THE PARISHES OF SAINT ANN & SAINT BONIFACE

Rev. Glenn E. McCreary, V.E. | Rev. Dias Antony Valiamarathungal

November 1, 2026
All Saints Day

National Vocations Awareness Week

Parish Office & Rectory

326 Washington Boulevard
Williamsport, PA 17701
570-326-1544
570-326-6746 Fax

Monday-Friday – 8:30 AM-4:00 PM
Closed 12:00-1:00 PM for lunch

Connect with Us

Saint Ann Parish
stannrcc.org
@saintannrcc

Saint Boniface Parish
stbonifacecatholic.com
@stbonifaceandstlawrenceparish
@sbsl_catholic

Welcome

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Masses

Saturday…… 4:00 PM *at Saint Boniface*
5:30 PM *at Saint Ann*
Sunday……... 8:00 AM *at Saint Lawrence*
9:30 AM *at Saint Ann*
11:00 AM *at Saint Boniface*
Monday……. 7:00 AM *at Saint Lawrence*
8:00 AM *at Saint Boniface*
Tuesday……. 7:00 AM *at Saint Lawrence*
8:00 AM *at Saint Boniface*
Wednesday…… 7:00 AM *at Divine Providence Hospital Chapel*
Thursday……... 7:00 AM *at Saint Ann*
8:00 AM *at Saint Boniface*
Friday…… 7:00 AM *at Saint Ann*
8:00 AM *at Saint Boniface*

Confessions

First Saturday of the month
9:00-9:30 AM *at Saint Lawrence*

Mondays
5:30-7:00 PM *at Saint Boniface*

Thursdays
5:30-7:00 PM *at Saint Ann*

Please call the Parish Office regarding Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, becoming a Catholic, and Sacraments of the Sick.

Private Prayer

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM-3:00 PM *at Saint Ann*

Saturdays
9:00 AM-12:00 PM *at Saint Ann*

Daily
8:30 AM-4:30 PM *at Saint Boniface*

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays
5:30-7:00 PM *at Saint Boniface*

Thursdays
5:30-7:00 PM *at Saint Ann*

Daily
Various Hours *at Mary, Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel at Saint Ann (see right)*

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Saint Lawrence Choir

Don Fisher &
Kristin Fisher
Contemporary Choir

Mary, Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel at Saint Ann

Convent Building
(Behind Parish Center)
1648 Sheridan Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

Mondays 7:00 AM-8:00 PM
Tuesdays 6:00 AM-7:00 PM
Wednesdays 6:00 AM-9:00 PM
Holy Hour for Life, Conversion & Peace at 11:00 AM
Thursdays 4:00 AM-7:00 PM
Fridays 7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Seven Sorrows Rosary at 11:00 AM
Saturdays 7:00 AM-5:00 PM
Holy Hour for Life, Conversion & Peace at 3:00 PM
Sundays 1:00 PM-9:00 PM

A code is needed to access the Adoration Chapel. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

stannrcc.org/adoration

Saint John Neumann Regional Academy

Junior/Senior High School Campus
901 Penn Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

Phone 570-323-9953
Fax 570-321-7146

Elementary Campus
710 Franklin Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

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sjnra.org

THIS WEEK IN SCRIPTURE

"Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure"... "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Why do we shy away being known as a saint? This is our goal, our destiny. This is the reason for our hope. Spend a moment, reflect on the beatitudes and see if you are poor in spirit, seeking God humbly and justly, laboring for justice, especially looking for holiness and even offering your hurts and trials to the Lord. These are the steps we take for becoming saints. Try it, you'll like it.

AT HOME WITH THE WORD

This week (for further reflection):

First Reading: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

John recounts for us the details of his vision. An angel bearing the seal of the living God demands that the land and sea not be destroyed; huge crowds stand before the throne of the Lamb crying out that salvation comes from God; angels gathered round and praised God; an elder questions John and explains that those dressed in white are the ones who have survived the great period of trial.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Once again John speaks to us of love. He points out to us the great love that the Father has for us by allowing us to be called children of God. John explains that the world doesn't recognize us because it never recognized Jesus. Our future will be revealed to us and in that light we shall see him as he is.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds of people he went up to the mountainside gathered his disciples around him and began to teach them. This lesson in love has come to be known to us as the great "Sermon on the Mount" or "The Beatitudes."

