

November 21, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another year has passed, and we are again approaching the annual collection for our Retired Religious to be held in parishes on December 10th and 11th. This event has significant benefits for the retired Sisters in our diocese, as well as the over 30,000 retired religious throughout the country.

The **Retirement Fund for Religious** offers financial support for those Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked for years for little or no stipends. Last year, the people in this diocese contributed \$145,858 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy and other necessary needs. Your generous gift provides vital support for their ongoing health care, helping them to age in safety with dignity and comfort.

Senior Religious are our treasure in the Church. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, religious education programs, hospitals, social service agencies and countless other ministries throughout our diocese; many still serve those in need today. Those who are no longer able to serve actively support all that is being done through their ministry of prayer, while continuously remembering all those who support them.

Some of you may not presently know consecrated men and women, but they have affected your lives through their ministry to your parents and grandparents and through the many organizations now in place due to their foresightedness and generosity. Ministries started by Sisters have had a tremendous influence in this diocese and they stand as a legacy to those generous women who dedicated their lives in service to the reign of God and continue to find ways to minister to others. I join you in praising God for their faithful and generous service to the Church in the past and in the days and years to come.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the consecrated life and for God's blessing on all our women and men religious. Know that you remain in their prayers. Please join me in supporting this year's **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

CHRISTOPHER KRILL

My name is Christopher Krill. My wife, Kim, and I and our three children have been residents of Greene Township for twenty-three years. We joined St. Boniface Parish two years ago.

I have been becoming more involved in the parish by volunteering to become a lector, helping out in the kitchen for a couple community events sponsored by St. Boniface Parish, a recent interest in the St. Boniface Brew Crew, and attending a book review learning session on Catholic culture organized by Deacon Tim.

I am a senior underwriter at Erie Insurance Group where I have worked for thirty years and my skills as a risk manager and ability to manage many independent agencies and many different personalities within those agencies has allowed me to become a very effective listener and communicator which I can offer as a member of Parish Council.

NORMAN "BUD" STARK

St. Boniface has become a very special place of worship for me and my family since we moved out to Greene Township from the City of Erie where Beata and I lived and raised our family since 1992. Even though I live in the country, I still work in the City. I feel this gives me the proper balance I needed.

I have been an attorney practicing law in Erie since 1992. Not my legal career but my family is what I am most proud of. My wife Beata and I met at Gannon University in the mid 80s and started our family in 1990. We have raised 8 children putting them through Catholic schools all the way. 4 of the 8 are married and we had our first 3 grandchildren born in 2022.

