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A Time for Change Can Be a Time for Growth

Jodi Ketter

What a year 2020 has been so far! As the year has unfolded, we've done our best to adapt to the changes all around us. We stayed home, found new ways to fill our cup, and we watched our leaders and neighbors act or make decisions we may or may not have agreed with. Now we navigate a whole new normal as we gather again in different ways. We are in a leadership transition and have had hellos and goodbyes in our community. And now we look ahead as we make plans for the next few months and beyond. At the root of it all, change is hard and affects us all in different ways; however, we have our community at Saint Bonaventure in common. **Our world has changed, but our mission remains the same, to Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples.**

Now more than ever, we recognize that our community is made up of many facets. Individuals have different needs from one another and look for information in all different ways. We, as the parish staff at Saint Bonaventure, are doing our best to serve you as we move forward, working to help keep our community connected and nourished. Ministry leaders are getting creative as they get their groups back together and develop upcoming plans. The truth is, we don't know all of the details right now. What we do know is we will do what we can to keep living out our mission.

If we look at the food on our tables or the plants in our gardens, it all starts with a seed. Before we can have a fruitful harvest, each individual seed must break so that it can transform and grow. Our hearts, too, must break open for us to transform and grow. If we seek to reap the abundant harvest God has planned, let us focus on developing our hearts and relationships with each other and building our community up as we grow and transform together through the changes we face. With a little faith, a kind word, or a thoughtful gesture, our "seeds" will sprout and grow, and together these small gestures and positivity will surely bring us to a great harvest.

Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to
the ground and dies, it remains
just a grain of wheat; but if it dies,
it produces much fruit. John 12:24





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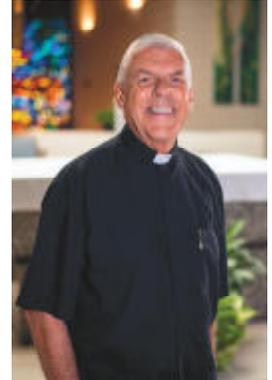
**A NOTE FROM
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Getting to Know Father Bob

Father Bob Hart



I am Father Bob, and I am here to assist with the transition from Franciscan to diocesan leadership at Saint Bonaventure Catholic Community over the next year. I see my role as trying to leave this community in the best possible condition for the next pastor, who will be assigned by Archbishop Hebda, effective July 1, 2021.

Being the parochial administrator means I'm in charge of the day-to-day operations in cooperation with Deacon Mickey. I have enjoyed getting to know and working with Mickey as a team in the administration of the parish. Mickey is the only person that reports to me, and everyone else reports to Mickey. I do, however, work with the staff to understand their roles, especially their relationships with the Franciscans. In a transition, you try not to make too many changes. Just like anything, some changes make sense to do right away—it's about being open to new ideas and holding onto some.

The Franciscans are here to supply Sacramental ministry at Saint Bonaventure through June 30, 2021. The Franciscan community has had to relinquish the administration of parishes as they've become limited in the number of friars available to staff them over the years. As priest numbers lessen, so do the numbers within orders.

In this transition, I'm working with the Franciscans to serve the Sacramental needs of our community, respecting and allowing them to continue what they've done well and not get in the way. I celebrate one Mass each weekend and occasionally fill in for Daily Mass. I have also ministered a few funerals, as it's a core part of my ministry to take care of people in their time of need.

One challenge I have is being assigned to this role half-time. Varying hours can be awkward, but it's important to respect my own time without compromising what needs to be done. It's all about working together and finding a healthy balance.

A little about me personally, I love to travel, especially visiting national parks. One favorite thing is to go to places with folks who have never been before. Seeing and experiencing nature alongside someone who has never seen the Grand Canyon before makes it all the more fun! One particular trip that comes to mind was a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. My friend felt he couldn't afford it, so I decided to use my dad's memorial money. After sharing a room in Galilee with a bowl of fruit on one table and a bowl of chocolate on the other and then walking into a room in Jerusalem, with a wet bar, kitchenette, bathroom, bedroom, and a little eating area—his comment was, "I kind of like traveling with a priest!"



