

St. Boniface

Catholic Church

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230 1st St. NW - Lidgerwood, ND 58053

Also Serving St. Martin of Tours, Geneseo and Sts. Peter & Paul, Cayuga

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saint Boniface
Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Saint Martin of Tours - Geneseo
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

Saints Peter & Paul - Cayuga
Sunday - 12:00 p.m. (noon)

November 24, 2024 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Citizens of Another Country

I read an article, years ago, about an American filmmaker who decided to step away from a wildly successful film franchise that had been requiring him and his family to live abroad.

It stuck in my mind because of the tongue-in-cheek reasoning he gave for the surprising decision, "My kids were starting to speak in British accents." Sometimes, we just want to go home, don't we?

Returning from a recent family vacation, I burst into tears at the airport, overcome with relief when I saw my sister's van pulling into the pickup lane. It didn't matter that I had had fun on this trip and that I was even looking forward to taking another one. In that moment, I was so tired, and all I wanted was my own bed. The smell of my own house. The feeling of not being "away."

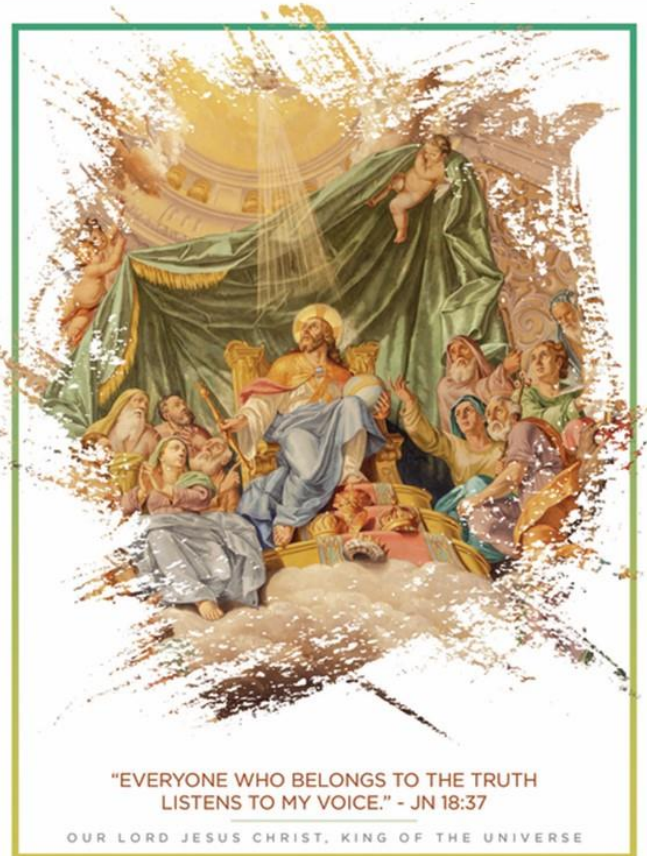
If Jesus is our king, and his kingdom is not of this world, then we live our lives as perpetual aliens. This should reassure us in some ways. The world so often feels cold and cruel and strange to us because it *is*.

We were not made for this world. We were made for heaven. We were made to yearn for the face, the presence, the protection of our King.

But this understanding of ourselves as strangers in a foreign land should also be a caution to us.

We can't get too comfortable here. We cannot become too wrapped up in the world and its temptations, its rewards, its comforts. We cannot start speaking in the language, the accent of our adopted homeland. Not if we ever want to return home and belong there.

Our King looks for our return.



Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37

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Weekly Mass Schedule



<u>Sunday Liturgies</u>		
Saturday, Nov. 23	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† John Gaukler
Sunday, Nov. 24	8:30 am (St. B.)	Pro Popula
	10:30 am (St. M.)	† Jerry Riba
	12:00 pm (Sts. P&P)	Special Intention
<u>Weekday Liturgies</u>		
Monday, Nov. 25	NO MASS	
Tuesday, Nov. 26	NO MASS	
Wed., Nov. 27	NO MASS	
Thursday, Nov. 28	9:00 am (St. B.)	L&D Members of Lyon Family
Friday, Nov. 29	10:00 am (St. B.)	† John & Josephine Gettel
<u>Sunday Liturgies</u>		
Saturday, Nov. 30	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† Roman Heley
Sunday, Dec. 1	8:30 am (St. B.)	Pro Popula
	10:30 am (St. M.)	† Lawrence Harles
	12:00 pm (Sts. P&P)	Special Intention

Reconciliation Schedule

St. Boniface: Saturday & Sunday – Before/after Mass
Thursday – after Mass

St. Martin: Sunday – Before and after Mass

Sts. Peter & Paul – Before and after Mass

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Dan Schmit - Tony Schouviller - Joan Moerke
Shelby Northrop - Peggy Harles - Nick Podliska
Rick Kane - Dan Frolek - Brad Meyer - Shirley Ahrens
Barb Perry

If you have any imminent prayer requests, please call or text Cindy at 701-640-1401.

All Parishes

Eucharistic Adoration – No Adoration on
Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 28.

We are still in need for someone to share the 9-10 am, 3-4 pm and 6-7 pm adoration slot. Please contact Sharon at 612-790-1211 or 538-7010 if you are able to help.

CCD/CYO – There will be **NO** class this week.

Capital Campaign – Thanks to all the families who have made their commitments to the campaign. If you have not yet sent in your pledge, please prayerfully consider what you will give to God from the heart.

St. Boniface Altar Society will meet on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 7pm.

St. Boniface Church Cleaning – Thank you to all the women who were able to help clean on Nov. 9. There is a list of in the kitchen of things that still need to be done. Please consider helping out whenever your time allows. We just ask that you mark the list as to what has been completed. Thanks so much!

No Women's Group on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

KC Blood Drive will be held at the KC Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Please call Mike at 538-7396 or 701-318-0947 or Dave at 538-4343 to schedule an appointment.

St. Martin's Christian Mothers Advent/Christmas Celebration will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5. Mass will be at 10am at St. Martin's with a potluck and bingo to follow.

Pope Francis announces 2025 canonizations for Carlo Acutis, Pier Giorgio Frassati

Pope Francis announced Wednesday that Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, two young Catholics beloved for their vibrant faith and witness to holiness, will be canonized during two major jubilee celebrations dedicated to young people.

The surprise announcement came at the conclusion of the pope's weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square as Francis celebrated World Children's Day.

Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni later confirmed that Acutis' canonization will occur during the Church's Jubilee of Teenagers taking place April 25–27, 2025, and Frassati's canonization will take place during the Jubilee of Youth from July 28–Aug. 3, 2025.

According to the Diocese of Assisi, Acutis' canonization Mass is expected to take place on Sunday, April 27, at 10:30 a.m. local time in St. Peter's Square.

Both soon-to-be saints are beloved by many Catholic young people for their enthusiastic pursuit of holiness. The two canonizations are expected to bring many young people to the Eternal City in 2025 for the Catholic Church's Jubilee of Hope.

Carlo Acutis: the first millennial saint

Acutis, an Italian computer-coding teenager who died of cancer in 2006, is known for his great devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Born in 1991, Acutis is the first millennial to be beatified by the Catholic Church. Shortly after his first Communion at the age of 7, Acutis told his mother: "To always be united to Jesus: This is my life plan."

To accomplish this, Acutis sought to attend daily Mass as often as he could at the parish church across the street from his elementary school in Milan.

Acutis called the Eucharist "my highway to heaven," and he did all in his power to make this presence known. His witness inspired his own parents to return to practicing the

Catholic faith and his Hindu au pair to convert and be baptized.

Acutis was a tech-savvy kid who loved computers, animals, and video games. His spiritual director has recalled that Acutis was convinced that the evidence of Eucharistic miracles could be persuasive in helping people to realize that Jesus is present at every Mass.

Over the course of two and a half years, Acutis worked with his family to put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles that premiered in 2005 during the Year of the Eucharist proclaimed by Pope John Paul II and has since gone on to be displayed at thousands of parishes on five continents.