Next week (for prayerful preparation):

Wis 6:12-16; 1Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

PASTOR'S CORNER

Last year, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church, St Boniface Parish ran a capital campaign. We're certainly grateful for all who pledged and given—and continue to give. I've given some updates over the past year, particularly around the restoration of the pipe organ. This past week provides a dramatic example: We moved all our weekday Masses into St Lawrence and St Ann's churches to offer the workers the space and time to install the new console.

But, I was pleasantly surprised to see another promised improvement realized! Our columbarium has been installed in our cemetery. (Actually, my first inkling this was actually happening last week came when the packing slip was emailed to me!) If you're in the neighborhood, take a walk into the cemetery. We're very grateful to able to meet the needs of so many Catholics who want a sacred space for their loved ones' cremains.

And what an opportune moment for the columbarium to arrive! Just days before our observance of All Saints and All Souls Days!

Let's remember, as we move into these first days of November, how we can pray for our beloved dead. Remember, that falls among both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It's part of how we honor the dead those bodies in life were temples of the Holy Spirit. It's part of how we love not just the folks around us, but also those who have gone before us.

How can we pray for our beloved, especially in these days privileged by the Church's liturgy?

First of all, every Mass, every day, includes prayer for the deceased. Bring your loved ones into those words the priest prays during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Secondly, keep All Souls Day. Come to the Requiem Mass Monday evening at 7pm. Let Mozart's exquisite music unite our hearts and imaginations to those on their journey to Paradise.

Thirdly, visit a cemetery (usually we go to the ones where our family and friends are interred). Prayer at a cemetery during the first eight days of November brings a plenary indulgence. That prayer can take many forms—the rosary, a spontaneous prayer, prayers for the dead from the liturgy or a favorite prayer book.

Lastly, don't forget the days our loved ones entered into eternal life. St Monica told her son St Augustine: "Bury wherever you please, but remember me at the altar of God." Catholics have a long history of praying on the week anniversary, the month anniversary, the year anniversary of death. Of course, we believe that prayer accomplishes things for the objects of our petitions, but those anniversary prayers help us through our times of grieving.

Fr. McCreary

Schedules

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31	
4:00 PM Saint Boniface	Jack Paucke by Barbara & Family
5:30 PM Saint Boniface	Janice McFadden by The Family
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 | *All Saints Day*	
8:00 AM Saint Lawrence	People of the Parishes
9:30 AM Saint Ann	John McDermott by Marie & Charles Mertes II
11:00 AM Saint Boniface	Raymond Walters by Rick & Myreta Churba
7:00 PM SCI Muncy	Michela Mercaldo Godfrey by Frances Stetts
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | *All Souls Day*	
7:00 AM Saint Lawrence	All Souls Intentions
8:00 AM Saint Boniface	All Souls Intentions
7:00 PM Saint Boniface	All Souls Intentions – Requiem Mass
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3	
7:00 AM Saint Lawrence	Maria Magdalena Mercaldo Hamm by Frances Stetts
8:00 AM Saint Boniface	Ann, Bruce & Sam Carpenter by Paul & Tacie Rooney
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | *St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*	
7:00 AM DPH Chapel	Peter & Agnes Carey by The Family
10:00 AM Saint Boniface	SJNRA All-Academy School Mass
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5	
7:00 AM Saint Ann	Tom Holmes by Denise, Brian & Melissa
8:00 AM Saint Boniface	Blanche Clair by The Family
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6	
7:00 AM Saint Ann	For All Deceased Members of the Priest's Purgatorial Society & All Deceased Priests of the Diocese
8:00 AM Saint Boniface	Carl Haefner by John Bravin
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7	
4:00 PM Saint Boniface	Charles Stewart by Dave & Deb Damaska
5:30 PM Saint Ann	Janice McFadden by Terry Kirby
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*	
8:00 AM Saint Lawrence	Ellie Peck by Kelly Wrightson
9:30 AM Saint Ann	People of the Parishes
11:00 AM Saint Boniface	All Souls Intentions
7:00 PM SCI Muncy	Karen Hamm by Frances Stetts

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NOVEMBER 7 & 8

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 PM | SB	Julian & Charlotte Cappel
5:30 PM | SA	Josephine & Brandon Renninger
8:00 AM | SL	Sophia & Caleb Sampsell
9:30 AM | SA	Wesley & Claire Johnson
11:00 AM | SB	Tommy, Willow & Violet Reid

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

4:00 PM | SB	Ray Fischer, Bill Hakes, Pat Rogers, Jim Noviello, Jaci Cappel
5:30 PM | SA	Maggie Magagna, Roger Keller, Rosemary Wiegand
8:00 AM | SL	Scott McFadden, Jim Dinsmore, Noah Bauer
9:30 AM | SA	JoAnn DiPasquale, Ernie Wheeland, Tom Wetzel
11:00 AM | SB	Megan Kinney, Sharon Thompson, Ryan Pritchard, Cindy Furey, Sue Lingg

LECTORS

4:00 PM | SB	Vince Dandini
5:30 PM | SA	Jessica Renninger
8:00 AM | SL	Barbara Heiser
9:30 AM | SA	Christine Haas
11:00 AM | SB	Chris McPherson

USHERS

4:00 PM | SB	*TBD*
5:30 PM | SA	Brett Homan and Don Roman
8:00 AM | SL	Kelly Wrightson
9:30 AM | SA	Joe Weber
11:00 AM | SB	Bob Engel and Teresa Bower

GREETERS

4:00 PM | SB	Elaine & Keith Harvey
5:30 PM | SA	Pat LeFever
8:00 AM | SL	Donna Cartwright
9:30 AM | SA	Chris Rimer
11:00 AM | SB	Dick & Judy Wagner

SACRISTANS

4:00 PM | SB	*TBD*
5:30 PM | SA	Maggie Magagna
8:00 AM | SL	Bruce Loner
9:30 AM | SA	Ernie Wheeland
11:00 AM | SB	Cindy Furey

FUNERAL LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

Team 2 Week of November 1 – 7

Elaine Perry, Carolyn Cosetine, Christine Kaiser, Gloria O'Connell, Rosemary Proctor, Theresa Haas, Kathy Sinibaldi, Deb Damaska, Donna Cartwright

The Adoration Chapel Candle for November burns for the Release of the Holy Souls and for the Intentions of the Brann Family

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Ann burns in memory of Jessica Hoskavich by Cindy & Rick Gordon and Jennie & Chris Hoskavich

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Boniface burns in memory of Frank Pugliese by Dave & Deb Damaska

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS & EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
- **Holy Hour for Life, Conversion & Peace** 3:00PM (SA Mary, Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel)
- **Trunk or Treat** 6:00-8:00PM (SA Church Lot & Pavilion)
- **Trick or Treating** 6:00-8:00PM (SL Church Porch)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
- **SA Faith Formation** 8:15-9:15AM (SA Parish Center)
- **Coffee & Donuts After Mass** 9:00AM (SL Church)
- **SB Faith Formation** 9:30-10:40AM (SJNRA Elementary School)
- **High School Ministry** 9:30-10:40AM (SB Rectory)
- **Sunday Morning Refresh** 9:30-10:35AM (SB RAC)
- **St. Boniface Choir Practice** 7:30PM (SB Church)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
- **Confessions & Adoration** 5:30-6:45PM (SB Church)
- **Adult Faith Formation Small Group** 6:00PM (SB RAC)
- **Requiem Mass** 7:00PM (SB Church)
- **OCIA** 7:00PM (SA Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
- **Voting** All Day (SL Hall)
- **Scriptural Rosary** 6:30PM (SB Church)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
- **Holy Hour for Life, Conversion & Peace** 11:00AM (SA Mary, Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel)
- **Adult Faith Formation Small Group** 2:00PM (SL Hall)
- **Pack 38** 6:00-7:30PM (SA Parish Center)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
- **Men's Bible Study** 6:30-7:30AM (SA Parish Hall)
- **Circle of Grace** 1:00-2:00PM (SA Parish Hall)
- **Adult Faith Formation Small Group** 2:00PM (SL Hall)
- **St. Lawrence Choir Practice** 5:15PM (SL Church)
- **Confessions & Adoration** 5:30-7:00PM (SA Church)
- **Contemporary Choir Practice** 6:30PM (SB Church)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
- **AA** 10:00AM-12:00PM (SA Parish Hall)
- **Seven Sorrows Rosary** 11:00AM (SA Mary, Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
- **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution** 8:00-10:00AM (SA Parish Center)
- **First Saturday Confessions** 9:00-9:30AM (SL Church)
- **The Power of Prayer Hallow Event** 2:00PM (SB Church)
- **Holy Hour for Life, Conversion & Peace** 3:00PM (SA Mary, Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
- **SA Faith Formation** 8:15-9:15AM (SA Parish Center)
- **SB Faith Formation** 9:30-10:40AM (SJNRA Elementary School)
- **High School Ministry** 9:30-10:40AM (SB Rectory)
- **Vocations Panel** 9:30-10:40AM (SJNRA Elementary Gym)
- **Coffee & Donuts After Mass** 12:00PM (SB Lounge)
- **Companions of Pauline** 1:00-3:00PM (SA Parish Hall)
- **Oblates of St. Benedict** 1:30-3:00PM (SB Lounge)
- **SB Activities Committee** 7:00PM (SB RAC)

VOCATIONS

Your contribution directly supports vocations, seminarians, and the care of retired clergy.

In 2026, the Saint Piux X Seminary re-opened, allowing seminarians entering priestly formation to pray, study, and discern the call to priesthood - right here in our Diocese.

Learn More or Make an Early Gift at:
AnnualAppeal.org

Saint Ann Parish

Saint Ann Church
1305 Northway Rd
Williamsport, PA 17701

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 24 - 25

Church: $3,606.00
Online: $1,560.00
TOTAL: $5,166.00

Upcoming special collections:
Care & Education of Priests
Oct 31 & Nov 1
Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Ann Catholic Church CASH CLUB 2025-2026

Thanks for a great season!

Saint Ann Catholic Church CASH CLUB 2026-2027

Current Entries:
347 Sold + 104 Free =
451 Tickets

Tickets available for purchase at the church and Parish Office

ONLINE GIVING

osvhub.com/saintannrcc

WELCOME TO SAINT ANN CHURCH!

We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a parish home, we invite you to become part of our family of faith and become fully involved in our life of word, worship, community, and service. Please register by calling the Parish Office or online at **osvhub.com/saintannrcc/directory/register**

Bag Distribution:
Saturday, November 7th

Food Collection:
Saturday, November 14th

Troop 38 will be delivering food collection bags to residents of Loyalsock Township as part of their annual Scouting for Food program. Filled bags will be collected the following weekend. Food received through this effort will be distributed local food pantries, including the Mary Carlucci Food Pantry. If you live in Loyalsock, please support the Scouts in this initiative and encourage your neighbors to do the same!

OUR CALL TO SERVE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Saint Ann Parish
AnnualAppeal.org
GOAL: $48,905 ACTUAL: $14,455 29.56%

Women's Guild

TREASURE & JEWELRY SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

8:30AM – 12:00PM EACH DAY

Saint Ann Parish Hall | 1305 Northway Road

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
1:00-4:00PM IN THE PARISH HALL

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Coats for Kids

Our Knights of Columbus are once again running their "Coats for Kids" program to collect new and gently used coats for kids in need this winter.

Donations are gratefully accepted by Sunday, November 29th.

There are collection bins in each of the churches and at the Parish Office.

Thank you!

A warm welcome to the women of Saint Ann and Saint Boniface parishes for the

Women's Guild

2026 Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 5th

11:30AM - 2:00PM

505 Restaurant & Bar

505 Washington Blvd. Williamsport

Good Food, Good Company, Fun Games, & Prizes!

Cost is $27.00 per person. Register by returning the RSVP form with payment to the Parish Office or in the offertory collection by Thursday, November 19th. Please contact Lydia Comerford at 570-772-0760 with any questions.

Women's Guild

2026 Christmas Luncheon RSVP

NAME _____

GUEST _____

PHONE _____

_____# x $27/person $_____ (Amt. enclosed)

Choose one entrée per person. Choices are:

_____ Stuffed chicken breast with mashed potatoes (gravy on the side)

_____ Broiled haddock with baked potato (butter and sour cream on the side)

All dinners include bread and side salad, water, coffee, and iced tea.
Free sheet cake dessert provided by the Guild
Cash bar available for soda or alcoholic drink.