Buildings & Grounds Update

Art Breitbarth, chair, Buildings & Grounds Committee

Let there be Light; we have retrofitted the T8 and T12 fluorescent light fixture lamps that are on most of the time with new T8 LED energy-efficient lamps. The new LED energy-efficient lamps will consume less than half the power of the existing lamps. We also replaced some fixtures due to age, condition, and safety reasons.



We are grateful to Tommy's Electric for donating the labor for this project. The bulk of the cost of this project would have been labor, so the donation by Tommy is generous and a significant gift to our parish. We will also be getting a substantial rebate through CenterPoint Energy, so we anticipate costs to be minimal for materials. This project is truly a blessing by the Holy Spirit as the savings to the parish over time in energy savings and reduced maintenance time and cost will be significant. We are truly grateful to Tommy's Electric and his wonderful workers for doing this project.

Knock and the Door Shall Open or push the button, and the door will automatically open for you! That's right; we installed six automatic door openers for the handicap and disabled, and those who like the door opened for them. We owned three of the openers from the church before the addition and had to purchase three new ones.



Five openers were installed in church:

- Two openers to open Door 4 by the statue of Saint Bonaventure
- Two: one on the north and one on the south entrance to the Sanctuary
- One on the door to the family restroom

The sixth was installed in the Activities Building to open the main door.

Pictured: left to right, Mike Jennings and Ray Gores are putting the finishing enclosure around the door motor assembly to one of the doors.



This project was planned and approved before the pandemic and the completion was funded and made possible through donations to our Long Term Capital Needs Fund. This fund was established to enable the parish to complete significant projects to benefit our community for years to come. Thank you to everyone who generously donated to this fund. If you wish to donate to the Long Term Capital Needs Fund in the future, please select that fund online or check the appropriate box on your contribution envelope.

Paid in Full

Deacon Mickey Redfearn



On August 9, 2011, Saint Bonaventure borrowed \$500,000 from Catholic Finance Corporation to supplement our Capital Campaign project to make our Gathering Space, Youth Room, canopy for the south entrance and upgrades to Ambrose Hall a reality.

On June 15, 2020, our promissory note was marked paid in full. What an incredible accomplishment! Thank you to everyone who financially supported the capital campaigns making completing the projects and paying off this loan possible. Together we make a difference in our community. We are all grateful that Saint Bonaventure does not have any debt.



Sharing Faith, Friendship, and Hope in the Garden

WINE (Women in the New Evangelization) Sisters in Christ—Becky Running

“Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.” Matthew 13: 8-9

Saint Bonaventure's Women in the New Evangelization Ministry (WINE) gathered in the beautiful gardens of Nicole, Dustin, Coralie, and Gwendolyn Braun's on Thursday, July 16. It was God's incredible timing that this gathering, our first in-person meeting since February, was just days after we heard the Parable of the Sower from Matthew's gospel. Each time I read this passage, Matthew 13:1-23, I gain new insight into God's plan for my life, and I encourage you to spend some time listening and discerning Jesus' special message just for you in his Word.

Thank you to the Braun family for being our joy-filled hosts and to God and our Blessed Mother for a grace-filled evening! I believe none of us will think about gardening in quite the same way since walking together through their fruitful gardens. Nicole, a long-time member of WINE, shared, "WINE has become an important part of connecting me with the St. Boni's Community. Through prayer, I strive to let the Lord guide my decisions and choices. It wasn't until after Dustin and I met, and we had space to let our gardens grow, that our passions developed to where they are today!"

Nicole wanted to share her and Dustin's passion for creating "Eco-Friendly Edible Landscapes" with her WINE sisters, and we are grateful for all we learned and experienced in this little taste of heaven. The Brauns shared about gardening with the whole family, from babies to grownups, and how gardening brings families closer to God and each other. They grow peach, pear, and cherry trees and just about every vegetable, fruit, or herb imaginable; we saw and tasted fruits and vegetables we had never seen before! Coralie, our precious garden guide, encouraged us to try edible lilies, currants of several varieties, and anise leaves, which taste like black licorice! Check out HomeGrown Land Design (homegrowndesign.land/), to learn more about what they love to share with others!



