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St. Boniface

Stewardship Directory

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Stewardship at St. Boniface Parish

Spirituality, Service, and Sacrifice

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)

St. Boniface Parish invites all parishioners to express their gratitude for God’s abundant gifts and grace by making commitments to the stewardship ministries of Spirituality, Service, and Sacrifice. Stewardship is a daily commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered. St. Paul said that “There are different gifts, but the same spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:4). In the same way, all that we have and all that we are – our time, our abilities, and our resources – are gifts from the one true God. The spirit of stewardship focuses our attention on answering Christ’s call to follow after him, proclaiming his Gospel in word and deed, putting the Eucharist into action, building up the communion of faith, and sharing Christ’s peace with the world around us.

St. Boniface Parish offers a wide range of opportunities to “stir into flame” (2 Timothy 6) a spirit of stewardship by:

- Deepening our Spirituality with God through prayer and faith formation (see pages 13-17),
- Devoting our time and abilities in Service to St. Boniface Parish and our community (see pages 18-23), and
- Sacrificing a portion of our blessings to support the ministries of St. Boniface Parish and the needs of both the local and global communities (see page 24).

Please prayerfully consider all of the gifts, blessings, and opportunities God provides you each day and how your gifts could be used within the ministries of St. Boniface Parish in our mission of building up the Body of Christ.

For information or interest in volunteering in the Ministries of St. Boniface, contact St. Boniface Parish Office at 618-656-6450. Thank You!

The Ministries of Spirituality, Service, and Sacrifice

SPIRITUALITY

Liturgy Opportunities

Sacristan

The Sacristan serves as the “Director of the Liturgy” and works closely with the priest to ensure that the Mass is smoothly celebrated. It is the responsibility of the Sacristan that all ministers are present and ready, the gift bearers are selected, and the gifts are prepared. Following the Liturgy, the Sacristan cleans the Sacred Vessels.

Ministers of Holy Communion

Members of the Parish who have completed the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation can become Ministers of Holy Communion after a short training session. They help the priest and deacon who are the ordinary ministers of this sacrament during Holy Communion. A Minister of Holy Communion, also known as an extraordinary minister, becomes a privileged member of the church that administers the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ during the Liturgy or while visiting the sick, elderly, or homebound.

Usher

The bells of St. Boniface, St. Jacob, St. Joseph, and St. Clara are calling you to this ministry! Worshippers are in the capable hands of this ministry as the ushers create a welcoming and prayerful atmosphere. They assist individuals in seating, take up collections, assist people throughout the Liturgy, and distribute the parish bulletin. If you have a smile to give away, this is the ministry for you.

Reader

As a Minister of the Word, you bring to life the Old and New Testament at parish liturgical gatherings. This is a great opportunity to proclaim the Word of God. Readers are needed for every Mass and other liturgical celebrations. A short training session will prepare you for this Ministry.

Greeter

A Greeter is often the first person that worshippers meet when they arrive at our church. Greeters represent the rest of the assembly as they welcome and offer hospitality to everyone that enters the church. A warm smile and word of welcome that reflects God's love for them can help all worshippers easily enter and set the tone for full participation in the Celebration of the Liturgy.

Youth Server

Students who are open to sharing their time and faith in service at the Altar for Mass and other liturgical celebrations are encouraged to become servers. This is a great way to serve God in a special setting. A short training session is needed before assisting the priest in procession, prayers, and blessings.

Adult Server

Adult Servers assist the priest during the 8:15am Mass and at funeral Masses. This is a great opportunity to be in a Ministry and to experience the presence of the Church in a very real manner.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Are you looking for a ministry that opens the Word to the minds of our children? Ministers of the Children's Liturgy of the Word reflect upon the Mass readings with school-aged children in the chapel during the Scripture readings and Homily at weekend Masses.

Art and Environment

Come share your time and creative energy by decorating our parish church and parish campus throughout the year. Extra volunteers are needed during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir leads the congregation in song at the 10:15am Sunday morning Mass and at all special liturgies, such as Funeral Masses, Confirmation, and First Communion. The choir sings a mixture of traditional and contemporary liturgical music and is open to all men and women of the parish.