Return form & payment by Thursday, November 19th. Make checks payable to St. Ann Church with Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon in memo. Thank you!

Saint Boniface Parish

Saint Boniface Church
326 Washington Blvd
Williamsport, PA 17701

Saint Lawrence Church
800 W Central Ave
S Williamsport, PA 17702

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

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Online: $4,721.50
TOTAL: $10,685.00

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Care & Education of Priests
Oct 31 & Nov 1
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ONLINE GIVING

osvhub.com/st-boniface-williamsport

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US, WELCOME!

If you consider our parish your new church home, please contact the Parish Office, 570-326-1544, for a registration form.
Forms may be found in the Narthex or go online:
osvhub.com/st-boniface-williamsport/directory/register

SAINT BONIFACE PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Eric Beiter	Vice-Chair: Greg Deck	Secretary: Ron Ferguson
Tom Engel	Moira Fleming-Kantack	Karen Fry
Karen Kirk-Newman	Brenda Larson	Scott Lorson
Ryan Prichard	Stephanie Radulski	

coffee & donuts after Mass

ST. BONIFACE (after 11am Mass):
November 8 - Hosted by Lee & Lisa Ciccarelli and Tim & Lisa McCloskey
November 22 - Hosted by Chris Dell and Bob & Carol Pawlikowski

ST. LAWRENCE (after 8am Mass):
November 1 - Hosted by the Saint Lawrence Activities Committee

OUR CALL TO SERVE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL — Saint Boniface Parish — AnnualAppeal.org
GOAL: $77,572 ACTUAL: $43,109 55.57%

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL
800 W CENTRAL AVE
SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT

Pancake BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026
8:00AM-12:30PM

$12 ADULTS

DELICIOUS FLUFFY PANCAKES
SAUSAGES - EGGS
SCRAPPLE - FRESH FRUIT
COFFEE - OJ - TASTY TREATS

Kids under 12 FREE

TURKEY RAFFLE PARTY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH
7:00PM

FREE SNACKS

TICKETS $1
TICKETS GO ON SALE WEEKEND OF OCT 31/NOV 1 AT ALL THREE CHURCHES!

30 Gift Card Chances

BRING A FRIEND AND ENJOY THE PARTY!
IT'S THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN!!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM
710 FRANKLIN ST WILLIAMSPORT

SPONSORED BY THE ST BONIFACE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

ST. ANN & ST. BONIFACE

The Power of Prayer

Hear from Alex White, Hallow Mission Lead

Alex White hails from Fayetteville, WV. In the past, he's spent time as a high school theology teacher, DoorDash delivery driver, sound-and-light technician for a theater, and seminarian. Today, Alex lives in his cool hometown of Fayetteville, runs a movie ministry at his parish, moderates his Family Book Club, and travels to speak to Hallow's partners about the transformative power of God's Spirit through prayer.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 SCHEDULE (AT ST. BONIFACE)

2:00	Social in the narthex and lounge
2:30–3:00	Talk: The Power of Prayer, in the church
3:00–3:15	Discussion questions
3:15–3:45	Holy Half Hour with Eucharistic Adoration

ALSO AT THE VIGIL MASSES

Alex will share about Hallow, offer hands-on help, and introduce our community prayer challenge starting that day: the Surrender Novena!

Hallow

STARTS NOV. 7

The Surrender Novena

Our community prayer challenge

Join the Surrender Novena

Scan with your phone camera to pray with St. Ann & St. Boniface on Hallow.

hallow.com/communities/5789

Community

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays 6:30-7:30 AM, Saint Ann Parish Hall

WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF GRACE
Thursdays 1:00-2:00PM, Saint Ann Parish Hall

SUNDAY MORNING REFRESH
Sundays 9:30-10:40 AM, Saint Boniface RAC
November 1 – The Art of Living:
The Cardinal Virtue of Prudence
November 8 – Vocations Panel *in SJNRA gym*
(more details below)
November 15 – The Art of Living:
The Cardinal Virtue of Fortitude
Join us for a fresh cup of coffee, meaningful conversation, and a welcoming space to refresh your soul.