My daughter-in-law Lianne, had this to share while walking through Nicole and her family's gardens with our precious grandson, "I believe this is how God intended His precious children to grow up and I want more of this for Landon." And I couldn't agree more!

It was beautiful to be together again in person, as WINE typically meets each month. We are incredibly grateful for the opportunities God has graciously provided to keep us connected in heart and spirit through fervent prayer, texts, emails, phone calls, walks, visits in the park, and through virtual Archdiocesan WINE opportunities. During our special evening, we were able to pray together, share impactful stories of how the virus has affected our families and us in very challenging ways, and very BLESSED ways too.

Thank you, WINE sisters, for sharing your love, faith, grace, and friendship so generously with me, one another, your families, and the world. Thank you for reminding me every day there is a cause for celebration and great HOPE! "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

If you would like to learn more about WINE and how you can get involved, please contact Becky Running, Health and Wellness Coordinator at beckyr@saintbonaventure.org, or (952) 297-8423.

One Mission No Limit—Young Disciples Serving Together

Katie Kelly, Youth Minister

Our middle school and high school youth prayed together and served our community in a COVID-friendly way with One Mission No Limits through the Center for Ministry Development on July 27. This mini service camp was a one day, prayer, service, and justice event that allowed us to serve locally and connect with other parishes across the country and world through live-streamed prayer and community sessions.

In the morning, we participated in a Water Walk. While praying the rosary, we walked 3 miles throughout Bloomington in solidarity with those around the world who have to walk that far for clean water every day. Here are a few other projects we completed:

- Made **25 hygiene kits to distribute at a local homeless shelter**
- Decorated **25 onesies for local pro-life pregnancy organizations** to give expecting mothers
- Wrote **cards for our local nursing homes** to bring a little joy in this time with limited visitors



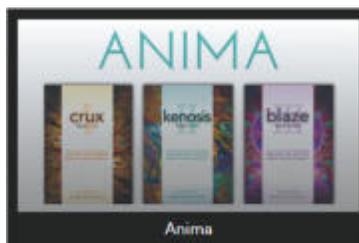
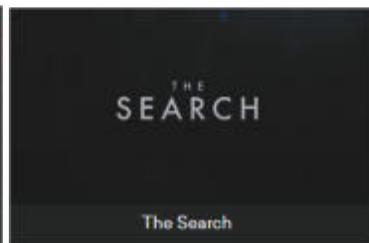
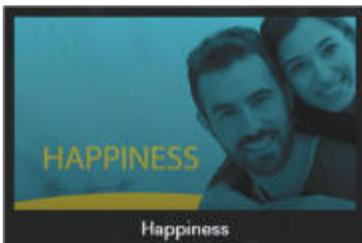
This summer looks different, but we are grateful for God's goodness and grace allowing us to meet, serve, and learn together safely.

Be InFORMED

Peggy Fouts, Intentional Discipleship

Are you hungry for more spiritual enrichment in this time of turmoil? Do you seek to find Jesus on a deeper level? FORMED is a tremendous resource with something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. You can watch inspiring movies about the saints (in English and Spanish), documentaries on popular Catholic topics, and award-winning children's programming. There are also books, audio talks, and studies. Improve your day with clips from the most dynamic and trusted figures in the Church. If you need help making a selection, check out the FORMED Pick of the Week on our website, saintbonaventure.org.

The Intentional Discipleship group has selected four courses to offer for your consideration in the Fall. If you are seeking a new or deeper relationship with Jesus, consider participating in one of these courses with us. These courses will be available for study followed by small group discussions. Detailed descriptions of these courses are on our website, saintbonaventure.org/formed-courses. Watch the bulletin and website for information on small group formats and how to sign up for a course.



Archdiocesan Synod Process Delayed

Despite great momentum for the Synod and participation of more than 8,000 people in pre-Synod Prayer and Listening Events, the COVID-19 pandemic is requiring the Synod schedule to be altered. The Parish Consultation with Small Groups stage will be delayed one year. The Deanery Consultation will still be held in January or February 2021, and the more intensive Parish Consultation process will now occur in fall 2021. The Synod Assembly originally scheduled for Pentecost 2021 has been moved to spring 2022.



