

# St. Boniface

Catholic Church

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230 1st St. NW - Lidgerwood, ND 58053

Also Serving St. Martin of Tours, Geneseo and Sts. Peter & Paul, Cayuga

## Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saint Boniface**

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

**Saint Martin of Tours - Geneseo**

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

(Odd Numbered Months)

**Saints Peter & Paul - Cayuga**

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

(Even Numbered Months)

## May 2, 2021 - 5th Sunday of Easter

### **Q** Is gossip a mortal sin?

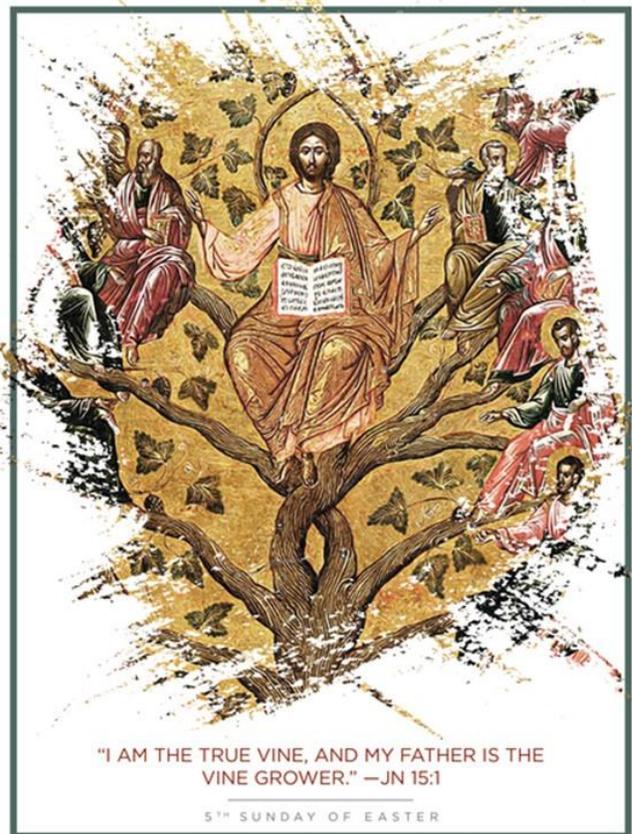
**A** To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31**

**1 John 3:18-24**

**John 15:1-8**

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## Weekly Mass Schedule



### Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, May 1	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† Adrian Heley
Sunday, May 2	8:30 am (St. B.)	Katelyn Heley
	10:30 am (St. M.)	Pro Popula

### Weekday Liturgies

Monday, May 3	NO MASS	
Tuesday, May 4	NO MASS	
Wednesday, May 5	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Don Keelin
Thursday, May 6	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Mary & Alois Polansky
Friday, May 7	8:30 am (St. B.)	Kath Family

### Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, May 8	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† Richard Lysne
Sunday, May 9	8:30 am (St. B.)	† Ray & Eleanor Wohlwend
	10:30 am (St. M.)	Pro Popula

## Reconciliation Schedule

**St. Boniface: Saturday** – 4:30 - 4:55 pm

**Sunday** – prior to Mass

**Wednesday** – 9:45 am

**St. Martin/Sts. Peter & Paul:**

**Sundays** – Before and after 10:30 am Mass

## Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Broden Frolek      - Rick Jorgenson      - Rick Kane  
- Peggy Harles      - Shelby Northrop      - Shirley Ahrens  
- Miranda Jelinek      - Brad Meyer

If you have any imminent prayer requests, please call or text Cindy at 701-640-1401.

## Religious Education

**CCD/CYO** classes will be Wednesday from 6:30-8pm.

## All Parishes

**Join us in Prayer.** The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at the following times: Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 8am and 10am and Wednesday and Thursday at 8am and 9:30am.

**Mass Schedule Change.** Beginning in May, St. Martin's will be having Mass every Sunday at 10:30 am with air conditioning available. Sts. Peter & Paul will be having Mass at 7 pm on Sundays in the months of June and August.

**Please consider spending time with Jesus in**

**Eucharistic Adoration.** We have two time slots to fill on Thursdays, 9-10 am and 5-6 pm. Please contact Sharon Frolek if either of these times would work for you. Call 538-7010 or text her at 612-790-1211.

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Thursdays from 5am to midnight. Please sign in when you arrive for adoration. There is a sheet by the door of the adoration chapel. Also, if you are signed up for a specific hour and cannot make it, please call Sharon Frolek at 612-790-1211 to find a substitute.

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Confirmation** will be held at St. Boniface on Sunday, May 23 at the 8:30 am Mass. Please keep our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive these sacraments. They are Danica Dunn, Gianna Frolek, Christian Kackman, Kinley Lyon, MacKenzie Lyon, Braxton Kackman and Julia Witt.

**St. Martin's Brotherly Help Society** and Cemetery Association will meet on Sunday, May 2 at 7pm.

**Baccalaureate** will be on Sunday, May 9 in honor of our senior class including: Drew Frolek, Evan Grenz, Matthew Heley, Myah Jelinek and Kendra Kaczynski. Everyone is invited to celebrate with our youth.

**Rogation Day Prayers** will be said at 7pm on Tuesdays in May starting on May 11 with Mass to follow at 7:30 pm.

**Summer Mass Schedule.** Saturday evening Mass at St. Boniface will be at 7pm from Memorial Day Weekend, May 29, through Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4.

**Upcoming Retreats.** A women's retreat will be held at the convent in Hankinson on Aug. 13-15. A men's retreat will be held at the Abby of the Hills on Aug 27-29. More info. to come.

