



February 7, 2022

Dear Monsignor, Father, or Principal,

Each Lent, the Church calls us to conversion through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Many people in our Diocese choose to bring these three aspects of Lenten observance to life through Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl. This program helps to provide families around the world with the tools they need to rise above poverty and provide for themselves.

CRS offers Rice Bowl as a resource to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes, and school communities. This Lent I encourage you to promote the use of the CRS Rice Bowls in your parish and among your students.

Sixty percent of all Rice Bowl contributions support CRS' humanitarian and development programs overseas, providing life-saving assistance and hope to our sisters and brothers around the world. The remaining forty percent stays in our diocese to support local hunger and poverty prevention programs. Your 2021 contributions assisted over 25 organizations including food pantries and soup kitchens. Thank you for your generosity.

There are many resources that you can access for your parish or school on the following website: www.crsricebowl.org. CRS has worked to adapt their materials to fit our virtual needs.

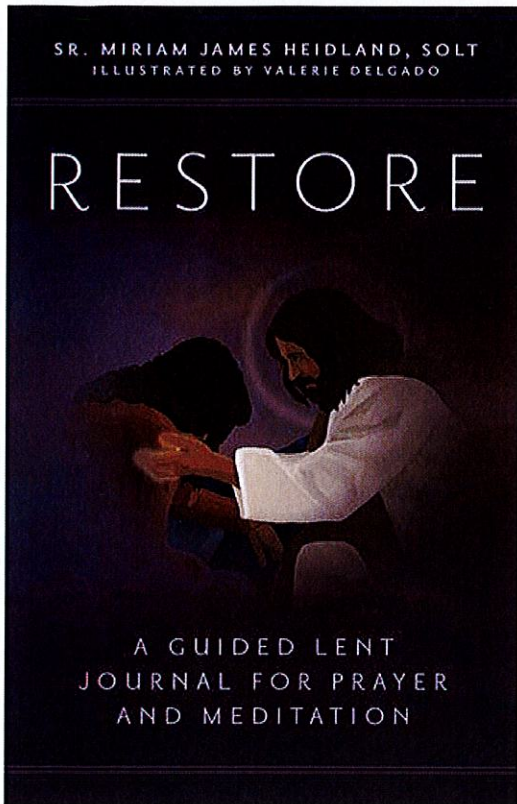
Thank you for inviting families in your parish or school to an enriched Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Should you require any support in utilizing the resources, please contact Patrice Swick, director of the Social Justice and Life Office at 814-824-1254 or pswick@ErieRCD.org.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie





The St. Boniface Women's Book Study Group

extends an invitation to women of the parish and their friends to join us in our Lenten Book Study.

This book study will begin Thursday, March 3, 2022

We meet in the Adult Faith Formation Room / the St. Anthony Room, at 1:00 P.M. If you cannot attend in person but would like to participate at that time, a "Zoom" option will be available (hopefully).

This is also a book that can be done individually and is not "just for women". Please consider adding it to your Lenten journey.

Cost for the book is \$10.00, copies are limited

If interested please contact Ginny Stanton

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A brief description from Ave Maria Press:

Follow the Lord into the depths of your heart this Lent and you will never be the same.

Take a healing journey with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole.

In this beautiful guided journal for prayer and meditation, Sr. Miriam invites you to meet the tenderness of God's mercy, the power of his love, and the restoration of your heart and life as you practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Restore features stunning original art by Valerie Delgado of Pax. Valerie along with daily meditations on a passage from scripture, reflection questions, guided prayer, and space for journaling and notetaking.

Throughout Lent, you'll move through four different phases of healing, focusing on traditional Lenten practices:

1. **Prayer** is the means of healing our relationship with God.
2. **Fasting** disciplines us in healing our relationship with ourselves.
3. **Almsgiving** leads us to healing our relationships with others.
4. **Sacrifice** shows us the path to heaven and union with God.

If you enter into Lent with Christ, your heart will see more clearly, be pierced more easily, love more strongly, and serve more passionately. Jesus will be etched into the crevasses of your being.

Restore is perfect for both individual and group use.

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

Family Event Schedule

Potluck and games

Sunday, Mar 20 11:30a - 1:30p

Bring your favorite dish to the cafeteria before Mass, and come back at 11:30 to socialize and enjoy coffee and doughnuts provided by the Food Pantry. A potluck lunch will follow at noon with games, including bingo, available in the cafeteria.

Bowling

Sunday, Apr 10 12:00p - 2:00p

Join other St. Boniface families after Mass for pizza and open bowling (bumpers available for junior bowlers) at Eastway Lanes.

Zoo and picnic

Saturday, May 14 10:30a - 1:00p

Meet St. Boniface families by the Zoo ticket office at 10:30a and enjoy a leisurely visit through the Zoo followed by a picnic lunch at a Zoo pavilion. Zoo prices are \$10 per adult and \$6 per child, but picnicking is free. Come for just the Zoo visit, just the picnic, or both!

Putt Putt

Sunday, Jun 12 11:30a - 12:30p

Grab snacks at St. Boniface after the 10:30 Mass and drive 2 minutes to meet other families at the Adventures Erie Putt Putt on Lake Pleasant Road. Child tickets are \$7 and adult tickets are \$8.

Beach Barbeque

Sunday, Jul 17 12:30p - 3:00p

Bring beach gear, sunscreen, and a dish to share as you join families for a beach barbeque (Tentatively scheduled for Beach 8. More information as we get closer to the event). We will supply hotdogs, buns, condiments and water.

DIY Drive-in Theater

Saturday, Aug 13 8:00p - 10:00p

Drive-ins are coming to St. Boniface and our DIY drive-in screen will be a thing of beauty! Bring your car, blankets, and come in comfy clothes for a drive-in theater experience on the St. Boniface side parking lot. Movie snacks will be provided, and the movie will be announced in advance.