Based on the information already gathered in the Prayer and Listening Events, the Ad Limina visit with Pope Francis in January, and the results of the Disciple Maker Index, Archbishop Hebda will announce the initial set of focus areas this summer, with those focus areas setting the parameters for discussions at the deanery and parish levels.

Staff Changes

As many of you are aware, we've had several staff changes this year, and since a lot of this transition happened during the COVID-19 pandemic, we wanted to share all of it here again in one place.

Joan DeLuney retired on April 30. Joan has done a wonderful job serving our parish for twenty years, and we are grateful for her work. An excerpt from her farewell letter is on the right side of this spread. Her farewell letter was originally printed in the April 26 bulletin and can be read in its entirety at bit.ly/farewell-letters.

To best serve the needs of our parish, we reorganized the administrative staff and eliminated the part-time positions of Parish Secretary and Bulletin Editor/Administrative Assistant. This reorganization was difficult and a sensitive matter, but we felt it was for the betterment of the parish. Notably, 14 years ago, there was only one full-time position.

We are grateful to **Sharon Menden** for her work on Mondays and Fridays; her last day was March 27. An excerpt from her note to parishioners is on the right side of this spread. Her farewell letter was originally printed in the March 22 bulletin and can be read in its entirety at bit.ly/farewell-letters.

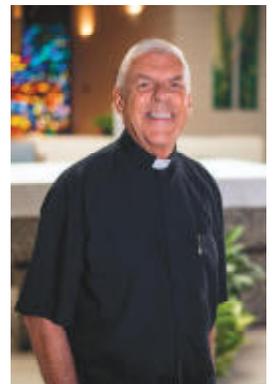
Patty Stibal joined our team as the full-time Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper, and her first day was May 1. Below is her note to the parish, originally printed in the May 3 bulletin. We have greatly enjoyed her joyful energy, positive spirit and vast experience as we've been navigating the current COVID-19 protocols and leadership transition.

Friar Bryan Hajovsky resigned as pastor, and his last day was May 31. Through prayer and discernment, he determined his gifts as a Franciscan friar were better suited elsewhere. Friar Bryan returned to the ministry of secondary education alongside other friars at a Franciscan high school. An excerpt from his final Notes from our Friar is on the right side of this spread. His note was originally printed in the May 31 bulletin and can be read in its entirety at bit.ly/farewell-letters.

The **Franciscan friars** will remain and supply Sacramental ministry through June 30, 2021. The reality is that the number of friars is limited, and none of the friars are available to serve as pastor. While the Franciscan friars continued to receive new men in formation through the past 20 years, the number of incoming friars has been far less recently than in the 1950s. As such, as the number of friars available for ministry decreases, so must the number of ministry sites the friars care-for decrease. Saint Bonaventure has always belonged to the Archdiocese, and the Archdiocese is blessed to have ample vocations to provide ministers for our parish.

Father Bob Hart started as our parochial administrator on June 1. He is primarily serving in an administrative capacity and governing parish operations as we transition and prepare for our new pastor, who will be assigned effective July 1, 2021. Sacramentally, Father Bob is celebrating one Mass a weekend and provides pastoral care along with Father Ed, Father Matthew, and Father Steve. Read his note to our community on page 2 of this newsletter!

Please know there are no other staffing changes planned beyond welcoming a new pastor next July. We continue to pray for the parish and all those involved.



Originally printed in the May 3 bulletin.

My name is Patty Stibal; I have the privilege to become the next "Joan" (big shoes to fill for sure.) My husband Mike grew up in this wonderful parish, we were married here, our boys were baptized here as well, and my in-laws Tom and Jean Stibal are the absolute best in the world. I have been on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Parish Vision Team over the past few years.

I am so excited to be joining the staff at this amazing parish that I call "home"! I look forward to greeting you in the parish office, and to begin building new relationships with God's good people of Saint Bonaventure.

