JUNE 15 - SATURDAY 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37 Vigil Readings: See Sunday 4:00 PM – English - Fr. Jim – Bill Konerman 6:00 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy

JUNE 16 – SUNDAY Sunday Readings: Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34 9:00 AM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy – Father's Remembrance 11:00 AM – English – Fr. Samuel – Father's Remembrance 12:30 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy – Father's Remembrance JUNE 17 - MONDAY 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

JUNE 18 - TUESDAY 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48 7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

JUNE 19 – WEDNESDAY 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 9:30 AM – *English*– Fr. Samuel – Ann Armijo

JUNE 20 – THURSDAY Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15 7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

JUNE 21 – FRIDAY 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23 9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – Fran Klosterman

JUNE 22 - SATURDAY 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34 Vigil Readings: see Sunday 4:00 PM – English - Fr. Jim – Fr. Joe Robinson 6:00 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy

JUNE 23 – SUNDAY Sunday Readings: Jb 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41 9:00 AM – Spanish – Fr. Rudy 11:00 AM – English – Fr. David – Harold and Maxine Oberjohann 12:30 PM – Spanish – Fr. Rudy English Mass Ministry Schedule: June 22-23 Lectors: 4:00 PM – R. Welz 11:00 AM – L. Biedenbach

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:00 PM – M. Sonenschein/T. LeSaint 11:00 AM – S. Terschak

Servers: 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein 11:00 AM – L. Finke

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Fox 11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$7405.51 Offerings received to-date: \$401,557.51 Amount needed to catch up: \$22,442 Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

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CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Dave Wehby (16), Ralph Creekmore (17), Joyce Fields (18), Connie Nuxoll (18), Mandy Finamore (19), Martha Coby (22), Francis Pospissl (22).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our Week 42 winners: Rolf Obrecht, Robert Wuerth, and Nada Huron. Each won \$25.

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at <u>513-541-1563, ext. 151.</u> **FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:** Today's Gospel of Mark revolves around sowing seeds and the mysterious growth of the Kingdom of God. A parable, a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual



lesson, is а favored teaching tool of Jesus. Through parables, Jesus conveys profound truths in a relatable way, drawing from the everyday experiences of His listeners. Agricultural parables, in particular, resonated deeply with Jesus' audience, who were largely farmers and laborers familiar with the worries of planting and

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harvesting. These stories are not just about farming; they reveal the mysteries of God's Kingdom and how it unfolds in our lives, even today.

In the first parable Jesus describes growing seeds that are scattered by a man who, without his care and intervention, watches as they sprout and grow. This parable highlights several key concepts: the Kingdom of God is not something we can force into being or manipulate to fit our plans. It grows in its own time and way, often imperceptibly, demanding our trust and patience. Our role is to scatter the seeds—to share God's word and love—and trust that God will bring about growth. This evokes the notion that "if you build it, they will come," underscoring the inherent nature of God's work in the world.

The second parable of the mustard seed further enriches our understanding. Jesus likens the Kingdom of God to a tiny mustard seed, which grows into a large bush, providing shelter for birds of the air. The mustard seed, despite its humble size, becomes a sturdy and expansive plant, symbolizing the Kingdom's potential to start from the smallest beginnings and grow into something grand and allencompassing. Mustard plants, though considered weeds by some, are medicinal, used as a spice, and can transform their surroundings, bringing life and color to barren spaces. This parable emphasizes the transformative power of God's Kingdom that can spread and flourish, offering refuge and hope to all humankind.

Mark's Gospel invites us to participate fully in the reign of God. Today's parables remind us that the Kingdom of God operates beyond our comprehension and control, growing in hidden and wondrous ways. Our task is to trust in God's process, scatter the seeds of faith, and participate in the unfolding mystery of God's Kingdom, allowing it to transform our lives and the world around us. We are called to sow the seeds of God's love, trusting in the divine promise of growth and harvest.

STEWARDSHIP: One of the many ways of contributing to our Parish home is by volunteering our time and efforts to the upkeep of our beautiful church and grounds. Many people stepped forward when we asked for help with the grounds: mulching, trimming bushes, planting, and much more. We are truly grateful for their contribution and love of our Parish. Another way we can help is to keep the interior of our church clean and well-maintained. Our custodial staff works hard to ensure that happens, but one man can only do so much. As parishioners, we can also do our part. We hope to begin a new committee that will meet once a month to thoroughly clean the sacristies, sanctuary, pews, and any other areas that need attention. If you are looking for a way to be more involved in Parish life, this may be what you are looking for. Hopefully, we will get enough people that we only need to spend about two hours when we meet. If interested, please call the Parish office, 513-541-1563, and let us know of your interest. Thank you for your love and commitment to St. Boniface.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to the men of our Parish. We wish them a blessed and happy day, and we pray for them: Lord, inspire all fathers and men who serve in a fatherly role to have some of the virtues toward their children that you have toward us. May fathers watch over their children, show kindness in their failings, illumine their igorance, and encourage them in their just concerns, thus leading them to a true Christian adulthood. Amen.