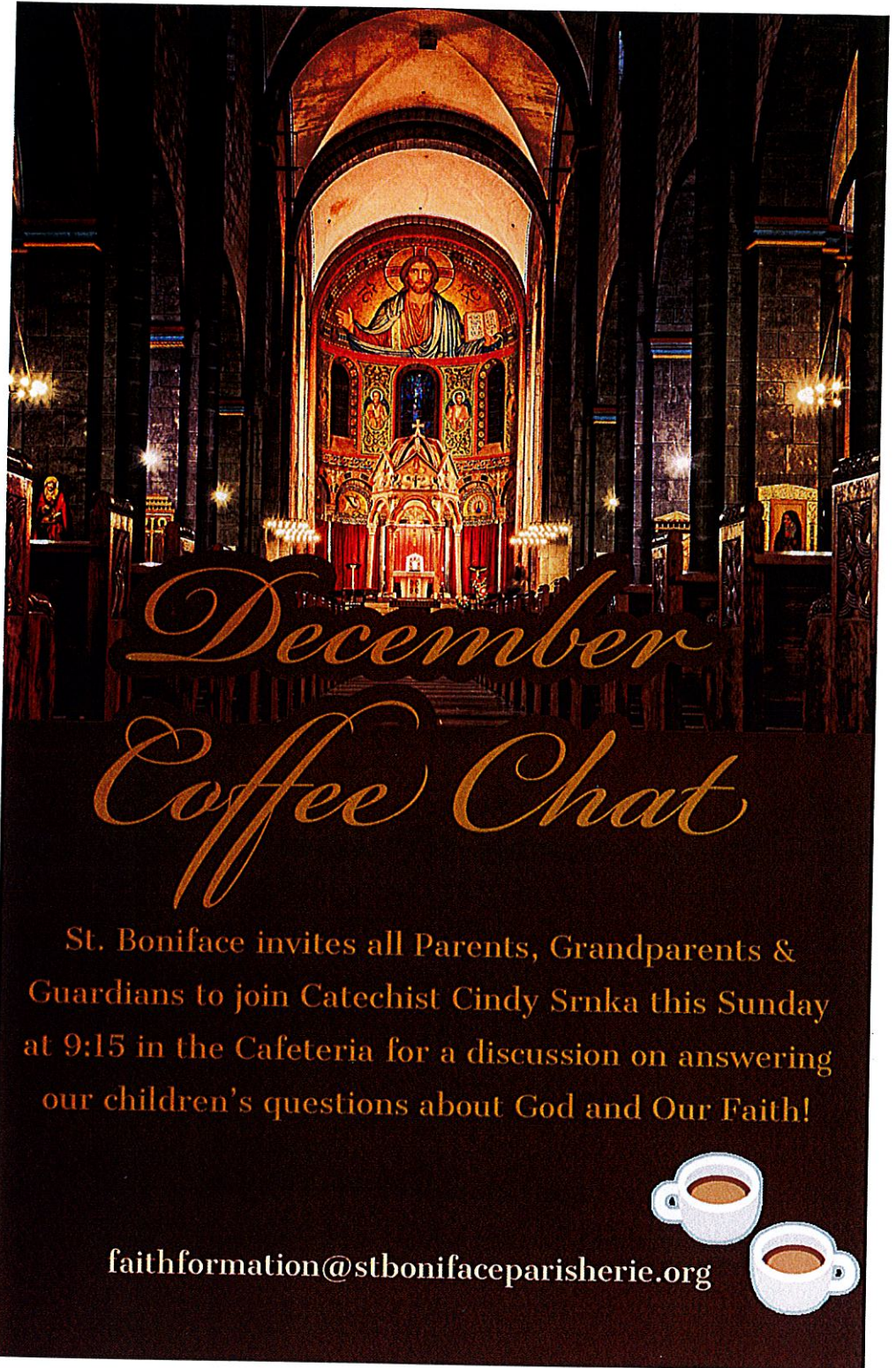
I am a daily communicant and know scripture and the history of the Catholic Church well. I follow the rule of "bible before breakfast – bible before bed." The way to Christ is through Scripture, knowing God's word and following it. That is what I try to do daily and will continue to do in my service to the church.

ACTS OF KINDNESS SHINE LIGHT INTO OUR HEARTS
SHARE YOUR LIGHT BY SENDING
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

PLACE CHRISTMAS CARDS IN THE BOX IN THE ENTRANCE
DECEMBER 4 THROUGH DECEMBER 18.

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| BETTY ROSE | MARY ANN BIEBEL | VALERIE CARLSON |
| PAULINE TATARA | STEPHANIE PETRONE | CECELIA LIBRA |
| ARLENE (CECELIA' ROOMMATE) | | DEBBIE NELLIS |
| MARGE ZIMMERLY | RUTH STILES | ROSE FARAK |
| JUDY KRUGER | GWEN WOZNICKI | RON SMITH |
| VAUGHN CONLEY | KATHY KOZIK | LEONA BRUNNER |
| BETTY TWAROSKI | MARY DYLEWSKI | CAROL ALLEGIER |
| GERRY MILLER | STAN MOKWA | FRANK TWAROSKI |
| RICH AND ANN ZIMMER | | MARY EVAN |
| ANN CAMPBELL | MARCIA ROUGEUX (DAWN SMITH'S MOM) | |
| FRAN KOSIOREK | DEE FRANCIS | |

GOD BLESS EVERYONE.



December Coffee Chat

St. Boniface invites all Parents, Grandparents & Guardians to join Catechist Cindy Srnka this Sunday at 9:15 in the Cafeteria for a discussion on answering our children's questions about God and Our Faith!

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