VOCATIONS PANEL DISCUSSION
November 8 | 9:30-10:40 AM *moved to SJNRA gym*
In celebration of **National Vocations Awareness Week**, join us for an inspiring panel discussion featuring representatives from all walks of life. Speakers from the **priesthood, permanent deaconate, religious sisterhood, married life, and single life** will share their personal stories about answering God's calling and how they live out their faith every day. **All are welcome to attend!** (Please enter through the main elementary school doors to access the gym.)

MONDAYS WITH THE CHOSEN – UPDATE
THE NOVEMBER 9 SESSION HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO SMALL GROUP MEETINGS. WILL PICK UP AGAIN IN DECEMBER.
Select Mondays 7:00PM, Saint Boniface RAC
December 7 – Season 4, Episode 7: The Last Sign
Watch this captivating series about the life of Christ and His Chosen ones. Discussion and refreshments follow the episode. Hosted by Jack Houston.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

CLASSROOM FAITH FORMATION
Upcoming Schedule:
November 1 – Class Day
November 8 – Class Day (last week was in error)
November 15 – Class Day
November 22 – Class Day
November 29 – NO CLASS, Thanksgiving Break

SA: 8:15 – 9:15 AM, Saint Ann Parish Center
SB: 9:30 – 10:40 AM, SJNRA Elementary School
Classroom instruction and sacramental preparation for Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Registration required.
Tiffany Haller, Director faith.stannrcc@gmail.com
Jessica Renninger, Assistant faith2.stannbon@gmail.com

Faith Formation Handbook

Guide for Catholic Families

CLASSROOM AID NEEDED!
An aid is needed for the Kindergarten and Grade 1 classroom during Saint Ann Faith Formation sessions (8:15-9:15AM). The volunteer could be a high school student or adult. (Anyone over the age of 18 will need to complete background checks prior to starting.) Main tasks would include supervising the classroom and assisting the students with activities. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tiffany at 570-326-1544 or faith.stannrcc@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)
2026 Schedule:
November 8 & 22
December 6 & 20
9:30 AM Mass at Saint Ann
11:00 AM Mass at Saint Boniface
Children ages 4-9 will be invited to listen to the Word of God proclaimed in age-appropriate language. Children leave for the Readings during Mass and return at Offertory, providing parents with an opportunity to focus on the Scripture message and the homily. Each child goes home with materials that pertain to the Gospel or reading that was highlighted that day.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY
November 1, 8, 15 & 22 | 9:30-10:40 AM
Saint Boniface Rectory, First Floor
Open to students in 9th through 12th Grade. Stay tuned for additional opportunities for activities, service projects, and events throughout the year!
Megan Kinney, Leader mek36292@yahoo.com

PRAYER LIST

Chris Heim † Dennis G. Jones, Jr † Joan Eastlake † Mary Ann Waldman † Susie Hill † Caroline Missigman † Jerry Lariviere † Mike Norman † Jack Gerrity † Joyce Fitting † Jason Lewis † Denise Dersham † Isabella Newcomer † Annette & Kenneth Entz † Jane Dincher † Rick Balestino † Alex Sullivan † James Wilson † Nick Myers † Lilliann Fischer † Sandy Slattery † George Dieffenbacher † Richard Steppe † Donna Carey † Sharon Buehrer † Sedrik Miles † Carol Hamm † Susie Cress †

Please call the Parish Office to add your loved one.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a family member is hospitalized or admitted to a nursing facility and would like a pastoral visit from a priest, please contact the Parish Office (570-326-1544). **Hospitals and healthcare facilities do not make the parishes aware when someone is admitted.** Our priests can administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To arrange these sacraments or for any visits, please call. *If it is an emergency after the office is closed, please follow the directions on the answering machine for ext 306.*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Does your love for the Eucharist include a desire to distribute Communion at Mass? *Would you like to assist the Priest at Mass by distributing the Eucharist as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?*

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion assist the Priest to prepare and distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the people during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This involves bringing the hosts from the tabernacle to the altar after the Lamb of God is sung or spoken. They stand at the altar with the Priest, pray with the assembly and reverently distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the people. The extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, who are usually adults, have special instruction before they perform this ministry. They also take the Eucharist to believers who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability. To join this special ministry, volunteers are required to be practicing Catholics and attend a short training. Call or email the Parish Office to inquire.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Rite of Anointing tells us **there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament**. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age. If you or a family member is in need of Anointing the Sick, please call. *If it is an emergency after the office is closed, please follow the directions on the answering machine for ext 306.*