Many Blessings, Patty



Excerpt, originally printed in the May 31 bulletin—read the full version at bit.ly/forewell-letters.

Though a multitude of thoughts and sentiments arise within myself, a particular piece from Scripture resounds from Ephesians 4:11,12, "Christ himself gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors, and some as teachers to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...." This piece of Scripture resonates within me for two reasons: (1) it points to the fact that not every Catholic priest is called to be a pastor, and (2) the goodness of Saint Bonaventure is many hearts, hands and feet come together to make this parish a living church, the Body of Christ!

Saint Francis of Assisi certainly understood how the Spirit operates within persons, both individually and collectively. Francis was aware each person was blessed with particular gifts (as well as a few quirks!), yet nobody was blessed with ALL the giftedness of God. As such, for the fuller manifestation of Christ as sanctifier, prophet, teacher, companion, healer, and redeemer, we as God's people must be in legitimate community/communion with God and with one another so as to bring forth the Body of Christ to full stature. The reality of how the Spirit blesses and flows through the people of this parish to make it the living Presence of God is evident, and I invite us to take a moment and recognize how genuine and incarnational this is.

As for me, I have had the sheer joy of seeing this unfold before my very eyes within the parish: the wise Trustees, the dynamic Staff, the multitude of engaging Ministers and Volunteers, and the beloved Parishioners: all of y'all come forth together and offer not only fellowship, encouragement and Minnesota charm, but y'all genuinely come forth together as a Body that breathes life into the mission of the Church and readily provide healing, nourishment and companionship for numerous and varied souls as we journey through this world and toward the salvation that our Lord offers to us. Being a witness of this goodness has certainly touched my heart - and while I place my faith in God, seeing how readily y'all gather together and become the Body of Christ certainly aligns me and others to also place faith in humanity. Thank you for that!

Friends, I will miss y'all, and I do thank y'all for this encounter. While we may not know what the future holds, we do know Who holds our tomorrows. Thank you for the many ways you nourish this community, and thank you for the many ways you have nourished this particular friar. May y'all ever be people of peace and goodwill. Saint Bonaventure, pray for us!

Your brother, Friar Bryan Hajovsky, OFM Conv



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It is with a heavy heart that I write this column. I retired the end of April. It took me quite some time to come to that decision. It was last November (when I turned 70) I realized it was time to "hang up my hat". I submitted my resignation letter on March 1. Shortly after that, our world turned upside down as COVID-19 became the news topic of the day. I keep thinking that this is not the way I wanted my tenure to end. As many have, I became reflective of my past, in all I have and been able to do. I have been so blessed to get to know and work with so many wonderful Friars and local priests. So I look back on my last 20 years as parish secretary, each decade bringing its own milestones.

I especially want to thank with deep gratitude, my husband, Deacon Jon, who believed in me, encouraged me to apply for this position, and for his continued patience and support all these years. I want to thank all of you, my dear fellow parishioners who have become like family to me, for all the great memories and the privilege to be your parish secretary. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time. May God continue to bless us all.

See you in church! Joan DeLuney



Excerpt, originally printed in the March 22 bulletin—read the full version at bit.ly/forewell-letters.

Dear Saint Bonaventure Parishioners,

I am so grateful for the 8 years I was able to serve you at Saint Bonaventure. It has been fun using my creative skills through working on the Saint Bonaventure bulletin. I enjoyed helping each of you who came into the parish office, and getting to know so many of you. When I first started working here, everyone who came in the office was so friendly and welcoming to me. I will never forget that. Thank you for that. You will truly be missed.

God's blessings to you! Sharon Menden





Serving Hands



Masks for Our Community

Craft Group

Our Craft Group has sewn more than **460 masks** for our Saint Bonaventure Community and additionally has donated more than **500 masks** to other areas in need! Please take only one mask and bring it with you each time you come to Mass, ensuring there are masks available for those who have no other way to get one.

