



October 2, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On October 22, World Mission Sunday is observed throughout the Church. World Mission Sunday reminds us each year to focus on the essential work of evangelization that is still ongoing throughout the world. Taking up this year's theme, "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" Pope Francis invites us to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts and to actively share our faith.

The World Mission Sunday collection assists the Holy Father to build up the Church in over 1,100 dioceses and territories that are too young and/or too poor to sustain themselves. Offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of schools and orphanages and enable missionaries to build churches in remote and resource-limited areas.

For many years dioceses in the United States benefitted from this collection while we were still mission territory. In fact, the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska, received its final support as a mission diocese just last year. The annual Mission collection helps missionary dioceses until they can stand on their own feet and become independent.

As our nation has benefitted from this support in the past, may we now support those areas of the world where the Catholic faith is blossoming. I invite you to please pray for the work of the missions, and support this work as generously as you can.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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*For additional resources about World Mission Sunday, please visit
<https://onefamilyinmission.org/resources/>.*



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St. Boniface Folk School

"Folk School" Style Adult Education Community Classes

St. Boniface Church at 9367 Wattsburg Rd in Erie, PA is proud to announce the opening of a free-of-charge, adult Folk School starting in January 2024. The public is invited to sign up for one or more classes by calling (814) 825-4439 or emailing us at secretary@stbonifaceparisherie.org. Classes will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis. Below are the class offerings for the Spring Semester 2024:

Class Title	Introduction to Precision Measuring for Home Workshop, CNC Machining, or the Tool and Die Trade
Summary	Learn to use measuring tools - from tape measures to micrometers and verniers - useful for your personal workshop or the manufacturing trades. This 4-session class is also very helpful to individuals who are considering trade/technical schools (Class Leader has 42 years of experience in the precision tooling and engineering trade).
Materials Required	Class Leader will provide all learning tools/measuring devices, but students need to bring notepad and pen.
Class Start Date	Tuesday, January 9th, 2024
Time	Tuesdays from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Location	St. Boniface Cafeteria
Number of Sessions	Four sessions

Class Title	Glass Etching for Beginners
Summary	Try your hand at etching decorative images (such as a monogram, bird, or flower) on picture frame glass. Students will need a good grip for cutting through 1-2 layers of masking tape, and a clear eye for details - don't forget your eyeglasses!
Materials Required	Regular masking tape, a simple stencil, a craft knife, and a small bottle of etching cream (all are available at Hobby Lobby and Michaels craft stores). Class leader will provide gently used picture frames with glass for your first etching. If preferred, students may bring a (up to) 12x12" mirror.
Class Start Date	Tuesday, January 9th, 2024
Time	Tuesdays from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Location	St. Boniface Cafeteria
Number of Sessions	Two sessions

Class Title	Developing a Results-Generating Resume
Summary	Learn how to write an effective resume for submitting to job postings. Class will make use of much two-way interaction with the class participants to demonstrate how to personalize your resume for a targeted job opportunity. Topics would include: structuring a resume, developing key job/results oriented statements, resume length, and follow-up after submitting a resume. Class will be lead by a career HR professional.
Materials Required	None
Class Start Date	Monday, January 15th, 2024
Time	Mondays from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Location	St. Boniface Cafeteria
Number of Sessions	Two sessions

Class Title	Effective Job Search and Interviewing
Summary	Learn effective job search skills and tips for interviewing for jobs. This class will emphasize participant involvement with sample interview questions and constructive feedback on responses. This class will also cover the basics of networking, cover letters, working with recruiting firms, etc. Class will be lead by a career HR professional.
Materials Required	None
Class Start Date	Monday, February 12th, 2024
Time	Mondays from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Location	St. Boniface Cafeteria
Number of Sessions	Two sessions

Class Title	Cookie Decorating and Specialty Bread Making
Summary	This class will cover two topics - the first will be cookie decorating skills and the second will be specialty bread making techniques. Cookie decorating will be taught in the first two sessions and specialty bread making in the second two sessions. The classes will involve actual baking in the kitchen and the class leaders will coordinate with the students on the supplies needed for the class.
Materials Required	To be discussed with the instructor
Class Start Date	Wednesday, January 17th, 2024
Time	Wednesdays from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location	St. Boniface Cafeteria
Number of Sessions	Four sessions (first two sessions for cookie decorating and second two sessions for specialty bread making)