

SAINTS JOSEPH, PETER, BONIFACE & ASSUMPTION *of the* BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

P A R I S H C L U S T E R

ONE. HOLY. APOSTOLIC. UNIVERSAL CHURCH. WE ARE CATHOLIC. WE ARE FAMILY. WELCOME HOME!

BARRON, CAMERON, CHETEK & STRICKLAND, WI



Mass Schedule

SATURDAY

4PM—ABVM, STRICKLAND
6PM—ST. PETER, CAMERON

SUNDAY

8AM—ST. PETER, CAMERON
9:30AM—ST. JOSEPH, BARRON
11AM—ST. BONIFACE, CHETEK

TUESDAY

6PM—ST. PETER, CAMERON

WEDNESDAY

7:15AM—ST. JOSEPH, BARRON

THURSDAY

8:30AM—ST. BONIFACE,
CHETEK

FRIDAY

8AM—ST. PETER, CAMERON

CONNECT! WITH THE WORD

MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God." What is a kingdom? Is it the brick and mortar that build up the castle? Is it the expanse of land a king can reasonably defend? Our notions of kingdoms may be romanticized in the modern era, but for the Israelites, a kingdom held deep historical meaning. Thousands of years before the birth of Christ, the Israelites had asked God for a king. After the reigns of David and Solomon, the united kingdom dissolved into factions, and the land was conquered by the Assyrians, Babylonians, and, finally, Romans. For the Israelites, a kingdom was something to build, both structurally and civilly. While this had ended in ruin for their ancestors, many of Jesus' contemporaries longed for the restoration of an earthly kingdom. Jesus' words in today's Gospel are a radical departure from this perspective. He compares the Kingdom of God to a field, but it appears that the farmer has little to do with its progress. "The seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord, the land yields fruit." Jesus introduces his followers to a new sort of kingdom, a kingdom where God provides the growth. There is work to be done, of course. "When the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." But for the Kingdom of God to flourish, there are certain things that are outside of our control. We sow seeds of kindness, justice, and integrity? and then we must be patient. As shoots of faith appear, we nurture the growth with encouragement. As Christians, our task is not to build the Kingdom of God under our power alone, but to trust in the life-giving movement of God.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:23

The prophet Ezekiel hears this "proverb" of the Lord (the restoration of Israel) while in exile in Babylon around 570 BC. How do you think the captive Israelites reacted to Ezekiel's words?

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:8

Paul speaks of Christians being "courageous." How does your faith give you strength and confidence?

Gospel: Mark 4: 26, 28-29

Why do you think Jesus often spoke about the Kingdom of God by using parables?

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



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Saturday

4:00 pm † Thomas Biedron
 by Walter & Virginia Biedron ABVM

5:30 pm Pray the Rosary Before Mass SP

6:00 pm † Mike Cowley by Family SP

Sunday

7:30 am Pray the Rosary Before Mass SP

8:00 am All the People of our Parish Cluster SP

9:00 am Pray the Rosary before Mass SJ

9:30 am † Phyllis Stanke by Tina SJ

10:30 am Pray the Rosary before Mass SB

11:00 am † John Gores by Family SB

Tuesday

6:00 pm Special Intention SP

Wednesday

7:15 am † Dale Lane by Barron KC's SJ

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 3:00 pm SJ

2:45 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet SJ

Thursday

8:30 am † John & Estella Plaza by John & Lucy SB

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 4:00 pm SB

Friday

8:00 am † Bradley Robarge by Gerri & Family SP

Saturday

4:00 pm † Donna Mujwid by Stanley Mujwid ABVM

5:30 pm Pray the Rosary Before Mass SP

6:00 pm All the People of our Parish Cluster SP

Sunday

7:30 am Pray the Rosary Before Mass SP

8:00 am † Carolyn Harvey by Mary & Terry Gerber SP

9:00 am Pray the Rosary before Mass SJ

9:30 am † Anita Grygiel by Kaye Leaman SJ

10:30 am Pray the Rosary before Mass SB

11:00 am † Phillip Burak by Mom & Dad SB

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Sacraments

Reconciliation: Father Bala will be present in the Confessional, for Reconciliation at all parishes, 30 minutes prior to all Masses, Tuesday-Saturday; and prior to Sunday Mass at St. Peter; and 9-10am on the 1st Saturday of the month at St. Joseph. Reconciliation may also be received following most Masses or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment, please call parish office first. If an emergency, please call Father Bala Policetty directly.

Baptism: Please call the parish office to schedule. First time parents, please plan to attend a baptismal preparation session prior to your child's baptism.

Marriage: Please make arrangements for marriage prep classes beginning six months before the wedding.

Homebound Communion

Communion is given weekly to our cluster homebound parishioners. If you would like to be added to the list, please call the cluster office.

Pastoral Visits: Please contact Father Policetty if you or a loved one would like to be visited.

**SB-St. Boniface • SJ-St. Joseph • SP-St. Peter
 ABVM-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thank you! FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT!
 YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE VITAL TO YOUR PARISH.

Weekly Sacrificial Giving	Adult	Loose	Special	Total
ABVM	\$80	\$193	\$50	\$323
STB	\$1750	\$449	\$153	\$2352
STJ	\$1216	\$94	\$86	\$1396
STP	\$2096	\$421	\$265	\$2782



MON	
Noon-6pm	Blood Drive, STP

F A I T H F O R M A T I O N

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

You could buy a meal for a person who is hungry or for a person who just ate a feast. You could spend time with a lonely person or with someone who has more friends than you. You could step forward to join a parish committee that your experience and knowledge can help, or you can join a ministry where you will constantly struggle to figure out what to do. All of the above actions involve you giving and sharing yourself and your gifts. But not all of these actions will bear good fruit. If a sower sows seeds only on rocky or weed-infested soil, nothing of great value will grow. But if that same sower plants his seeds in rich soil, then the harvest will one day be great. In all of the soils, the seed is being sown, but it is not the act of sowing that is the most important factor. In living a stewardship way of life, we must discern how best to share our gifts. Discernment needs the Holy Spirit and a desire to follow God's will, not our own. Our own desires and misconceptions can cause us to use our gifts unwisely. The more mindful we are of how, when, and why we are sharing ourselves, than the greater the impact for God's glory. God wants all of you, but not in a way that is without understanding and discernment. He wants you to shine as a light to the world through your stewardship just as He came to you as the Light of the World in baptism. You can't shine brightly if the match does not hit the wick.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

NATIONAL CONCERN COLLECTION

Our annual National Concern Collection takes place this weekend, June 16th & 17th. This collection provides funding for five Catholic initiatives that touch the faithful of Wisconsin as well as throughout the United States. Your generosity and prayers support the following appeals:

Catholic Communication Campaign: Focuses on new ways to deliver the gospel message to people in today's digital age - on the Internet to strengthen marriage, in podcasts for daily readings, on television for Christmas Mass, and on Facebook for sharing of the faith. Recently our Catholic Schools each received \$1,000 to help fund local marketing programs.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Working via the Diocesan Department of Stewardship and Development, this campaign provides national grants that make a difference in low income communities to fund programs addressing the very root causes of poverty.

National Retirement Fund for Religious: This fund maintains vital funding for our sisters and all religious institutes in need. Today many senior religious continue to manifest God's love and generosity by serving in a wide range of volunteer activities.

Catholic University of America: The University, located in Washington, D.C., offers students an excellent education in a faith filled atmosphere that is grounded in Catholic intellectual tradition.

Archdiocese for the Military Services: This is a newly funded initiative to grant support for this Church ministry that provides for the spiritual, sacramental and pastoral care of almost two million Catholics serving in the armed forces. Again this year, Bishop Powers asks that you consider giving what you can and to pray for a vibrant Church. Bishop Powers thanks you for your gifts of stewardship and faith.

CLUSTER CONNECTION Getting to Know You!

Each week we plan to introduce parishioners in an effort to connect and get to know each other better in our parish cluster family. This week we'd like to introduce you to:

Marge Mujwid Home Parish: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Areas of Service: Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Money Counter, PCCW Treasurer

Favorite Bible Verse: Please God, put your arm around my shoulders and your hand over my mouth!

How did you become involved in the church? Because of my 5 children & I have been Catholic all my life.

Favorite song? Could I Have This Dance For the Rest of My life. **Favorite game?** Hand & Foot Card Game.

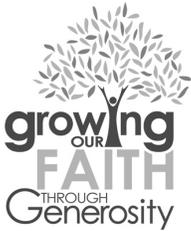
Favorite Place to travel? Home

If you could have dinner with one famous person (living or deceased) who would that be and why?

Father Bala



TUES		WED		THURS	
6pm	Mass, STP	7:15am	Mass, STJ	8:30am	Mass, STB
		8am	Eucharistic Adoration, STJ	9am	Eucharistic Adoration, STB



The First Reading from Ezekiel makes reference to a tree to be planted by God: "I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain." This is Ezekiel's version of the prophecy by Isaiah: "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch will grow out of its roots." St. Paul offers another perspective of being a branch or a limb from a tree. The Body of Christ, the Church, can also be compared to a tree with many branches, perhaps each serving a different purpose, but all combining to produce the whole. That is what we as a Church are like and why each of us in his or her own way is important to the total. It is all held together by the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit in Paul's life gave him great confidence, a confidence he feels we should share. This is part of the importance of all trees and large plants as they tend to come from seeds, perhaps not always tiny ones, but they come to life and they grow. That is what is supposed to be happening to us as well. Only God can truly make us what we are to be and what we are called to be.

A Father's Day Prayer

God,
 Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
 Amen

ST. THOMAS MORE ~ JUNE 22

"I am the King's good servant, but God's first." So said St. Thomas More, whose feast we celebrate on June 22nd. St. Thomas More was once Sir Thomas More, a lawyer and statesman in the court of King Henry VIII. When the king wished to dissolve his marriage to Catherine of Aragon -- who was infertile -- the pope held up the validity of the marriage. Desperate to generate an heir, King Henry declared himself the head of the Church of England and granted himself an annulment. Most leaders signed the "Oath of Supremacy," declaring the King's power over the English Church. Thomas More, then the Lord Chancellor, refused to sign. He was sentenced to death. St. Thomas More reminds us of our call to integrity and to the defense of truth in the public square.