How to wash your fabric mask:

- Include your mask with your regular laundry in the washing machine
- Wash by hand with a bleach solution (4 tsp. of bleach/1 qt. of room temp. water)

If you have been sewing masks or would be interested in doing so, we would gladly put them out for those who need one. If you need a little guidance, the Craft Group is full of pros and would happily help you get started.

The craft ladies are back at work and meet in-person after Mass on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Room 1 of the Activities Building. If you need a gift for someone, stop by, and we would like to help you find something! Scrubbie, anyone? All items are handmade. We are preparing for the Craft Walk September 12-13 and the Christmas boutique on November 7. Until then, see us on Tuesdays!



Isolation Gowns

Shirley Sorteberg

St. Boni Ladies enthusiastically jumped into action and responded to a call for help **sewing 113 isolation gowns** for use needed because of the COVID-19 pandemic at Belmont Health and Rehabilitation Center where Jack and Shirley Sorteberg's daughter, Joan works as an Occupational Therapist. The gowns arrived just in time, days before their stock of disposable gowns was gone!

We are grateful to the many hands who helped make this possible, from the 18 parishioners and three non-members who volunteered to sew and cut patterns to those donating sheets for material. I told my daughter that I was sure I could get a lot of help from our parishioners because they respond so generously to calls for help, and the staff at the center was very appreciative. One thank you note expressed, **"So thankful for your talent and loving hands. We appreciate everything you did - it filled my heart."**



Drive-Thru Food Shelf

Saint Bonaventure chapter of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The Saint Bonaventure chapter of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) has been operating a **Drive-Thru Food Shelf in the South parking lot on Tuesdays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Fridays, 2 - 4 p.m.**

This "drive up" version of the food shelf was instituted, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and allowed us to keep our food shelf operational while protecting our volunteers as well as those who come.

How can you help: **To donate**, drop off items in the SVdP bin, near door 5. **To volunteer**, contact Ray Dick, 952-201-4258, raydick1@yahoo.com





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September 12-13 **to come!**



Fall Festival

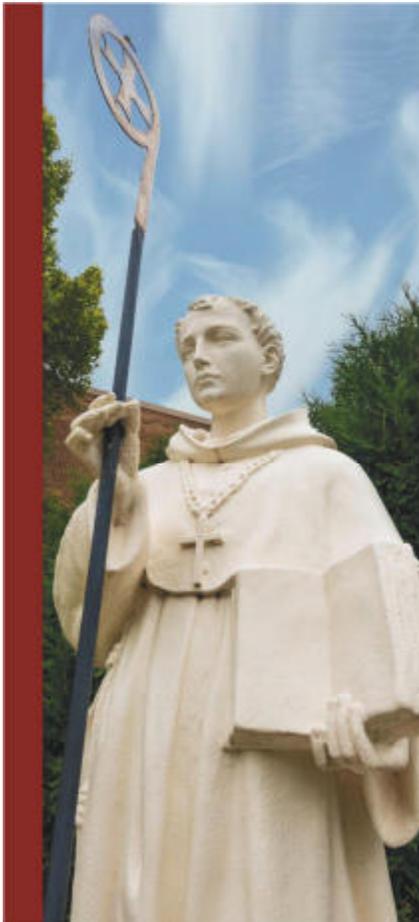
As with many events this year, we are unable to hold our Fall Festival in the same way we have in the past. As we looked for ways to celebrate the spirit of our community this year, we decided to modify our raffle and hold a Craft Walk.

The **St. Boni's Fall Festival Raffle** will take place at **5:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 12** following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Your participation and support in this fundraiser are vital, as the money raised through our community's Fall Festival helps us continue and further our mission to **Love God - Love Others - Make Disciples**.

The **Craft Walk** will be in the Activities Building after all of the Masses, **September 12-13**. Kitchen items--dish towels, dish cloths, hand towels, scrubbies, placemats, wood crafts, gifts, seasonal fall decor, greeting cards, jewelry, and more!

We encourage you in this year without a traditional festival to consider how much money you usually spend at our Fall Festival. If you are financially able to spend a similar amount on additional raffle tickets, purchasing crafts or by donating to Saint Bonaventure Catholic Community, it would be greatly appreciated.