**Priest who lost parents and siblings to COVID-19: "I'll keep loving you, Lord"**

This priest found reasons for hope in a time of terrible tragedy.

Fr. Gilvan Manuel da Silva, of the Congregation of the Mission, is the pastor of the Parish of Sts. Peter and Paul, in Fortaleza, Brazil. This past March and April, he had to face the death of his parents and two siblings, victims of COVID-19, in a space of only 6 days. His faith-filled reaction has moved the hearts of people around the world. According to Catholic blog *Ancoradouro*, the parish priest received news on March 31 of the death of his father, Manuel Anísio de Sousa, and his brother Vicente Manuel de Silva.

Four days later, it was his mother, Antônia Rosa da Silva Sousa, who was unable to survive the complications resulting from her coronavirus infection.

On Monday, April 5, the priest also lost his sister, Rosa Maria da Silva, who had been intubated.

### **“I will continue loving you, Lord”**

In the midst of the transition from Holy Week to the Easter Season, Fr. Gilvan met this cruel loss with a moving demonstration of faith.

On Instagram, the Lazarist priest wrote on Easter Monday, **“Lord, you can take everything from me, but even so I will continue to love you.”** Just two days earlier, on Holy Saturday, he had declared, “We suffer in the flesh what was lacking in the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Through a note, the Archdiocese of Fortaleza expressed its solidarity with Fr. Gilvan and his family, writing, “We reaffirm our faith, for Christ is Risen! He is alive and walks in front of us toward the Galilee of our life.”

Fr. Gilvan also received many expressions of grief, solidarity and prayer from friends and parishioners, some of which he shared on his Instagram profile.

### **“Four pieces of my heart”**

This week, Fr. Gilvan shared on his Instagram touching photos of his parents and siblings, accompanied by the caption that starts with, **“Today I look at four pieces of my heart, synthesized in the words of Jesus: ‘Whoever believes in me will live.’”**

He goes on to thank his bishop and other people who have been close to him during this difficult time.

On Thursday, April 8, he reached the hearts of internet users once again with another touching testimony: He shared how he was able to give the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to his parents in the hospital before they died.

Here is what Fr. Gilvan wrote on Instagram:

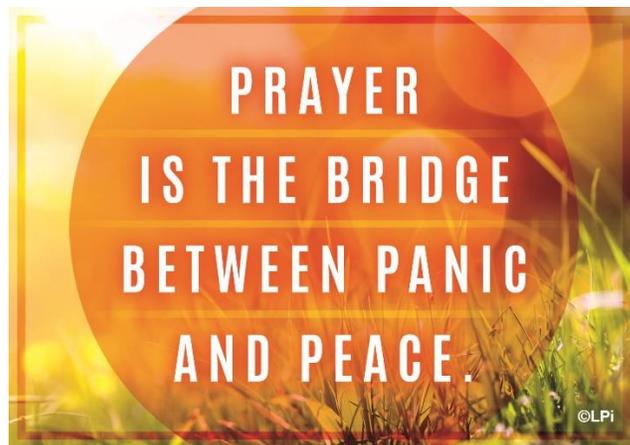
*It was a powerful scene when I anointed my mother and father. As I dressed myself in the hospital with the protective clothing, even though I knew it was a risk to be there with many infected from COVID-19, I remembered the Letter of James: “Is any of you sick? Let him call for the elders of the Church, that they may pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord” (James 5:14). Then I realized it: I myself would be my father and mother’s priest.*

*It was an extreme moment of emotion and faith. I couldn’t say the words of the formula because my voice came in tears. Touching those hands and feet that so often ran to me to kiss and hug, and those hands which I so often touched to say: “A blessing, mother?” and “A blessing, father?” was like summarizing the priestly vocation: the priesthood is strictly an offering. I didn’t anoint to save them corporeally, but to preserve and prepare their souls for the great encounter with the bridegroom who is Jesus.*

*My mother, when she found out that the “nurse” who was rubbing the oil of anointing of the sick on her body was her priest son, immediately said: “My son, what are you doing inside the hospital? It’s too dangerous here, you doing inside the hospital? It’s too dangerous here, get out.” It takes a lot of faith to savor these final moments ... I believe, Lord.*

At a time when so many people around the world have lost loved ones to this pandemic, Fr. Gilvan’s example can help us experience our grief unapologetically, but with faith and hope.

The mysteries we celebrate at Easter remind us that Christ has made it possible for us to give transcendent meaning to our suffering by joining it to His Passion. **And thanks to His Resurrection, death does not have the final word.**



### **Depressed? Pray this powerful prayer of St. Ignatius against the darkness**

St. Ignatius of Loyola understood the darkness of depression and was even tempted to suicide.

Depression is an extremely difficult condition.

The good news is that we are not alone in this battle and in addition to medical care, we have a long list of heavenly friends who can help us see the light of Christ.

One such saint who is a strong intercessor and knew depression well was St. Ignatius of Loyola. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, “At one time he was violently tempted to end his miseries by suicide, on which he resolved neither to eat nor to drink (unless his life was in danger), until God granted him the peace which he desired, and so he continued until his confessor stopped him at the end of the week.”

Through God’s grace he was able to climb out of the darkness of despair and become one of the greatest saints of all time.

He also left us a powerful “Prayer Against Depression” that can be said frequently, especially during those dark times in our lives. As always, prayer, matched with proper medical attention, can be a powerful aid in bringing a person out of the depths of depression into a new life of Christian joy.

*O Christ Jesus when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your Presence, Your Love and Your Strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, For, living close to You, we shall see Your Hand, Your Purpose, Your Will through all things.*