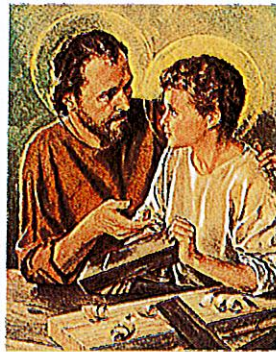


MONTHLY HOLY HOURS THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 6:00 – 7:00 PM



St. Joseph is the patron saint of workers, all workers, whether paid or volunteer. Therefore, as part of our parish's honoring of the Year of St. Joseph, we will offer our monthly holy hours the last Thursday of each month for those who work to further our parish's mission to sow and nurture the seeds of God's saving love in the hearts and minds of all our neighbors and beyond in our various parish ministries.

Each month's holy hour will be offered for different ministries, and we invite in a special way the people involved in those ministries to attend that holy hour, though of course we invite everyone to attend every holy hour. This month's holy hour will be offered for the following ministries:

- **OUTREACH TO THE NEEDY:** All those who help to direct people to available community resources in times of serious financial need;
- **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** All those who serve as advisors to the pastor and leaders of the parish on Parish Pastoral Council;
- **PRAYER NETWORK:** All those who help coordinate the prayer network, maintain the notebook in the gathering space, or pray for those listed in it;
- **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** All those who make, donate to, or distribute prayer shawls to those in need of special prayer and support.

St. Boniface Beer Tasting Event

The Saint Boniface Brew Club will celebrate the coming of the Fall season with a beer tasting event on October 1st, 2021. We will begin at 6:30 PM with sampling of our own St. Boniface beer products and other samples from different brewers. Food will be provided. We will also have games such as Cornhole and Bocce for entertainment on the rectory lawn. If inclement weather, we will move to the Center. Your donations will help St. Boniface Adult Formation programs.



BEER MENU

- * Our World Famous Axe Ale—German Altbier
- * American Pilsner—A True Lager “Lawnmower Beer”
- * German Oktoberfest— A Seasonal Celebration Beer
- * Irish Dry Stout—A Mild Stout in the Style of Guinness

OCTOBERFEST!

Thankful for our 2021-2022 St. Boniface Catechists!



Grades K/1: Mrs. Kimberly Vallimont

Hello! My name is Mrs. Vallimont and this year I will be helping kindergarten and first graders learn more about their faith. I am so excited to begin this adventure with St. Boniface families. I am from St. Boniface too! I have gone to church here with my family for thirty-one years! One of my favorite bible verses is from the book of Psalms and reads; Be still and know that I am God. This helps me so slow down and be mindful of all of my blessings and of the love I want to give and the kindness I wish to show everyone I meet! God has got this! My favorite color is pink and I love babies, summer, the ocean, and teaching. I can't wait to meet you!

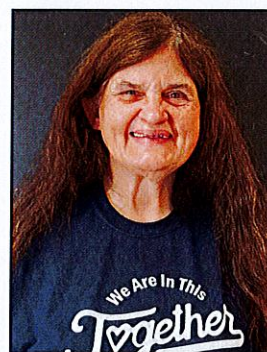
Grades K/1: Miss. Patti

Patti loves teaching her classes. She thinks the kids are all so wonderful! She loves church, dancing, being with family, especially her grandkids. Has three grandchildren she enjoys being with! Loves flowers, fall, pumpkins....and swimming and walking in the woods too. A lover of life and God's nature!



Grades 2/3: Therese Dunn

Therese is a dedicated catechist ready to inspire and guide students through an amazing year in faith. Always kind, caring, and praying for us every step of the way.



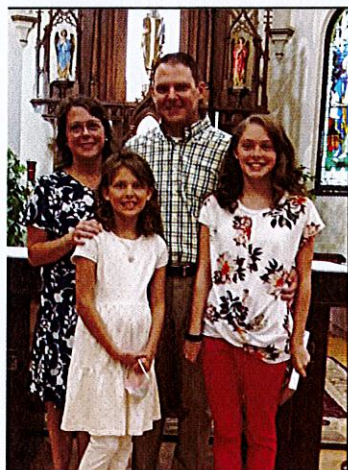
Grades 2/3: Mrs. Cindy Srnka

My name is Cindy Srnka. I live in Greene Township with my husband Mark. We have 2 sons and a dog. I have belonged to St. Boniface Parish since I was born. I teach Kindergarten at St. James School. I feel it is part of my mission to help parents bring their children to a closer relationship with God. I hope I can do some good and get students excited about their faith!

Grades 4/5: Miranda Driscoll

I grew up in North East, PA; I have also lived in Gettysburg, PA & Colorado Springs, CO. currently live in Erie with my husband (Jeff), two daughters (Callie & Clara), one cat, one parakeet, and two fish. Prior to starting a family, I had a professional career in both accounting and human resources. After working through the first three years of my eldest's life, I felt called to stay at home. Raising my girls has been an incredible blessing and has led me into my current role as their homeschool teacher. We started homeschooling in 2017 and have been blessed to get to know an amazing group of homeschool families—being a part of a Christian community is invaluable.

Our faith is the foundation of all we do in our family, and part of my faith led me to become catechist this year. I see my role as a catechist much like my role as a mother; to model my faith, grow in my faith, help children develop a Biblical worldview, and bring God into every detail of our lives. As our year in Faith Formation begins, I thought about Romans chapter 12. This chapter begins to tell us how to live fully in worship, the importance of placing God above ourselves, how to use our gifts to serve each other, how to live humbly, how to truly love one another, and the importance of forgiveness. I am looking forward to growing with our community as we deepen our relationship with our Creator, and I am honored to be a part of our children's faith journey.





Grades 6/7/8: Bob Gottschling

Bob has been a catechist for several years now for the middle school age groups. Highly involved with youth ministry groups at time, this age group sure is lucky to have him!

Grades 6/7/8: Heather Keener, Erie Native, Seneca Graduate 2008, Edinboro University Graduate 2012, mom of 2 boys: David and Casey, & wife to Christopher Keener. I heard God's call to become a catechist almost 5 years ago. I wanted to help youth grow closer to God's love and want to share God's stories, our faith practices, and discover more about God. Fun fact: I was surprised to learn Adam and Eve lived to be almost 1000 years old, how much traveling characters did to reveal God's Word, and the Covenants made between God and his people.



Grades 9/10: Mrs. Judy Bitters

Judy is an inspirational catechist ready to guide our high school learners toward a deeper sense of faith and the Word of God.

Confirmation: Mr. and Mrs. Don and Dawn Smith
We are Don and Dawn Smith. We have been married 32 years and have been blest with 3 sons. We've been parishioners of St. Boniface for 16 years. We have also been involved in Faith Formation for 15 years 10 of which were helping the Confirmation Candidates achieve their journey. We all know this year may be a little different but we are willing to do our best to help with this year's Candidates.



Parent Facilitator: Kate Wilson

Kate Wilson grew up at St. Boniface, married a southerner, and is happy to return to Erie with her husband, Chris, and their new baby boy, George. She knows how important it is to share in community of other faithful people who can live, grow, and support each other in their walk with God. That is why she is excited to join other parents as a facilitator in the parent sessions offered in our family-based catechesis. If you don't find her at church, look for her out walking her nature-loving son, brewing a cup of coffee, or trying her hand at a new recipe with Chris. Favorite verse is Ph 4: 4-7 *Rejoice in the Lord always I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