Together we make a vibrant, faith-filled community. We look forward to returning to our traditional festivities with a full Fall Festival in 2021!



St. Boni's

2020 FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE

DRAWING ON SEPTEMBER 12, 5:30 PM

\$5 per ticket - \$6,175 value - 17 chances to win!

13 CASH PRIZES	2 GIFT CARDS	2 HANDCRAFTED PRIZES
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CASH PRIZES

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| 1. \$2,000 | 2. \$1,000 | 3. \$700 |
| 4. \$500 | 5. \$400 | 6. \$300 |
| 7. \$200 | 8. \$150 | 9. \$125 |
| 10. \$100 | 11. \$100 | 12. \$100 |
| 13. \$100 | | |

GIFT CARDS

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| 14. \$75 Droolin' Moose |
| 15. \$50 Culvers |

Raffle Chair:

Sue Weberg, 952-884-2266

HANDCRAFTED PRIZES

Created and donated by our Craft Group!

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| 16. Queen Size Quilt - \$200 Value |
| 17. Kitchen Gift Basket - \$75 Value |



Queen Size Quilt



Kitchen Gift Basket

Cherub Memorial Garden

Donna Dahl, Respect Life Ministry

The Cherub Memorial Garden, located adjacent to the north parking lot of the church, is a WELCOMING place for ALL to come to pray, rest and enjoy the beauty of the flowering plants and shrubs throughout the changing seasons!

Participating Saint Bonaventure families installed a solar-powered light and planted a "ring of LOVE" of annual flowers in the inner section of the garden as a memorial to their babies lost in early pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death or SIDS. At night, the memorial lights, give a glow to the garden, in remembrance of beloved cherubs.

As family members gathered, in socially distanced groupings around the garden, Friar Bryan conducted a brief service of song, readings, and blessed each memorial site Sunday, May 24.



In his homily, Friar shared trees planted in proximity to one another, intertwine their root systems, and support one another in times of threatening winds and storms. So too, the cherub memorial garden can be a source of solace, comfort, and support for families grieving loss of an anticipated infant.

Thanks to Art and Nancy Breitbarth and garden volunteers, who sustain the beauty of the perennials and church garden maintenance throughout the year.

Saint Bonaventure Scholarship

Scholarship Committee

The Saint Bonaventure Scholarship honors two high school seniors each year for their academic excellence and their contributions to our parish and the community. Two \$1,000 scholarships were presented before Mass on the Grass on Sunday, July 19. This year's recipients were Maria Duffy, daughter of Michael and Laura Duffy and Jenna Pepka, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Pepka. Pictured left to right are Maria Duffy, Fr. Matthew Malek, and Jenna Pepka.

Maria Duffy will be attending Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., to pursue a degree in Political Science and Economics. Jenna Pepka will be attending University of Mary in Bismarck, ND, to pursue a degree in Education and Theology.



Cherub Memorial Garden

If you would be interested in helping with the maintenance of the garden: watering flower sites, light weeding, and removing dead plant blossoms please call Donna Dahl at 952-881-5067.

Welcoming Attendants

During Phase II we have a new short-term ministry to help welcome people to Mass and make sure we are all following the safety protocols. If you are interested in serving in this ministry please contact Patty, 952-854-4733 or pattys@saintbonaventure.org.

Church Today?

Jeanette Chwialkowski

A building?

Is it a caring phone call?

Is it your eyes behind a mask?

Is it a meal made for a shut-in?

Is it a new kind of patience?

Is it a frustration turned to peace?

Is it finding your inner strength?

Is it seeing beauty you never noticed before?

Is it agreeing to disagree?

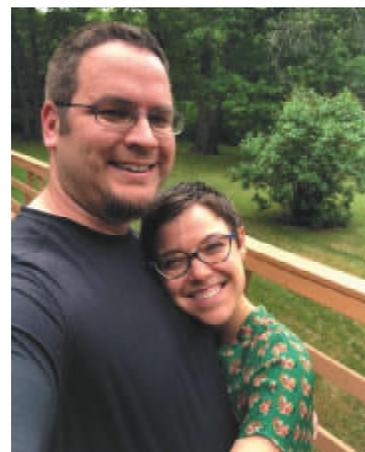
This time will lead us to a different place.