Thomas More is the patron saint of lawyers, politicians, and civil servants. St. Thomas More, pray for us!



Please Pray For: All of our cluster parishioners in hospitals, at home and in the nursing homes & for those in the Armed Forces. Especially for: Adeline Tadel, Laura Johanson, Jackie Brohman, Ida Nevin, Chris Wigchers, Declan Fisher, Judy Lentz, Robert Ryan, Joan Krug, Josie Romanowski, Joyce Trotter, Dale Jakel, Ruth Huiras, Dc. Cullen, Mary & Bill Bell, H. B., Darlene Townsend, Dc. Jim and Barb Dennis, Diane DeMars, Judy Graf, Nancy Kukla, Jo Ann Lundequam, Sandy Garr, Marie Greenbush, Larry Toufar, Pam Luethi, Jim Haas, Doug Rutledge, Joan Fostvedt, Judi Peltier, Joe Puziewicz, Norma Licht, Joel Rivera, Michael Nevin & Cheyenne.

To be added or removed, please contact the parish office.

FRI		SAT		SUN	
8am	Mass, STP	4pm	Mass, ABVM	8am	Mass, STP
		6pm	Mass, STP	9:30am	Mass, STJ
				11am	Mass, STB

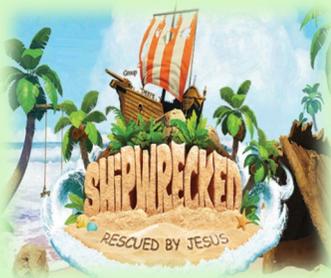


GIVE BLOOD. EVERY 2 SECONDS SOMEONE IN THE U.S. NEEDS BLOOD. Cameron Community Blood Drive at St. Peter Church this Monday, June 18th, Noon to 6pm. For info call Margaret @ 715-458-4753.

PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM Ecumenical Extravaganza!

The Barron Clergy Association is inviting community residents to join them for an 'Ecumenical Extravaganza,' at Barron County's Pioneer Village Museum, on **Sunday, June 24th**. All of our cluster's parishioners are invited to enjoy the museum's amazing exhibits between 1-5pm. The event will wrap up with a camp-style worship service at 6pm. The association, which includes St. Joseph parish in Barron, is offering FREE carload passes as well as a picnic dinner. Without the carload pass, people will have to pay regular admission fees that day. **ENJOY A FAMILY DAY AT THE MUSEUM! PICK UP A CARLOAD PASS, AND SIGN UP FOR DINNER (IF DESIRED) AT THE BACK OF CHURCH!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Registration Now Open



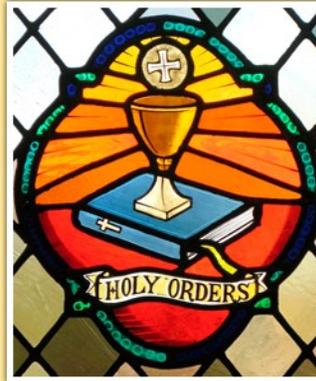
Ages 4 & up!
Join us for the coolest week of the summer!
JULY 23—JULY 27
A great week of Bible Learning & Adventures!

Each evening begins with dinner at 5pm in the Tropical Treats Diner! 5:30-8pm, students will rotate through fun-filled, faith-filled Bible learning experiences including: Castaway Sing & Play, Bible Discovery, Imagination Station, Ship Wreck Games, KIDVID Cinema, and Sail-Away Sendoff! Friday: All students and their families are invited to our last evening of VBS, where we will celebrate and share all that was taught during the week of VBS! Student presentations, a potluck cookout dinner, and fun stations for all family members to enjoy will be featured!

Registration forms can be found at the back of church and online at www.sspbandj.org.

SUPPORT PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

by **YOUR PRESENCE** at the **CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING, SUPERIOR June 24th.**



The entire diocese is invited to the Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior on Sunday, June 24th at 4:00 in the afternoon to celebrate the Ordination of Richard Rhinehart to the Priesthood. This

Mass fulfills the obligation

for that Sunday. All diocesan clergy are invited to attend, vested as concelebrating Priests or as non-assisting Deacons. Bishop James Powers is our Priest-Celebrant and homilist. Show your support for Rich and the Sacrament of Holy Orders, along with our Diocesan Chorale, a combined Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, and many others. When our diocesan family gathers, we witness to the world in a powerful way-come and be a part of this happy occasion!



Items in very good condition are being accepted for St. Boniface's upcoming rummage sales, which will tentatively take place on Saturday, June 30th and Wednesday, July 4th.

Items may be dropped off in the church basement or multi-purpose room during open church hours. (Thurs. & Sun.)

We are also looking for volunteers to help sort and work the sale! Sign up at the back of church!!



St. Boniface Outdoor Polka Mass & Chicken Dinner

SUNDAY, JULY 29TH

Looking for helping hands! If you would like to help out in any way, please call the administration office and we'll sign you up! Thank You!