

March 13, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On July 29<sup>th</sup> of this year, we mark the 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Erie in 1853. One of the blessings over these years has been those faithful and generous priests who have and continue today to serve in our Diocese. These priests have ministered in our parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, prisons and in Diocesan administration. Our Diocese has been truly blessed by their dedicated ministry. I wish to acknowledge and thank our retired priests who have served our Diocese faithfully and those who still help in many ways after retirement.

The Diocese has a pension fund, but like many such funds, it is not funded enough to meet all the needs of our present and future retired priests. And so we turn to all of you who are members of our Diocese to help with the care of those who are retired now and who will retire in the future.

On the weekend of April 29-30, which is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we will have our annual collection for retired priests. We ask the faithful of the Diocese to prayerfully consider a financial gift to the Good Shepherd Collection, to assist us in caring for our current and future retired priests. This collection offers you a way to show your gratitude for their many years of dedication and faithful service to the people of God in the Diocese of Erie.

I know how generous you are in responding to all the needs of our Church. Thank you in advance for your gratitude for our retired priests and their many years of dedication and service to our Diocese.

Please join me in prayer for vocations to the priesthood, that others may follow in the footsteps of our retired priests and give their lives to be Good Shepherds leading the flock of Christ.

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
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Joshua 24:15 As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

### **Preschool News: Teacher Feature**

This week's teacher feature is Ms. Donna Jud, Pre-K and Pre-3 teacher assistant.

Ms. Donna is in her 5<sup>th</sup> year at St. Boniface Preschool. She began as a teacher's assistant in spring of 2018. St. Boniface has three preschool classrooms; one 3-year-old room and two Pre-K rooms. Ms. Donna assists in Pre-K 2 and in Pre-3. Prior to her experience at St. Boniface, Ms. Donna worked as an assistant teacher at various centers in our area, as well as taking care of children within her home. Ms. Donna also volunteers her time as a catechist for the Faith Formation program right here at St. Boniface. Ms. Donna is also a wife and a mother of adult and teenage sons. When she is not at St. Boniface, you can find her spending time with her family, exploring her hobby of crafting, grabbing Starbucks, and relaxing in her yard.

Ms. Donna's favorite thing about being a preschool teacher is being on the receiving end of unconditional love from students and families. She also enjoys listening to all the silly things preschoolers say throughout their days.

Ms. Donna thinks St. Boniface is special because the small school setting provides teachers the opportunity to get to know each child individually. She also feels that the staff teamwork is amazing, which makes coming to work a joy each day.

### **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024**

Registration forms and rates can be found on the St. Boniface website: [www.stbonifaceparisherie.org](http://www.stbonifaceparisherie.org) or stop into the preschool office to get enrollment forms.

#### **Important info if you are interested in registering:**

- Programs have capacity limits due to state requirements based on room size and teacher/student ratios.
- All preschool age students MUST be toilet trained.
- School year 2023/2024:
  - Students must be age 3 by August 31, 2023 to enter Pre-3 OR age 4 by August 31, 2023 to enter Pre-K.
  - School Age students currently attending school in grades K through 4
  - Dates of Operation:
    - Preschool- August 30, 2023 through May 23, 2024
    - School Age Before/After Care programs- August 29, 2023 through June 7, 2024

Listed below are the programs offered and the current enrollment status for each program:

<b><i>2023 Summer:</i></b>	<b><i>Enrollment Status</i></b>
Preschool Summer Program (ages 3, 4, 5)	Closed
School Age Summer Program (grades K-4)	Closed
Summer Before Care	Closed
Summer After Care	Closed
<b><i>2023/24 school year:</i></b>	
3-year-old Preschool (Pre 3): 1 classroom	Open-Limited availability
4 and 5-year-old preschool (Pre-K): 2 classrooms	Open-Limited availability
Preschool Before Care	Open-Limited availability

Preschool After Care	Open-Limited availability
School Age Before Care (WASD grades K-4)	Closed-Waitlisting
School Age After Care (WASD grades K-4)	Open
<p><i>*Please note that enrollment statuses can quickly change. Registration accepted in the order forms are received. Programs may be closed at the time registration is submitted.</i></p> <p><i>**For current info, visit the website OR Follow us on Facebook: St. Boniface Preschool, Erie Pennsylvania.</i></p>	

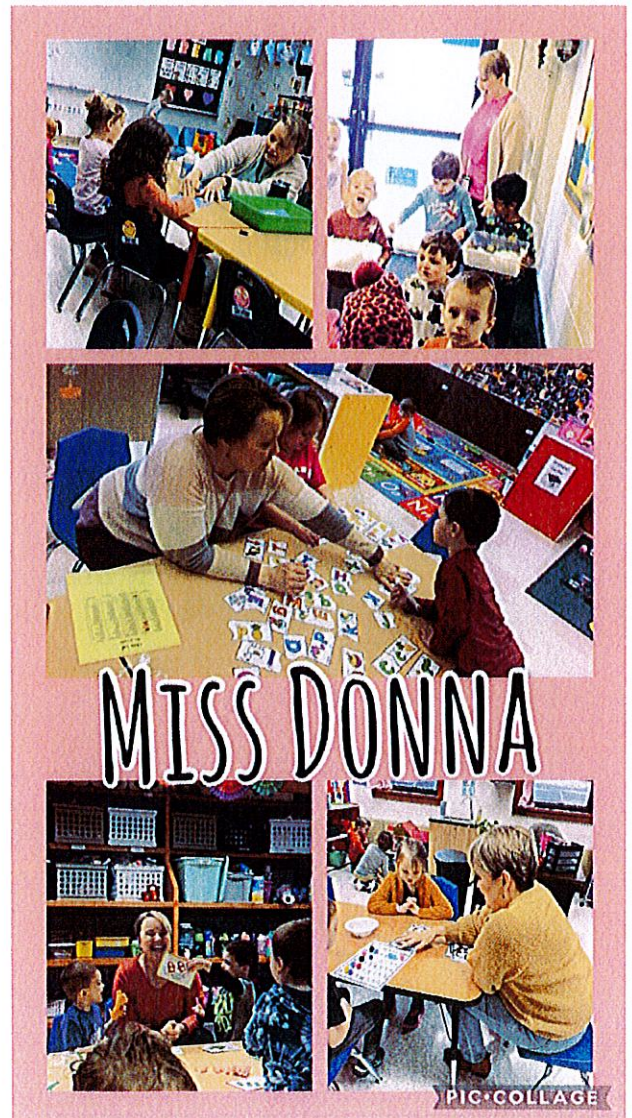
**Important Dates:**

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>:** Last day of Preschool for 2022/23 school year  
**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>:** Programs closed in observance of Memorial Day  
**Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>:** First day of Preschool Summer program  
**Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>:** First day of School Age Summer program  
**Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Programs closed in observance of Independence Day  
**Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>:** Last Day of All Summer Programs

Hours of Operation:

Before Care: 7:00-8:15 AM  
 Preschool Programs: 8:15 AM-3:15 PM (11:45 AM half day)  
 After Care: 3:30-5:30 PM

Be Grateful in all things and God Bless,  
 Brooke Lander  
 St. Boniface Preschool Director  
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# Thank you, St. Boniface Parish for your generosity!

Your parish community collected  
88 food bags  
and  
1 gift cards  
GECAC distributed the food bags and gift cards  
to senior and families  
throughout Erie County prior to Easter!

**Please know that you have changed the lives of many!**

**May the good Lord bless you for your generosity!**



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