Mark and Richelle Schmitz

Mark and Richelle have lived in Bloomington for more than three years and have been members of Saint Bonaventure for about the same amount of time. You can usually find us in the choir loft singing as Richelle is one of the regular cantors. Richelle is involved with WINE and was an RCIA sponsor. For work, Mark is a dealer support operations associate at Alarm.com, and Richelle is a senior administrative assistant at Prime Therapeutics. We love our dog, a handsome 7-year-old corgi mix named Toby Keith (yes, like the country singer). Mark enjoys leather-working and bike riding in his spare time, and Richelle is an avid runner, reader, Toastmaster, and musician (flute and ukulele).

What do you love about Saint Bonaventure? The St. Boni Community welcomed us from our very first visit to the church, and that sense of community is why we made this parish our home.



Father Camillus Gott

Father Camillus is a Friar in Residence at the Saint Bonaventure Friary; you might recognize him from the second pew on the left at Daily Mass. Father Camillus grew up in Pismo Beach, California, in a parish run by Franciscan Friars. He felt called to religious life and encouraged by the Friars, so after high school went on to Seminary at Mount St. Francis. Father Camillus shared he appreciates how Francis was so in love with Christ, that he wanted to change the way people approached God and did so in such simple ways.

They call Father Camillus “the professor” as he is a retired academic. He has read all his life and taught history, religion, and theology at all levels. Father Camillus most loves being able to serve people and encourage them to follow the Lord. Father Camillus loves to walk in nature, although now mostly drives in nature to enjoy God’s creation. He loves to read history, science, and mystery stories. He recently was delighted to read, “Astrophysics for People in a Hurry” by Neil DeGrasse Tyson and learn about quarks.

What do you love about Saint Bonaventure? Diversity and welcoming. Seeing a whole sweep of young to middle-aged to old, professionals to blue-collar workers, and ethnic diversity too all coming together in community.



Tricia Kawakami

Tricia Kawakami works to keep our Faith Formation Office and Parish Library running smoothly. Tricia and her husband, Wendell, have three sons and a daughter. Our daughter and one son reside in St. Paul. The firstborn lives in Maryland and the youngest currently lives in Texas. Our family has traveled to Hawaii many times, not as tourists but to visit my husband’s family. Tricia is an avid reader* and also likes to hike and ride my bicycle.

What do you love about Saint Bonaventure? Being part of the Saint Bonaventure Parish Family, where all are respected, has been a Blessing.

***Saint Bonaventure Parish Library has more than 2,000 books for all ages!**



The Church of Saint Bonaventure of Bloomington, Minnesota

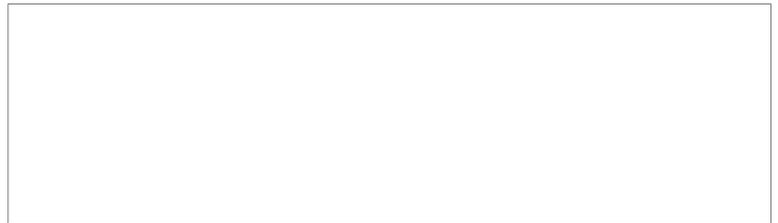
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Saint Bonaventure Upcoming Events

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| September 12 | Fall Festival Raffle and Craft Walk |
| September 13 | Craft Walk |
| October 3 | Transitus of St. Francis |
| October 4 | Feast of Saint Francis |
| November 1 | Solemnity of All Saints |
| November 7-8 | Christmas Boutique |
| November 8 | Service of Remembrance |

Being mindful of the COVID-19 pandemic, we still hope to schedule additional events. Please check our website, saintbonaventure.org for the latest calendar of events.

MASS

Saturday:
4:30 p.m.

Sunday:
8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Tuesday-Friday:
8:45 a.m.

First Saturday:
8:45 a.m.



ADORATION

Sunday-Friday:
1-7 p.m.

Saturday:
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.