

Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

*“As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace... in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”
(1 Peter 4:10-11a)*

In his first letter, St. Peter reminds us that God has entrusted each of us with gifts that are meant to be shared for the benefit of all. As a parish community, we are beneficiaries of the 184-year-long legacy of Saint Boniface, and each of us have a part to play in ensuring that legacy will be handed on to future generations. Stewardship is an act of gratitude in response to the ways in which we have been blessed. It is also an acceptance of the dignity God has bestowed on us as his people whom he has called to participate in the Church’s mission of glorifying God and saving souls. While it is always true that every Christian is called to be a “good steward of God’s varied grace,” at this point in Saint Boniface’s history it is especially important for everyone to recognize that their gifts are valuable and needed. Healthy parishes do not just happen; rather, they come about when parishioners generously offer their time, talent, and treasure to the service of Christ in obedience to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our parish experienced several noteworthy events and transitions in 2019. Fr. Steven Reeves is very grateful for how he has been welcomed as associate pastor beginning in the summer. At the same time, we also welcomed Ryan McEldowney as our new organist and director of music. He and his family have been a wonderful gift to our parish. Our newly-renovated parking lot and Fr. Tim Hogan Plaza, dedicated in August, serve as signs of hospitality to all who come here. In September, the parish participated in NuLu Fest, introducing ourselves to many visitors who stopped by to leave a prayer request or take a photo of themselves as a priest or nun. This fall, Fr. Steven began a Bible study that has built community among young adults in the nearby area. Consultation with a sound engineer has helped us improve the audio quality in the church.

We continue to welcome many couples each year to celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony in our church. You also continue to support the ministries of Nativity Academy, CLCM, St. John’s Center, and Wayside through your donations and volunteering. Gale Gowen, our business manager, and several volunteers have put many hours of work into cleaning and organizing spaces in and around the office building. Our parish council has met regularly under the leadership of co-chairs Michael Hanks and Charles Gazaway for fruitful conversation regarding the needs of the parish. With your continued support, we can do even more in the coming year to build up Saint Boniface and the Kingdom of God.

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The stewardship renewal process for 2020 begins with your completion of the enclosed stewardship form. Please read through the descriptions of available ministry opportunities and prayerfully consider how God may be inviting you to serve. We ask that you return your completed form by March 8th. You should then expect to be contacted within two weeks for any new ministries you express interest in.

In addition to your time and talent, we also rely on your financial support to continue serving you and our community. You may want to consider setting up online giving by visiting our parish website, www.stbonifaceparish.com, and clicking the "Give" link.

Thank you for your presence, your prayers, and your continued support of Saint Boniface!

In the peace of Christ,

Fr. Jeff Shooner, Pastor

Fr. Steven Reeves, Associate Pastor

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