to 84576

⇒ Website: www.stbonifacechurch.org

⇒ Weekly emails

Live Stream Masses:
Monday—Friday at 8 AM and Sundays at 9 AM.

IMPORTANT: If you do not have a Facebook account and would like to watch the live streams, please log onto our website and click the "f" icon on the top right hand corner of your screen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that
You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 22 March

9:00 & 11:00 AM: NO FF Classes
1:00 PM: Canceled—Lenten Reconciliation

Monday, 23 March

Canceled: Man-Up Event
5:45 PM: NO Faith Formation Classes
7:00 PM: NO Prayer Group

Tuesday, 24 March

6:30 PM: NO Lenten Study Group
7:00 PM: Harmony Choir
7:00 PM: NO Women's Book Club

Wednesday, 25 March

10:00 AM: NO Playgroup
4:30, 5:45, & 7:00 PM: NO FF Classes
5:30 PM: NO Grace Within
6:00 PM: NO Children's Choir Practice
6:30 PM: NO Joppa Meeting
7:00 PM: NO Music Rehearsal
7:00 PM: No 8th Grade Large Group

Thursday, 26 March

6:30 AM: NO Men of Boniface
8:30 AM: NO Scripture Study Group
7:00 PM: NO RCIA

Friday, 27 March

5:00 PM: NO Fish Fry
5:45 PM: NO Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 28 March

All events and gathering are canceled

Sunday, 28 March

9:00 & 11:00 AM: NO FF Classes

ALMSGIVING

My dear parish family,

As we journey through this difficult time, I ask each of us to renew—in whatever way we can—to continue our financial stewardship to the parish.

I thank the Lord for the gift of each of you. Be safe during this time. I hold each of you in my daily prayer. I hope to call some of you early next week.

I pray that our faith remains stronger—and our financial stewardship to the parish remains ever more ardent in this challenging time!

Please offer weekly tithing online. For instructions, visit our website at www.stbonifacechurch.org and click on the donate tab at the top of the page. This will take you to our “WeShare” page where you can sign up to make your weekly offering.

Thank you for reassuring your continued support—and for being part of the parish family!

Gratefully as always, Father Chinna

WEEKLY TITHES

Week of 16 March

Plate	\$327.16
Tithes received	\$13,672.30
Building Faith received	\$250.00
Parish Debt as of 1 March	\$1,553,285.88

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Please visit www.stbonifacechurch.org for Catholic spiritual sources available online! These sources are a great help during this difficult time!

SAINT OSCAR ROMERO

In honor of the Feast of
Saint Oscar Romero on Tuesday,
24 March, 2020,

Father Chinna will live stream
Mass at 8 AM on Facebook Live:

Please join us
and pray for the families
in El Salvador!

EDUCATION

Education is a strong priority for the children and youth of El Recreo. Our donations allow children and youth the opportunity to go to school—and to college. Our goal is to motivate the young to have a real passion for learning and to offer support for their academic pursuits so that they can make a difference in their local communities. Our contributions to the Education Fund cover the cost of school supplies (stationery, shoes, and clothing). It also provides tuition for High School and College students. Education is vital to envisioning a bright future for their lives! It also helps to break the cycle of poverty.



HEALTH CARE

Health Care is essential for this community. With limited access to medical professionals and financial means, the community continues to struggle with taking care of even the basic health care needs. The Padre Vince Rosonke Health Clinic is within walking distance and has become a life-saving addition to the community. The health provider team assists with day-to-day medical problems and provides immediate care for emergencies, medications and medical supplies to those who previously had nothing. Prenatal checkups and early childhood healthcare can make all the difference to their future. Items such as stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, thermometers, sterilizers for instruments, a scale, plus money to purchase vitamins, aspirin, Ibuprofen etc. are a must. Imagine a life without the help of any health care!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT

Supporting the physical and emotional needs of the El Recreo community is essential to their wellbeing. Our parish family attends to the physical needs of providing clean water, food and shelter. As in the past, our donations will continue to provide this community with clean water by maintaining the water collection barrels we installed in every household, corn in times of crop failure, seed and fertilizer for agriculture, and building materials such as lamina to construct proper shelter. Our support has also enabled them to build Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Health Clinic, repair classrooms, restrooms and roads. Through our continued support, we create opportunities for leadership, employment, community involvement!



DONATION FOR EL SALVADOR

\$ _____ Education of Children & Youth (\$60)

\$ _____ Health Care (\$50)

\$ _____ Community Support & Development – water, food, shelter, agriculture (\$100)

\$ _____ Any Other Donations

Name _____

Address _____

Please make checks payable to *St. Boniface Church*; memo: *El Salvador*.

EASTER FLOWERS



As in the past, we invite the Saint Boniface family to donate to the flower fund for Easter! It is a devotional offering for all of us. Through this gift, we acknowledge how truly grateful we are to the Risen Lord for His blessings of peace in our lives; through this gift, we also remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith so that they may soon experience the joys of the heavenly kingdom!

Please complete this form and mail it to the parish office 1200 S Warrior Lane, Waukee, IA 50263; or pay online at <https://stboniface.weshareonline.org>. These donations will be listed in the bulletin on Easter weekend.

Please print clearly so we get the spelling of names correct. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 5th. Any questions, please call 515-987-4597.

In celebration of Easter, I/we would like to donate to the flower fund for Easter

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

- OR -

In Praise/Thanksgiving for: _____

Suggested donation is \$15.00; Make checks payable to St. Boniface Catholic Church.
We would like to receive the donations by April 5, to meet bulletin deadline.

PRAYER ON BEHALF OF POPE FRANCIS

O Mary,

you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,

who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of all people, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Courtesy: (A Special Prayer of Pope Francis asking Our Blessed Mother to protect the people during this difficult time of the coronavirus)