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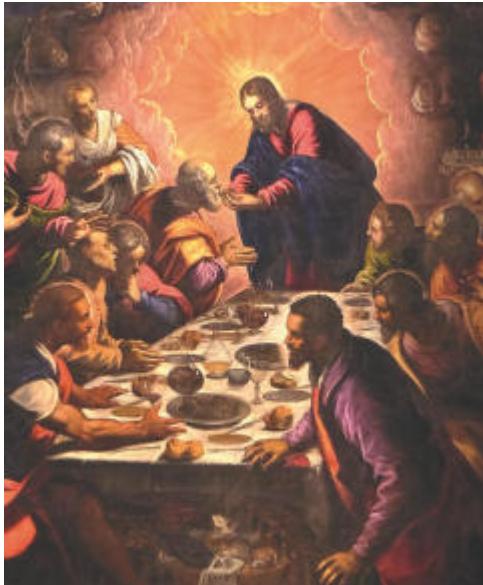
During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love.



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SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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## COVID - 19 Response

All activities at Saint Bonaventure are temporarily suspended until further notice.

## Contact

### Church of Saint Bonaventure

901 East 90th Street,  
Bloomington, MN 55420  
[saintbonaventure.org](http://saintbonaventure.org)

### Parish Office

Closed until further notice.  
Please call: 952-854-4733, we will respond to messages in a timely manner.

### Pastoral Emergency

952-814-9790  
\*Sacramental Emergencies only.

### Prayer Line

952-835-3945

### Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

612-323-7391

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, May 11

Mass Intention: † Sylvester Buettner

### Tuesday, May 12

Mass Intention: † Vance Florell  
11:00 - 1:00 pm Drive-Thru Food Shelf  
in the South Parking Lot

### Wednesday, May 13

Mass Intention: Dec. Franciscan Friars

### Thursday, May 14

Mass Intention: † Patricia Schumacher

### Friday, May 15

Mass Intention: † Tung Dinh  
2:00 - 4:00 pm Drive-Thru Food Shelf  
in the South Parking Lot

### Saturday, May 16

Mass Intention: † Jeannene Zimmel

### Sunday, May 17

Mass Intention: For the Parish

Mass Intention: † Joseph Dat and Dominic Khang

## Notes from Deacon Jon

We wish all mothers and those who mother in a special way to others, a blessed and Happy Mother's Day. We especially wish those who are expecting a child who will become new mothers a blessed Mother's Day. We dedicate this month of May to the Blessed Mother who intercedes for us and who is our protectress during this time of the coronavirus in this nation.

I requested to preach this Sunday because the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles addresses the beginning of the Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church. Seven men of spirit and wisdom were entrusted with the duty of taking care of widows and orphans who were being neglected by the apostles and the community they had formed after Jesus enlightened them with the gift of the Holy Spirit. The apostles laid hands on the new deacons, and the seven began serving the marginalized in their growing faith community. Over the past 2,000 years, this ministry of Permanent Diaconate, which is the third tier of ordinations (bishop, priest, and deacon), has grown to over 46,000 deacons worldwide and about 200 deacons in our local diocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis. Catholic priests are named Transitional Deacons six months prior to ordination to the priesthood. A permanent deacon is a life-long ordination commitment reserved for both married and single men.



In the Gospel from John, Jesus is telling the disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and where I am going, you know the way." These words made me think of how our lives have been transformed by an unseen virus. When Thomas answered, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way," it reminded me of how none of us, even the scientists, know where this virus is taking us or how changed our world will be after it's gone. Our economic future is threatened; many have suffered loss from employment to their very health and lives, and to an extent, surrendered constitutional rights, albeit to avoid the spread of the virus. We continue to grieve the loss of receiving Holy Communion, hugging family and friends, and simply going into work to be with co-workers. These are all losses we are enduring that will come to an end when this virus is defeated. We will continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones to the virus and those who are suffering from its effects.