Cantor

The Cantor is a music minister that leads congregational singing. The Cantor is a key participant in the Liturgy as they proclaim the Responsorial Psalm during the Liturgy of the Word at the weekend Masses and special liturgies. Cantors may lead the congregation by themselves or sing in small groups. They should be confident in singing before a large congregation and have a strong and pleasant voice. Cantors may be asked to minister at any of the weekend Masses and Holy Days.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir assists in singing at the 4:15pm Saturday Mass on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month during the school year, as well as at special liturgical celebrations, such as Christmas Eve and Easter morning. The Children's Choir is open to all youths in Grades 2 through 8.

Instrument Ensemble

Instrumentalists, such as wind, string, and brass ensembles, enrich the liturgies by sharing their musical talents to glorify God. Instrumental ensembles play for Christmas, Easter, and at various times throughout the liturgical year, as requested by the Director of Worship. Membership is open to anyone who has sufficient training in playing an instrument (usually 3 or more years), can read music, and has experience playing with a group.

Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir performs at one weekend Mass each month and at special liturgical celebrations, such as Christmas and Easter. Membership is limited to youths from Grade 5 through adults who will make a commitment to attending all weekly rehearsals and all required Masses at which this Choir is scheduled.

Young Adult Choir

Open to all middle school, high school, and college young adults. The choir performs twice a month at the Sunday 5:15pm Mass. Rehearsal is held before Mass beginning at 4:15 pm.

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

PSR is open to all public school students entering grades Kindergarten through 5 for the school year. Volunteer catechists and assistants are needed annually to staff each grade. What better way to share your knowledge of our faith and communicate it than this rewarding ministry?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is a process of study and prayer with Baptism or Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and First Eucharist taking place usually at the Easter Vigil. RCIA classes are open to all parishioners. Parishioners are welcome to attend, renew, and deepen their understanding of the teaching and traditions of the Catholic Church while supporting RCIA candidates. Volunteers are needed to assist in the candidate preparation process, provide snacks, and act as sponsors for all candidates. No training is required, but be prepared to share your faith in a very practical manner.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)

The RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) is a process of study and prayer with Baptism or Profession of Faith and First Eucharist taking place at the Easter Vigil. Volunteers assist in the instruction of our youth as they prepare their hearts and minds to come into full participation with the Catholic Church.

Fraternus

Through mentoring, Fraternus teaches boys in grades 6-12 the virtues of faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance.

Fidelis

Fidelis serves young girls (grades 6-12) and women (18+) through a model based on the “feminine genius” for community and the formation of the next generation. The goal of Fidelis is to help women discover their God-given femininity and grow in authentic relationship with God and other women. Fidelis seeks to implement an antidote to society’s ever-pressing distractions, immorality, and isolation by pointing women to the path of authentic joy.

Vacation Bible School

For a quality summer activity for children pre-kindergarten through fifth grade, St. Boniface is offering a recreational, educational, and religious activity. Volunteers are needed to assist in VBS preparation and leading the sessions. This takes place one week out of the summer from 8:00am until Noon each day.

Respect Life

The right to life of every individual from conception to natural death is one of the primary tenets of our Catholic faith. This ministry is dedicated to raising the consciousness of our parish and community on the importance of maintaining that right. Come join us in prayer and action as we live our Catholic faith in selfless service.

Secular Franciscans

The Secular Franciscan Order is a St. Boniface affiliate ministry. The Order strives to make present in the life and mission of the Church the charism given to St. Francis to renew and build up the Body of Christ from within through a simple, straight-forward living of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our Lady of the Angels fraternity in Edwardsville welcomes inquiries into a Franciscan way of living the Gospel in the 21st century: www.franciscansoftheprairie.org.

Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

Throughout the year, various AFF class sessions are held for any adult. There are two class times to choose from; Wednesday evenings 7:15-8:45pm and Thursday mornings 8:45-10:15am. Contact the Pastoral Associate at the Parish Office for more information.

New to AFF- FORMED- The Catholic Faith on Demand. FORMED, can be compared to Netflix or Amazon Prime for Catholics. The best Catholic video studies, movies, audio presentations, Youth Ministry, and eBooks from the most trusted sources are all just a click away. No cost to parishioners. Contact the Parish Office or see the Bulletin for the subscription code.

Martha's and Mary's

Martha's and Mary's is a women's spirituality and support group, meeting every Tuesday during the school year after the 8:00 am Mass. The group chooses a book to read and discuss. It is not necessary to be present for every meeting to benefit from this group. Come as you are able. Meetings are held in the Acorn Room, lower level of the church.

Lectio Divina

Group reflection and study of the Sunday readings. Lectio divina means holy reading. This ancient form of praying with the scriptures is held on the first and third Friday of the month 9-10 am in the Acorn Room, lower level of the church.

Living the Eucharist

A six week Lenten parish renewal experience utilizing small faith groups to promote full, conscious, and active participation in the Eucharist and grow in holiness and in the Church's mission. You may join one of the existing small groups, or start your own small group. Contact the Pastoral Associate at the Parish Office for more information.

Grief Support Program (After Care)

We offer a grief support program open to anyone in the area. This is a peer support and social group that is facilitated by bereavement ministers who have experienced losses in their lives and have received training to effectively and sensitively facilitate the group. We join together to talk, pray, reflect, and support one another. After Care is held the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00 am in the lower level of the church. You may also make private appointments for grief counseling by contacting the Pastoral Associate at the Parish Office.

Individual Spiritual Direction

This service provides individuals the opportunity to discuss their relationship with God and their prayer life with trained Spiritual Directors/Mentors here at St. Boniface. You may contact the Parish Office if interested.

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SERVICE

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society encourages spiritual growth through person-to-person service to those in need in our community. The Society provides principally rent and utilities assistance to residents living in the Edwardsville School District. New members are always welcome and age is not a factor. We gladly welcome young parishioners to help us in our work. This is an opportunity where volunteers truly learn, understand, and experience charity in action.

Meals for Moms

This ministry helps families who have recently had a baby by delivering 6 meals to the families within the first few weeks after birth. Anyone who can cook or go to the grocery store is a welcome volunteer!

Free Lunch Friday

Help minister through service and presence every 2nd Friday of each month. We help our neighboring (Immanuel Methodist) church by planning, cooking, and serving a home cooked meal that is open to anyone. You may volunteer on a regular basis or a time that fits your schedule. You may also donate food or money towards the purchase of food for the meal. To volunteer or donate, contact the Parish Office.

SAK

Serving Area Kids (summer sack lunch program). Help to distribute pre-made lunches for area kids not in school for the summer. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Breakfast Ministry

Families with teens are invited to help prepare and serve breakfast for those in need from a location in Granite City. The schedule is a monthly rotating schedule. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Funeral Luncheon

The Funeral Luncheon Ministry assists in serving meals on behalf of the family after funeral services in the church. This group helps provide care and comfort to families in their time of need. Volunteers are assigned on a rotating basis.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization dedicated to providing charitable services, promoting Catholic education and Catholic public policy positions, and actively defending Roman Catholicism in various nations. Catholic men age 18 or older are encouraged to participate.

Daughters of Isabella

The Order of the Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principle of its motto: Unity, Friendship, and Charity. We come together as a sisterhood to uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church, bringing spiritual benefits to our members and contributing to the common good of humanity. Catholic women age 16 or older are encouraged to participate.

Rockers and Rockettes

Are you capable of lending an extra hand? Various odd jobs (small to big projects) are completed by this very important group of parishioners. Requirements: a good sense of humor and willingness to improve the St. Boniface Parish Campus!

Heavenly Dusters

The Heavenly Dusters are angels that gently clean our church without most of us even knowing it happens. Volunteers work on a schedule that rotates week to week. If you have a knack for keeping things tidy, we can use your help.