SAINT BONIFACE CEMETERY CLEANUP

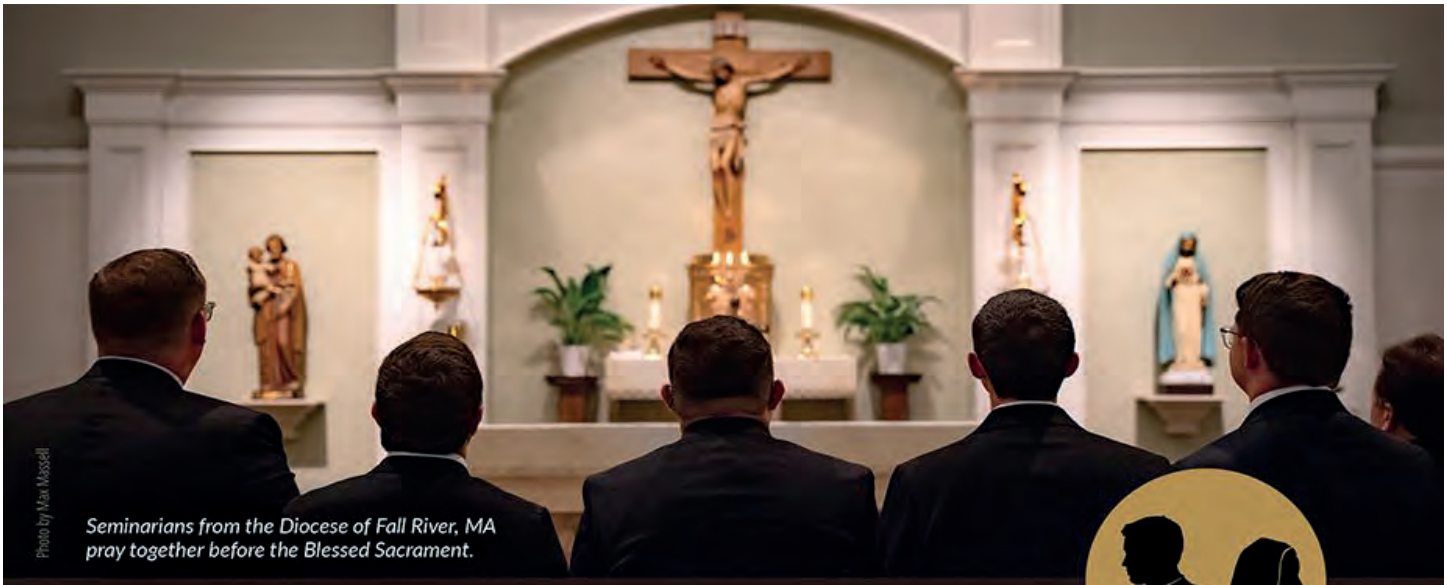
The fall cleanup will take place on **Saturday, November 14th.** This will be the final cleanup for the year. Please remove items that you wish to retain. Items that are dead, broken, or considered unsightly will be removed at this time. Thank you for your cooperation!

SAINT BONIFACE CHURCH CLEANING

Volunteers are needed to help with the regular cleaning of St. Boniface Church. The schedule is flexible and can be arranged to fit your availability. Call or email the Parish Office to inquire.

FUEL CO-OP

Our parishes have joined the Fuel Co-Op with The United Churches of Lycoming County. **Dittmar Fuel has offered a discount on oil** of $0.20/gallon with a minimum 125-gallon delivery. **This co-op is now active.** If receiving LIHEAP funds, the LIHEAP funds must be used before using this discount. Discounts apply during normal business hours Monday through Friday and 24 hours notice should be given for scheduling deliveries. If you are interested in using R W Dittmar Plumbing, Heating, and Oil Company of Muncy for your home heating oil needs, please contact them at 570-546-2746 to schedule an initial inspection and set-up, and explain you are in the co-op.



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Seminarians from the Diocese of Fall River, MA pray together before the Blessed Sacrament.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

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FR. SCOTT BORBA

COSMETICS KING ORDAINED A PRIEST

Scott Borba seemed to have everything. As a co-founder of e.l.f. Cosmetics, he helped build a globally successful beauty brand. His career brought wealth, red carpets, television appearances, and a glamorous Hollywood lifestyle. But something was missing.

Scott had actually sensed a call to the priesthood as a boy growing up in a Catholic family in California. At age ten, he believed God was asking him to become a priest—but he resisted. "I am not that guy," he remembers thinking.

In 2007, Scott Borba published Makeup for Dummies *as he worked to build a global skincare brand. In 2021, he left the beauty industry to enter St. Patrick's Seminary in San Francisco and later volunteered with the Missionaries of Charity. In 2026, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Fresno, California.*

Years later, even extraordinary success could not satisfy him. "I always wanted more," he told CBS News. "It was never satisfying enough."

After the death of his father and a period of deep personal struggle, Borba finally surrendered his life to God. One night, overwhelmed by the direction his life had taken, he prayed for God's help to become the man he had been created to be. That prayer changed everything.

Borba eventually left his former life behind, entered seminary, and was ordained a priest this year. His story offers a powerful reminder: It's never too late to answer God's call.

JUBILEE YEAR ✝ *of* SAINT FRANCIS

800 YEARS OF SAINT FRANCIS

Few saints have transformed the Church quite like St. Francis of Assisi. The son of a wealthy merchant, Francis walked away from comfort, status, and ambition to embrace a startlingly simple vocation: to live the Gospel without compromise. His captivating witness inspired both men and women to embrace radical poverty for the sake of Christ.

Within years, the Franciscan movement swept across Europe, calling the Church back to poverty, joy, prayer, and love of Christ. Eight centuries later, Franciscans still carry the mission of their founder. Yet Francis himself never set out to build a religious movement; he simply said "yes" to God to embrace a radically simple vocation.

OUR BRAND-NEW PRIESTS

ORDINATION INSIGHTS

While the number of active priests in the U.S. continues to decline due to deaths and retirements, annual ordinations have remained relatively steady for the past three decades—generally between 425 and 515 per year. That stability follows a steep decline from the much higher ordination numbers of the 1960s and 1970s.

This year's CARA survey of the 2026 ordination class offers a revealing portrait of America's newest priests. On average, they first considered the priesthood at age 16 and were ordained at 33. Nearly half (45%) attended a Catholic elementary school, 38% attended Catholic high school, and 34% attended a Catholic college.

Only 7% were converts to the Catholic faith, with 93% baptized as infants. Interestingly, 28% said they have a relative who is a priest or religious.

SPECIAL FEATURE: THE INTERSECTION OF SPORTS & VOCATIONS

SHARING THEIR JOY

THE SUPERFAN SISTERS

The San Antonio Spurs may have the NBA's most heavenly cheering section. For more than 20 years, the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco—affectionately known as the "Spurs Nuns"—have worn team jerseys over their habits and cheered from the sidelines. During the 2026 NBA Finals, they even prayed courtside with superstar Victor Wembanyama—and probably prayed for the disappointed fans, as the Spurs went on to lose the finals. For the sisters, basketball is more than fun: their Spurs fandom helps them connect with young people and share the joy of their vocation.

WHITE SOX HONOR POPE LEO

Only in Chicago could a baseball game look like a bishops' conference.

On August 11, nearly 41,000 fans packed Rate Field as the White Sox celebrated their most famous fan: Pope Leo XIV, a Chicago native and lifelong Sox supporter. Fans received black-and-gold "pope hats"—miters emblazoned with the Sox logo—turning the stands into a sea of honorary pontiffs.

Dominican Sister Mary Jo Sobieck threw out the first pitch and the fifth inning featured something rarely seen at a ballpark: a stadium-wide Sign of Peace. The Sox even made a $14,000 donation to the Midwest Augustinian Province, Pope Leo's religious order.

The White Sox lost to Cincinnati—but with 41,000 popes in attendance, perhaps winning wasn't everything.

KID'S KORNER

Year A

Gospel Today

All Saints | Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus gave His Sermon on the Mount, He taught us wisdom in the Beatitudes.

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THE BEATITUDES

(Find the underlined words In the puzzle)

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Pray for all the Saints who intercede for us and all the Souls of those gone before us.

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