I hope you will have an opportunity to read the back page article of the April 25 issue of the Catholic Spirit, featuring a piece entitled, "When This is Over" by Laura Kelly Fanucci. It addresses the idea of never taking for granted all that we experience in our daily lives. Yes, we are struggling with this prolonged shutdown and stay at home edict from the Governor and wonder when the economy will be opened to prevent an economic collapse. We wonder where God is in all of this. In the dialogue between Jesus and Philip, he is asking Jesus to show them a sign. "All" Jesus had to do was show the disciples the face of God. They still didn't realize that after three years, they were in the midst of God, who was in the human form of Jesus. We struggle with faith issues and where God is during this virus. We are called to continue an intimate relationship with Jesus and to establish that relationship if we don't already have it. We aren't able to "see" God either, but through our deep faith, we "feel" God in our hearts and souls as if He were sitting next to us, which He IS. Please don't give up hope. Wherever this virus takes us, we still have our beloved faith and trust that God will watch over us wherever it takes us.

May God continue to bless you and keep you healthy.

Deacon Jon

## The Lord loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

### Giving Update

Thank you to all those who continue to send in your church offering or give online. Your support is greatly appreciated!

#### Collection for the week of May 3, 2020

Actual: \$10,449.64

Year to Date Actual: \$ 687,896.30

Average Weekly Budget: \$15,000.00

Year to Date Budget: \$ 679,823.00

## Parish Updates

### Saint Bonaventure Scholarship—Scholarship Committee

The Saint Bonaventure Scholarship, founded by former parishioners Ed and Rita Pidde in 2000, honors high school seniors for their academic excellence and their contributions to our parish and the community. Each year two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to graduating high school senior parishioners.

Applications for the scholarship can be found on the homepage of our website, saintbonaventure.org or by contacting the Parish Office. Applications are to be completed and returned to the Parish Office by **Friday, May 29**. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher, be a senior in High School, and be an active member of Saint Bonaventure and in the community. Scholarships will be awarded in June and may be used for college, university, or technical college.

## Upcoming Events

### Double the Appreciation

Although we do not yet know when we can gather, plans are in the works for our **2020 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**. And to double the fun, this will also be the **Retirement Celebration for Joan DeLuney** - let's send her off with love and laughter! We will give a few weeks notice once we can confirm a date, so there will be time to pick up your ticket. We will also have a **Silent Auction** to benefit the St Vincent de Paul Food Shelf. Watch the bulletin and listen to announcements once we are back together. Until then, stay safe and know we miss you!

## Ministry Activities

### Cherub Memorial Garden—Respect Life

Parishioners who have lost a child in early pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death or SIDS, are invited to register for a spot to put a single stem solar light and plant a surrounding 12-15" ring ANNUAL flowers, in remembrance of their beloved infant in our Cherub Memorial Garden. The flowers should be planted in the center garden section (adjacent to the North parking lot) the week of **May 17-23**. Friar Bryan will bless the Cherub Memorial Garden at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 24.

**For more information and to register or renew a registration for a 2020 garden spot, please call Donna Dahl at 952-881-5067.** You will then be assigned a registration ID# to affix to the stem of your solar light.

Saint Bonaventure's Respect Life Ministry supports this program.

### Garage Sale—Social Justice Ministry

Our annual Garage Sale supports the Social Justice activities for our community. We wanted to let you know that we are still planning to hold this great event, but it will be at a later date. So if you are cleaning out your closets during this stay-at-home time and you have the space to hold onto your goodies, please plan to donate what someone else could use and help our community at the same time! However, with no concrete dates in place, we cannot start taking donations and fully understand if you choose to donate elsewhere. Thank you!

### Mother's Day Diaper Drive—Respect Life

Normally every year the Respect Life Committee conducts a diaper drive for our St Vincent de Paul food shelf recipients. This year is in no way normal! But the need remains the same. This year we are asking you to donate anytime between Mother's Day and Father's Day—by dropping a package of diapers in the SVdP box outside the chapel area. We need larger sizes only: 4, 5, & 6. Diaper wipes are needed as well.

## Friends of Saint Bonaventure

### Friday Night Take-out Dinners—Knights of Columbus Marian Council

The Knights of Columbus Marian Council is serving Friday Night Take-out dinners. Part of the proceeds and all collected donations will go towards the local Leave No Neighbor Behind program.

Fridays, from 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. call 952-888-1492, order your dinners and pick them up from 4-7:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Event Center, 1114 American Blvd East Dupont Avenue entrance. Take Out Menu: Fish Dinner of broiled or deep-fried cod with salad, coleslaw, and choice of potato, \$12.95 -- Hamburger, or Cheeseburger, with chips or fries, \$8 -- Chicken Wings, or Shrimp Basket with fries, \$9. Walk-ins are welcome.



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