St. Fiacre Gardeners

The gardeners of St. Boniface are named in honor of St. Fiacre, the Patron Saint of Gardening, to whom many miracles were claimed. Even though the gardeners do not claim to work miracles, their efforts to plan, plant, maintain, and care for the grounds and gardens of St. Boniface cultivate a spirit of stewardship, friendship, and increased grace within our parish.

Visitation Ministry

The Visitation Ministry provides Pastoral care for the sick, elderly, and homebound when parishioners are unable to participate in weekly services. Volunteers visit and share their faith and Eucharist with parishioners in nursing homes, hospitals, care centers and private homes.

Circle of Moms

A ministry of St. Boniface Parish in which moms gather to support, strengthen and serve each other through faith, friendship, and experience. Their calendar includes monthly “Mom’s Evening Circle” and monthly “Kid’s Play Circle”. “Like” us on Facebook: St. Boniface Circle of Moms

Quilting Group

If you have a talent for needlecraft and sewing, this may be the group for you! Group quilting in a social atmosphere traditionally meets Wednesday mornings 8:30 am - 1:30 pm in the Quilting Room in the lower level of the church.

Parish Auction

This is one of our major parish religious education fundraisers. The event consists of both a silent and an oral auction, dinner, and dancing. It requires months of planning, organizing, soliciting, and collecting donations from both businesses and parishioners. Talents are also needed for displaying items and decorating.

Bonifest

Bonifest is not just the two-day event in May like most people think! Bonifest planning is year-round with multiple chairperson positions. Getting involved in the preparation of this two-day festival is another great way for parishioners to jump right in and get involved with parish life. Come and help plan and implement the largest St. Boniface-sponsored activity that all of Edwardsville talks about.

Big Bona Give Away

This is one of our major fundraisers at St. Boniface Parish. This fundraiser requires several talented individuals working as a team to plan, advertise, collect prizes, design, print, and distribute tickets. “Sell, sell, sell” and “Buy, buy, buy” are their mantras — all for a good cause!

Scrip Salesperson

Scrip is a major fundraiser at St. Boniface and is a year-round service opportunity. Purchasing gift cards before and after Mass or from the parish office guarantees St. Boniface varying levels of return for every dollar exchanged. Volunteer school parents are scheduled on a rotating basis to sell scrip after each Mass.

St. Honoré Bakers

As tradition goes, a young man named Honoré became the Bishop of Amiens in 554. During his service a number of miraculous events occurred, which spared farmers, millers, and bakers from natural disasters. Residents of France connected the miracles with Bishop Honoré and in 1204 a Parisian baker built a chapel to commemorate him. The St. Honoré Bakers of St. Boniface offer baked goods for local nursing homes, care centers, and other events.

Wedding Belles

Help make a couple's special day run smoothly. Assist the pastor and the couple in wedding day coordination.

Marriage Mentoring

Assist your fellow Catholics who are embarking on the holy sacrament of marriage. Offer your time, insight, and real-world experience regarding married life. The program covers the theology and practice of four major areas of Catholic marriage: Faith, Communication, Sexuality, and Stewardship.

Annual Golf Tournament

Help plan and execute the St. Boniface Annual Golf Tournament.

FMCHS Volunteer

Join the volunteer team to help with miscellaneous tasks supporting Father McGivney Catholic High School.

Vocation Council

The vocation council promotes Diocesan priesthood and provides resources to foster a culture of vocations.

Parish School

Parish School Library Assistant

A love of books and children is all you need for this ministry. Some training is required and then you will be on your way to helping our youth seek, locate, and respect the power of books.

Parish School Reading Buddies

Share the joy of learning and reading with students at our parish school. This rewarding program will pair you with students for one-on-one attention and positive interaction.

Parish School Athletics Coaching

Coaching is not the exclusive domain of parents. You don't need to have a child in the parish school to apply. Opportunities exist for basketball, baseball, volleyball, and track & field. Coaching is an extension of teaching at our parish school and what better way to show your faith than by sharing time and talent outside the classroom.