Many of Acutis' classmates, friends, and family members have testified how he brought them closer to God. Acutis was a very open person and was not shy about speaking with his classmates and anyone he met about the things he loved: the Mass, the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and heaven.

He is remembered for saying: "People who place themselves before the sun get a tan; people who place themselves before the Eucharist become saints."

Acutis died at the age of 15 in 2006, shortly after being diagnosed with leukemia. Before he died, Acutis told his mother: "I offer all of my suffering to the Lord for the pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven."

Thousands of people visited Acutis' tomb in Assisi following his beatification in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 10, 2020. Since his beatification, Catholic schools from the Australian outback to England have been named after Acutis, as well as countless ministries and parish initiatives.

Pope Francis encouraged young people to imitate Acutis in prioritizing "the great gift of the Eucharist" in his message for the upcoming diocesan World Youth Days.

Pier Giorgio Frassati: 'To the heights' of holiness
Frassati, who died at the age of 24 in 1925, is also beloved by many today for his enthusiastic witness to holiness that reaches "to the heights."

The young man from the northern Italian city of Turin was an avid mountaineer and Third Order Dominican known for his charitable outreach.

Born on Holy Saturday, April 6, 1901, Frassati was the son of the founder and director of the Italian newspaper *La Stampa*.

At the age of 17, he joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society and dedicated much of his spare time to taking care of the poor, the homeless, and the sick as well as demobilized servicemen returning from World War I. Frassati was also involved in the Apostleship of Prayer and Catholic Action. He obtained permission to receive daily Communion.

On a photograph of what would be his last climb, Frassati wrote the phrase "Verso L'Alto," which means "to the heights." This phrase has become a motto for Catholics inspired by Frassati to strive for the summit of eternal life

with Christ.

Frassati died of polio on July 4, 1925. His doctors later speculated that the young man had caught polio while serving the sick.

John Paul II, who beatified Frassati in 1990, called him a "man of the eight beatitudes," describing him as "entirely immersed in the mystery of God and totally dedicated to the constant service of his neighbor."

The Vatican has yet to announce the recognition of the second miracle attributed to Frassati, which made his canonization possible.

The confirmation of the miracle from the Vatican, along with the announcement of the specific date of Frassati's canonization Mass, are expected in the future.

St. Gertrude entered a monastery when she was 5 years old

During the 13th century it was common for young girls to receive education at a monastery and then later officially become part of the community.

While most monasteries in the modern era require a minimum age of 18 years old for entrance, the convents of the 13th century were much different.

St. Gertrude the Great reportedly entered the monastery when she was only five years old.

Childhood at the monastery

Pope Benedict XVI explained the reasoning behind this early entrance in a general audience in 2010:

Gertrude was born on January 6, 1256, on the Feast of the Epiphany, but nothing is known of her parents nor of the place of her birth...When she was five years old, in 1261, she entered the monastery for formation and education, a common practice in that period.

This practice is similar to the modern concept of boarding schools, as these young girls were not technically part of the community, but simply lived at the monastery for education. However, this exposure to religious life greatly formed St. Gertrude, preparing her for the future, as Pope Benedict XVI explains:

Here she spent her whole life, the most important stages of which she herself points out. In her memoirs she recalls that the Lord equipped her in advance with forbearing patience and infinite mercy, forgetting the years of her childhood, adolescence and youth, which she spent, she wrote, "in such mental blindness that I would have been capable... of thinking, saying or doing without remorse everything I liked and wherever I could, had you not armed me in advance, with an inherent horror of evil and a natural inclination for good and with the external vigilance of others. "I would have behaved like a pagan... in spite of desiring you since childhood, that is since my fifth year of age, when I went to live in the Benedictine shrine of religion to be educated among your most devout friends" (*ibid.*, II, 23, p. 140f.). The rare experience of living in a monastery at such a young age was beneficial for St. Gertrude, who would later be drawn into a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ.