



# St. Boniface Episcopal Church

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## The Holy Eucharist - Rite II: First Sunday after the Epiphany January 8, 2023 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. ~ The Baptism of our Lord

Prelude Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 (Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness) *J.S. Bach*

### The Word of God

Hymn 448 vs 1, 2, 3 O love, how deep, how broad, how high



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise S-202

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give  
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.  
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the  
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.  
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou  
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most  
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



**The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

*Celebrant* Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** *be seated*

**Isaiah 42:1-9** Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29**

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Acts 10:34-43** Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 294 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit**



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,  
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,  
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,



cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
 dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
 marked with the sign of Christ our King:



heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his prom - ise,  
 one with his ris - ing, freed and for - giv - en,  
 born of one Fa - ther, we are his chil - dren,



faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Matthew 3:13-17** Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*The Very Rev. Wayne Farrell*

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Hymn 120 The sinless one to Jordan came



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,  
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,  
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun  
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,  
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;  
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare  
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,  
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!  
 5 go forth with you a world to win:  
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,  
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed  
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes  
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power  
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.  
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.  
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.  
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.  
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

## The Prayers of the People

God said, "Let there be light...and there was light."

Gen 1:3

God of Guidance, as the power of the star drew all of the world to Bethlehem, we pray to be ministers at St. Boniface so that we may be that light to others.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come... **and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**" Is 60:1

Servant God, may your light shine in the hearts of all in civil authority that they may know the power of being faithful servants.

"You are my servant, Israel... **in whom I will be glorified.**"

Is 49:3

God of Peace, we pray that your powerful light overcome the darkness in the world especially war, poverty, addiction, and prejudice. Protect those who work with, and those who live, on the edges of society.

"What does the Lord require of you...

**to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.**"

Micah 6:8

God of Health and Healing, may the warmth of your light shine upon your people suffering from loneliness, grief, lack of employment, and illness.

"The Lord will guide you continually... **and satisfy your need in parched places.**"

Is 58:11

God of Welcome, we pray for those who have entered your realm of endless light. We mourn them and are soothed by the knowledge of their presence with you.

"The Lord will swallow up death forever...**and wipe away the tears from every face.**"

Is 25:8

God of Grace, we thank you for the light of your blessings, especially for those celebrating this week: Rita Dadzis, Cas Henderson, Mary Beth Leeming, Gisele Pelaprat, Penny Thomas, Mark & Linda Johnston.

*Celebrant:* Perfect light of revelation, so shine in us and through us that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all Creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.** *Greet one another with a nod, or a bow, in the name of the Lord.*

Welcome

### The Holy Communion

*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord

Offertory Anthem

Down to the River to Pray *arr. Lee*

Presentation Hymn 448 vs. 6 (*see page 1*)

**All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore for ever and for evermore.**

### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*A proper preface is said*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus S-127

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant & People* **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

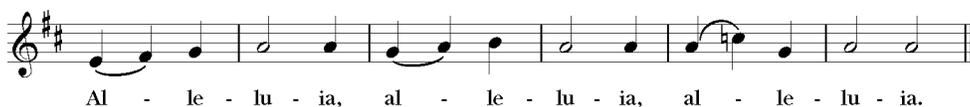
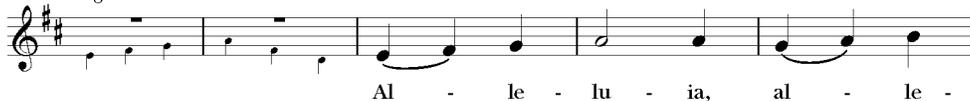
*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem S-155

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. To those who, due to this pandemic, are unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine; I assure you that all of the benefits of this Holy Communion are received spiritually, even though the Sacrament is not received physically.

*People may pray* **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I offer my praise and thanksgiving in communion with those who are receiving the blessed bread and cup at this Holy Eucharist. As I embrace you with all of my affections, send your body and blood to dwell spiritually in my life. Amen.

Communion Music  
Choir

This little light of mine *arr. William Bradley Roberts*

**Hymn 123 Alleluia, song of gladness**

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia thou re - sound - est, true Je - ru - sa -  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia though we cher - ish and would chant for  
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bless - ed

can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
 lem and free; al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful mo - ther,  
 ev - er - more al - le - lu - ia in our sing - ing,  
 Trin - i - ty, at the last to keep thine Eas - ter

ev - er raised by choirs on high; in the house of  
 all thy chil - dren sing with thee; but by Bab - y -  
 let us for a while give o'er, as our Sa - vior  
 with thy faith - ful saints on high; there to thee for

God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.  
 in his fast - ing plea - sures of the world for - bore.  
 ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

**Hymn 126 The people who in darkness walked**

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;  
 2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,  
 3 To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;  
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,  
 5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.  
 2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.  
 3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.  
 4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.  
 5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

After Communion, the people stand as the Celebrant says Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Blessing

*Celebrant* May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Onlybegotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. And the blessing of Almighty God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

### Dismissal

*Minister* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Closing Hymn 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
3 Straight - way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.  
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

Postlude Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist, BWV 667 (Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit) *J. S. Bach*

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**Mission:** We are a joyful and inclusive Christian community. Our mission is to live and reflect God's love through worship, teaching, healing, and outreach to all creation.

**Vision:** St. Boniface Episcopal Church will be a community that transforms the greater community through action and unconditional love.

### Announcements ~ January 8, 2023

#### Worship

- ◆ **We receive the wine by chalice** during our Holy Communion. As always, choosing to receive the bread only is considered sufficient. If you prefer intinction (where the wafer is dipped into the wine), present the wafer to your chalice bearer who will carefully dip it into the chalice and return it to your waiting hand. (Note: the wafer will not be placed in your mouth)
- ◆ Blessings to those celebrating **birthdays and anniversaries** this week: Rita Dadzis, Cas Henderson, Mary Beth Leeming, Gisele Pelapat, Penny Thomas, Mark & Linda Johnston.
- ◆ **Recital & Evensong** – TODAY 5:00 pm, featuring former Young Artist Showcase winners: Luca Stine and Giordano Scarano, along with works by Brewer, Meyer, Proulx and Willcocks. Reception honoring the ministry of Robert Bole to follow Evensong.
- ◆ Calling **readers, torch bearers, and more!** Interested in being a part of the altar party as a crucifer, acolyte or chalice bearer? Or, read a scripture lesson or lead us in prayers of the people? If the Spirit is calling you to this ministry (even if you have never done it before), call or email Lisa Wolf (941-349-5616, ext. 320) to indicate your interest. A refresher training will be conducted after the 10 am service on **January 15**. An individual training session can be scheduled with Justin Miller (hikingjustin@gmail.com) or Priest Nikki (nseger@bonifacechurch.org).
- ◆ **10:00 a.m. Tuesday**, Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.
- ◆ **Contemplative Prayer** meets via Zoom bi-monthly at 10:30 am on the first and third Wednesdays of the month (**January 18**) ID: 892 2764 4433 Passcode: 772976).
- ◆ **Wednesday worship and potluck** gathers in the Parish Hall at **5:30 pm** for Evening Prayer (Eucharist first Wednesdays of the month) followed by a Pot Luck supper. Please bring a salad, main dish, drink or dessert to share. Contact Katherine Johnson for info, 941-927-2066.
- ◆ **Mid-Week Eucharist & Bible Study!** Join us at noon on Thursdays for a short Eucharist followed by Bible Study in the Studio. Contact Priest Nikki for the study readings.

#### Fellowship

- ◆ Join us in the Parish Hall following worship today for **fellowship**, conversation, a beverage and goodies. Contact the church office to provide items for an upcoming Sunday.
- ◆ Plants to a good home! You are welcome to take the **Christmas poinsettias** outside by the Parish Hall.
- ◆ **Astralis Chamber Ensemble** These award winning musicians Angela Massey (flute), Yuriy Bekker (violin), Megan Chartier (cello), and Joyce Chen (harpsichord), will present an enchanting concert of Baroque music. Saturday, **January 14**, 6:00 p.m. Tickets online at bonifacechurch.org/music (or at the door) \$20 general admission, \$10 w/ College ID, Free for 18 & under.
- ◆ All are welcome to the home of **Carolyn & Dick Walker** to celebrate their 60th **wedding anniversary!** Saturday, **February 11** from 2:00 - 5:00 pm, 310 Bayside Pkwy, Nokomis, 34275.

#### Healing

- ◆ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. to knit prayers together into shawls for those needing to be wrapped in God's healing love. For info, contact Meg Larrabee, meglarrabee@hotmail.com.

## Teaching

- ◆ **Church School** *Weaving God's Promises* Children in Pre-K4 to 5th grade gather Sundays at 10:00 a.m, then return to their parents in church just before Communion. The first Sunday of the month is Family Sunday. Children participate in the full worship experience by joining their families for the entire service.
- ◆ **Sunday** morning 9:00 a.m. **Bible Study** with Fr. Jeff Hamblin (jlh@jeffreyhamblin-md.com) meets in the Library and Zoom.
- ◆ The **Sunday Book Group** meets at 8:45 am in the Studio, in person and on Zoom. Contact Vince Brennan 941-356-4400 (mobile) via text for more information.
- ◆ **Center for Spiritual Transformation** Saturday, **January 14**, 10:00 am on Zoom will host a presentation by Bro. John Brendan Filkins. Bro. John will share some history of Celtic Spirituality, as well as his own experience as Abbot of the Religious Order Anamchara Fellowship.

## Outreach

- ◆ The Brady Chapter **witness for gun safety** meets at the Sarasota Bayfront (along US 41 at the southern end of the parking lot) Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. For information, contact David & Nancy Evans 941-954-2059.
- ◆ Our parish **Strategic Plan** has been approved for implementation by the Vestry. Its development first identified our CORE VALUES, rooted in scripture. These represent deep significance to our parish life and will guide our work going forward: OPEN AND AFFIRMING (Mt 22:32-40) VIBRANT COMMUNITY (Mark 1:19,20) WELCOMING (Mt 25:35,36) JOYFUL (Psalm 126:2,3) OUTREACH (Mt 22:32-40).
- ◆ The St. Boniface Church **Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, **January 29**, 2023 after the 10:00 service. Our business will include reports from various parish leaders, presenting the 2023 budget, thanking our retiring vestry members, and voting on the slate of vestry nominees for the 2025 class. The nominees are Donna Conyers, Kay Goodman, Justin Miller, Rita Valenti-Piovane. Biographies will be available soon.
- ◆ **The church office** will be closed Monday, **January 16** in observance of the MLK holiday.