Parish School Bluejays Backers

St. Boniface Bluejays Backers is a parent led committee who work to build up the School and Parish community and assist faculty and staff with extras.

Leadership Opportunities

Parish School Board

St. B is the place to be! And so is the Parish School Board! Become a member of the St. Boniface School board or a member of the several sub-committees which promote our excellent Parish School. The eight-member board's main purpose is to advise the pastor and the principal in regard to the operations and policies of the Parish School. Each member serves a 3-year term. Interested individuals should complete an application in March.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council ensures that the Parish vision and goals are reviewed and continually addressed to serve the people of the Parish. This advisory group to the Pastor is often the unseen force which identifies and promotes the pastoral needs of the parish.

Parish Mission Planning Team

This is a team of Pastoral Council members and others that plan and host St. Boniface Parish Missions. This team is brought together each time a Parish mission is proposed to reflect on the mission message, select a missionary team, publicize the mission, and coordinate the events of Mission week.

Finance Council

The Finance Council is a group which ensures that St. Boniface Parish is financially sound and all finances remain transparent. Apply to join this group to oversee all of the financial decisions made for St. Boniface Parish.

Stewardship Council

Members work to cultivate stewardship as a way of life by engaging people to gratefully share their God-given gifts through sincere prayer, acts of service, and faithful, charitable giving. The Stewardship Council plans the events leading up to Commitment Sunday.

Adult Faith Formation Advisory Council

This group works with the Pastoral Associate to plan and organize adult Faith Formation opportunities.

Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds Committee helps evaluate, plan, and coordinate the different physical needs of our parish campus. If you have a construction background, then this ministry is for you!

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SACRIFICE

Discerning a Level of Stewardship that Fits Your Call:

For those with great hearts but limited resources - *“When Jesus looked up, he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, ‘I tell you truly this poor widow has put in more than all the rest. She, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.’”* (Luke 21:1-4)

For those who sacrifice to build the mission - *“Accompanying Jesus were the twelve and some women who had been cured, Mary called Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and many others provided for them out of their resources.”* (Luke 8:1-3)

For those graced and willing to share their bounty - *“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”* (Luke 8:1-3)

For those blessed with substantial resources and able to share - *“Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge to distribute the food allowance? Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”* (Luke 12:42,48)

God asks each of us to consider tithing 10% of our income. Catholic tithing then suggests the following: 5% to our parish, 4% to our personal charities to serve those in need both locally and globally, and 1% to our diocese.

Sacraments of Our Faith

GUIDELINES

Sacrament of Baptism

The Catholic Church believes it is our duty to offer parents, guardians, and godparents the opportunity to fully understand the Sacrament of Baptism. Parents are required to attend the Baptism class held the first Monday of the month in the Church at 7:00 pm. Contact the Parish Office to register for the class. Baptisms normally take place during Mass. Private Baptisms must be arranged by the Pastor or Deacon.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Second grade students of St. Boniface School and St. Boniface PSR receive this sacrament. Students complete the necessary requirements by attending classes. For those beyond second grade, special arrangements can be made to receive these sacraments by contacting the Parish Office.

Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation

The Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation is celebrated for students in the third grade who attend either St. Boniface School or St. Boniface PSR. For those beyond third grade, contact the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

To be married at St. Boniface, one should be a registered parishioner or the child of an active member. Candidates are expected to be practicing Catholics. The Pastor should be contacted at least 6 months before the wedding. He will set a date for the wedding once he has determined that there are no impediments to the marriage and he has the promise of the couple that they will cooperate with the pre-marriage program. Weddings are usually celebrated on Friday evenings or Saturday afternoons.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

We encourage those who are called to serve God's People to contact the Parish Office. We also ask parishioners to encourage those who are considering Holy Orders to contact the Parish Office and visit www.dio.org/vocations.

Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or scheduled for surgery should contact the Parish Office for the celebration of this sacrament.