

FAMILIA

NEWSLETTER

Weekend Masses

Weekend Masses are offered on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm and on Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the main church.

Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses are offered in the sacristy chapel on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm and Fridays at 12:00 noon.

Rosary

The Rosary is prayed every Sunday before 9:00 am Mass.

Confession

Every Saturday at 3:00 pm.

First Saturdays

First Saturday Mass is offered in the main church at 12 noon. Confessions at 11:00 am with Rosary at 11:30 am.

From the Desk of Father David Jenuwine

Dear Parish Family,

Will it ever warm up? It seems we get one or two hot days followed by one or two colder days. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for summer weather.

Many of you have commented that you will miss me when I move on to my next assignment. While I'm excited to be in an administrative role, I do have mixed feelings about leaving all of you who have been so kind and welcoming. The good news is that Washington Avenue goes north and then east, turning into Washington Road in Reese. Both churches are on the same road!

June is a special month for me. My mom's birthday is at the end of May, and my grandma's was four days later. As a kid, that always meant that mine was only four days away. Besides celebrating my 52nd birthday on June 8, my 5th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood is 3 days earlier on June 5.

As we move toward the summer, please don't forget your ministerial assignments. Also, if you know of anyone who needs a gentle nudge to join any of our ministries, summer is a good time to test the waters before making the decision to get on a schedule. Talk to Deacon

Roger about helping out at Mass.

Please continue to support each other and our parish with your prayers!

God bless you!

Fr. David



June is the month of the Sacred Heart. The devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most widely practiced and well-known devotions, taking Jesus Christ's physical heart as the representation of his divine love for humanity. The devotion especially emphasizes the unmitigated love, compassion, and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity.

Saint Boniface of Mainz

Saint Boniface (c. 675 – 5 June 754) was born Wynfryth in the kingdom of Wessex, at Crediton. He was an Anglo-Saxon missionary who propagated Christianity in the Frankish Empire during the 8th century, and is the patron saint of Germany. He the first archbishop of Mainz and is known as the Apostle of the Germans. He was martyred in Frisia in 754, along with 52 others. His remains were returned to Fulda, where they rest in a sarcophagus which became a site of pilgrimage. Facts about Boniface's life and death as well as his work became widely known through the many hagiographies written about him.



Boniface first left for Europe in 716. He traveled to Utrecht, where he spent a year preaching in the countryside. His efforts were frustrated by a war in that area. Boniface returned the next year, and this time went straight to Rome, where Pope Gregory II gave him the name Boniface, and appointed him missionary bishop for Germany. He was a bishop without a diocese in an area that lacked any churches. He would never return to England, though he remained in correspondence with his homeland throughout his life. He is credited with inventing the Christmas tree.



Prayer of Consecration at the Ordination of a Priest

Almighty Father, grant to this servant of yours the dignity of the priesthood. Renew within him the Spirit of holiness. As a co-worker with the order of bishops may he be faithful to the ministry that he receives from you, Lord God, and be to others a model of right conduct. May he be faithful in working with the order of bishops, so that the words of the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth, and the family of nations, made one in Christ, may become God's one, holy people. Through Christ our Lord. –Amen.



The Mass in the Life of the Priest

The Mass is the very center of a priest's life. He does not write the Mass; the Mass writes him. In the end the priest becomes the text he utters at Mass. His is the body broken, his blood poured out for God's people. The same is true for all who pray the Mass with the priest. The heart of the mystery of the Mass is that each person's offering is joined to Christ, in one perfect offering to God.

Because the ministerial priest receives a unique ordination and consecration to preside at the altar of the Lord, he bears a responsibility to be configured to Christ the Priest. Patterning his life after Jesus, who consoles and prophesies, who breaks the bread and shares the wine, and who washes the feet of the Apostles.

(Adapted from Signatures of Grace, by Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM)