



## Stewardship Renewal

Dear Parishioner,

On behalf of the Saint Boniface staff and the parish community at large, we want to thank you for your continued support of Saint Boniface! Your parish has seen immense change over the course of its 180 plus years of proclaiming Christ to the local community and with your contribution this community can, and will, continue to do so up to its bicentennial in 2036, and beyond. We hope that Saint Boniface is providing for your needs, the needs of the local community, including Nativity Academy, as well as the impoverished, who are dear to the heart of Saint Boniface's mission. To ensure that we hear your thoughts on the ministry provided here we will be conducting a survey along with this stewardship renewal process. In addition, the parish council will be seeing some modifications so that they can better serve you, the parishioner of Saint Boniface.

**STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL:** Signing up as a member of a church community is an important step in the journey of Christian discipleship, but the journey does not end there. What good is faith if that faith is not witnessed to by the good that we do? The next big step is committing to stewardship of the gifts that God has bestowed upon you, and your family.

**Stewardship is a lifetime of opportunity, responsibility, and accountability.**

In this way, stewardship does not simply mean material wealth, although that is an important factor - as the saying goes: 'put your money where your heart is.' Stewardship is rather the acknowledgment of our ability to live out the two most important commandments: "*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.*" ~ Matthew 22:37-40 If our time, talent and treasure are separate from these two commandments how can we tell ourselves that we are living those commands to their fullest? Please prayerfully consider your contribution to the ministry of your parish. There are many ways to do this. We ask that you complete the stewardship form, you can also go online and check out the 'Support' page on our website. We will make use of this information in forming our 2019-2020 parish budget.

**PARISH COUNCIL ORGANIZATION:** The Saint Boniface parish council is a vital part of listening to the needs and desires of a parish community and communicating the plan to see the parish vision realized. To maintain the effectiveness of the parish council it will be important to look at how the council functions, who makes up the council, and how long their term will be. To facilitate this revitalization, we propose the following structure:

- President, Worship, Finance - appointed
- Community, Outreach, Nativity - elected
- Three at-large members - elected

These decisions will be made in the coming months with the desire to inaugurate the new parish council in April of 2019. Those currently serving on the parish council will oversee this process.



**PARISH SURVEY:** The stewardship renewal and parish survey are meant to encourage a renewal of life at Saint Boniface. This renewal must start at the Eucharistic celebration, and must in turn encourage greater participation at those same parish Masses. Each Mass at Saint Boniface would **ideally** make use of the stewardship of:

- 1 priest presider
- 1 deacon
- 1 sacristan
- 3 hospitality ministers
- 4 ushers
- 2 altar servers
- 2 lectors
- 2 gift bearers
- 1 cantor
- 1 organist
- 5+ in choir

That is 18 ministers without the choir, and 23+ with the choir. This number does not even count the money counters, and other behind-the-scenes people who contribute to our ability to worship God at Saint Boniface. Ideally each of these roles is held by a separate person; it has become commonplace, however, for a few people to fill several roles at a time. This arraignment is unsustainable and fails to call upon the parishioners of Saint Boniface to rise to the occasion.

It is primarily out of this reality that the parish survey will include the question of whether or not we should go to a single Mass on Sundays. This is not an easy question to ask, but for the future of Saint Boniface it is a question that needs to be asked. Nothing is set in stone and a genuinely sacrificial response to the stewardship process may very well alleviate the urgency around this question. Please look closely at the following material and know that we are available to answer any questions you may have.

**TIMELINE:** The stewardship letter, form, and parish survey will be available in the back of church the weekends of February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The remaining material will be mailed the following week. We request that the stewardship form and parish survey be returned by mail, in the Sunday collection, or electronically by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The parish survey is confidential, but you may acknowledge your identity if you so choose. The data will be made available in April, along with the institution of the new parish council.

May God's blessing shine upon you, and your family!

In the Peace of Christ,

*Rev. Adam Carrico*

Associate Pastor

*Rev. Jeff Shooner*

Pastor



**HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID/FAMILY # \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home / cell): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME**

For this year I / we commit to: X - continuing ? - seek information ✓ - begin

Lector	[ ]	Gift Bearer	[ ]	Community Events	[ ]
Eucharistic Minister	[ ]	Usher	[ ]	Nativity Volunteer	[ ]
Altar Server	[ ]	Collection Counter	[ ]	CLCM Volunteer	[ ]
Sacristan	[ ]	Hospitality Minister	[ ]	St. John's Volunteer	[ ]
Choir	[ ]	Tour Guide	[ ]	Office Volunteer	[ ]

**TALENT**

For this year I / we commit to contribute (i.e. wood working, gardening, social media, minor repairs...)

**TREASURE**

For this year I / we commit to financially contributing:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per Week (x52) [ ] Month (x12) [ ] = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quarter (x4) [ ] Year (x1) [ ]

Other ways in which you may consider supporting Saint Boniface is to remember the parish in your will, if you use Amazon.com to sign up for Amazon Smile, and to consider online giving - a safe and certain way of contributing to your parish. More information can be found on the 'Support' page of our website.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

I / we are open to serving on the parish council: Yes [ ] No [ ] Perhaps [ ]

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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