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NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome packets are available at the entrances of the church. Call or stop by the Parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Please call the parish office to make arrangements for the Sacrament of Baptism (978-582-4008).

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) welcomes all who may be interested in learning more About the Catholic Faith. For more information contact Fr. Anthony Mpagi at stbonifaceparish@comcast.net

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish **at least one year** prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church **before** plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact Sue Cote 978-582-0404 sj33@msn.com

LUNENBURG PUBLIC ACCESS TV
St Boniface Mass from the previous week will be broadcast at 10:45 every Sunday on Lunenburg Public Access Channel 9 ...anyone interested in helping video tape should contact ...tmurphyesq@aol.com

SICK OR HOMEBOUND We would like to bring them Communion and minister to them on a regular basis either at home or in a health care facility. Please call the parish office 978-582-4008 or email Fr. Anthony at stbonifaceparish@comcast.net or Nancy Cieri 978-582-6983 nancycieri@comcast.net to arrange these visits.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

In Service to One. In Service to all.

The members of St. Boniface Knights of Columbus Council #16480 meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight James Dijak (978) 534-7956 or Deputy Grand Knight Brian Cusick (978) 534-2326, or you can email the Council at kofc16480@gmail.com



Mass Times

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

4PM Saturday Vigil Mass
8am & 10:30am Sunday Morning Mass

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are at 6:30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8am-12pm & 1- 4pm

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekend February 17, 2019

Sunday Ordinary:	\$1,621.00
Maintenance	2.00
Total Contributions:	\$1,623.00

Thank you for your continued support!



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an evening of Team Trivia this Friday, March 1st at 7:00 pm. Come join us for a fun evening and a little exercise for your

brain. All are welcome so bring your family and friends. Free to play! A prize will be awarded to the winning team. Everyone is asked to bring a snack to share.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

DINNER: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day dinner with a performance by Irish step dancers.

The celebration will start on Saturday March 9th at 5:00 PM. The dinner will consist of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and vegetables with Irish soda bread, coffee and dessert. Tickets are priced at \$10 per individual or \$30 per family. Proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus charities. There will be only advance ticket sales; no tickets will be sold at the door. The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after weekend masses through March 3rd.

MASS INTENTION

Sat	Feb 23	4pm	Kenny Herrmann, by the Martin & Reinbold families
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CHOIR REHEARSAL for LENT AND

EASTER resumes on Thursday, February 28.

We welcome new singers to join with us to learn ancient chants and new songs of praise as we ask our God to give us a new Heart and Spirit!



Our Choir Family would love new additions, particularly Men! If you are a teen or older and can come out on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30/8pm; we'd love to meet you in the Loft! For more info, call Claire at (617) 823-4237.

WORKING WITH THE WORD

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time C
February 24, 2019

[Reading I: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23](#)

[Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13](#)

[Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49](#)

[Gospel: Luke 6:27-38](#)



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: Do to others; children of the Most High; Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful; good measure

To the point: Jesus makes our call to live as "children of the Most high" concrete and practical. The norms of behavior he lays down move us from the already high standard "do to others as you would have them do to you" to the even higher standard "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

We are empowered to act in this way because of the extravagant good measure with which God continually acts toward us.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** It was perfectly permissible and encoded in the Law to exact an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Saul's attempts on David's life justify Abishai's desire to kill Saul whom, after all, "the Lord delivered" into David's hands. David's sparing Saul's life was a gesture of mercy which superseded the Law.

The Gospel challenges us to the same measure of mercy.

... **to experience:** In a society where the standard for many is "dog eat dog" and getting ahead at any cost, the golden rule "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is a high standard, indeed.

What a challenge the Gospel poses!

THE PERSPECTIVE OF JUSTICE

Another Wisdom

We all know that you must love your friends, and love those who love you. We know that you can't let people get away with slapping you in the face. We know that when someone takes something away from you, steps must be taken to have the stolen goods returned. We know that when you lend someone something, you expect them to pay it back. We know that criminals are to be judged, and wrongdoers are to be condemned.

Such things are obvious. They are part of the wisdom of the ages that has been passed on to us, and which we are passing on to our children.

But there is another wisdom, that revealed in God's Son and for which we pray in the opening prayer. According to this wisdom, you are to love your enemies, bless those who curse you, give people your other cheek to slap, offer more goods to those who are taking things from you, lend without expecting repayment, and go through life without judging or condemning anyone. This is the wisdom Jesus challenges us with in his sermon.

"Faith in your word is the way to wisdom." How much "faith" are we to put in Jesus' words? Are we to take them literally, or at least very seriously? What would happen if Christians everywhere were to base their lives on such wisdom? Jesus yielded up his life for us in perfect loving union with the Father's will, and this is the meaning of his life which also gives meaning to our lives as his followers. If we can acknowledge selfishness as folly and self-sacrifice as victory, if we can love enemies, be vulnerable to injustice and, in being so, still say that we have triumphed, then we shall have learned to live in Christ Jesus.

US Bishops, [To Live in Christ Jesus](#), 1976:116.

Gerald Darring

First Reading [1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23](#)

1. Is this reading about magnanimity (generous in overlooking injury and insult, rising above pettiness and meanness)? Can you think of any saints/prophets who are or were magnanimous? Do you know any magnanimous people in your own life?

2. Saul was mean and insane but David showed respect for him because Saul was anointed. How about you? Can you show respect for someone yet disagree with him/her? What do you think the outcome is when neither side respects the other?

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 15:45-49](#)

1. Name some of the ways we bear the image of the earthly Adam.

2. The theologian von Balthasar said that Christ cut a path for us by being grace ascending and grace descending. Jesus is just as much creation's highest response to the Father as he is the Father's Word to creation. How does this "heavenly Adam," coming together with the "earthly Adam" cut a path for us? What does bearing the image of the heavenly Adam allow us to do?