

**Saint Boniface Catholic Church
Mission Statement**

Saint Boniface is a welcoming, caring Church community united under one baptism. We encourage participation by all members in promoting and sharing Christian and social values.



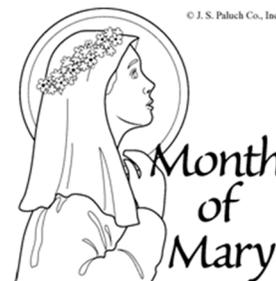
May 7
5:30 PM—J. Blazeovich, R. Jurack, D. Schmidt, M. Schnepf
9:00 AM—M. Otten, E. Bogs, T. Bogs-Haser, C. Lynch



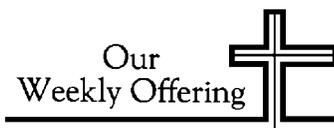
May 7
5:30 PM—C. Dancer
9:00 AM—B. Mitchell



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5:30 PM—A./A. Porpora
9:00 AM—B. Graham, B. Hobbs



Saturday, April 29
5:30 PM—Francesca Campione (D) Req. by Michelle Campione
Sunday, April 30
9:00 AM—Harry Otten (D) Req. by Barbara Mitchell
Ann Swetlik (D) Req. by Lynch Family
Monday, May 1
8:30 AM—Belinda Vernon (D) Req. by Shaughnessy Family
Stephani Pierce (Sick) Req. by M.Pierce
Wednesday, May 3
8:30 AM—Dan Gryczewski (D) Req. by Pat Fogerty
Friday, May 5
8:30 AM—Emily Haser - Graduation Req. by Therese Bogs-Haser
Saturday, May 6
5:30 PM—Francesca Campione (D) Req. by Michelle Campione
Sunday, May 7
9:00 AM—Minnie Pearl Camp (D) Req. by Shaughnessy Family
Bud and Grace Brooks (D) Req. by Mary Pierce



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Joseph the Worker
Tuesday: St. Athanasius
Wednesday: Ss. Philip and James
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Friday: First Friday; Cinco de Mayo
Saturday: First Saturday

April 16, 2017
Sunday.....\$ 2320.00
Easter Collection..... 3647.00
Children's Envelopes..... 11.00
Good Friday Holy Land..... 500.00

April 23, 2017
Sunday.....\$ 2491.00
Children's Envelopes..... 1.00

Many thanks to all of you for your generous donations to our Parish. May God bless all of you!



**Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017**
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

ON THE ROAD

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

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The Ladies Club will be taking up a special collection for the Manteno Veterans Home the weekends of May 20th & 21st, and May 27th & 28th. **No money is being accepted at this time.** We are asking for new personal items: Deodorant, Body Wash, Mouthwash, Polident, Electric Razors, Kleenex, Railroad or Diabetic Socks. Clothing: Sweatpants (M-XXXL), Men's T-shirts (M-XXXL). Books: Word Search and Crossword Puzzles (in large print). Food Items: Candy bars and cookies—regular and sugar free (no nuts), individual packages of chips, pretzels, and crackers, soft granola bars, coffee, cases of soda, and Hawaiian Punch (gallon size). All donations can be left in the vestibule at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!



Saturday, May 6th the 2nd grade CCD class will celebrate their First Holy Communion. This Mass will be held at 10:00am. The students have created their celebration banners which can be seen hanging on the new side of the church.

Sunday, May 7th the 8th grade CCD class will be celebrating their Confirmation. This Mass will take place at St. Paul's in Peotone at 2:00pm. Be sure to offer congratulations along with your prayers to all the kids celebrating these milestones!



The Parish Council will be meeting Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00pm. These meetings are open to all parishioners interested in obtaining the latest news and happenings in our church. All are welcome to attend!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Some monks and nuns trace their community origins back a thousand years or so, before it became customary to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in tabernacles. In their rules of life, which evolved from the lifestyle and prayer of their predecessors, the core experience of Christ's presence is at the altar itself, and in the symbol of assembly for prayer. To this day, when the monks or nuns file into their church in procession, they march two by two, and then bow profoundly to the altar before turning and bowing in reverence toward the brother or sister at their side. It is probably more difficult, in practice, to revere the presence of Christ in a person who irks you by taking the car keys, shirking a work duty, or burning the toast!

We can trace in these religious orders' enduring customs the ancient appreciation for the altar as the center of the church building, and of the community of the faithful as the Body of Christ. Usually, a monastery today will reserve the Blessed Sacrament in some quiet corner of the monastic church, in a fairly small space, more suitable for private prayer than for the gathering of the whole community. In a cloister, the architecture may allow the public limited access to this space. Liturgical law tells us, in both monasteries and parish churches, that there is no need for more than a few hosts in the place of reservation, just enough for viaticum, the "food for the journey" that is the final sacramental celebration for a dying Christian.

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This weekend, April 29—30, there will be a second collection for the "Catholic Home Missions Appeal". "Home Missions" is the name for dioceses and parishes in the United States, including its territories and former territories, which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people. Please be generous in support of "Home Missions".

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Join us for Ladies' Night out on May 15th at 6:30 P.M. at Scrementi's in Steger. It may not be possible to enjoy ourselves this year more than last year, but we will try. If you do not have the menu form, call Roberta Bogs, 534-8930, to let her know your menu choice, of chicken, fish, pork or beef for \$22.50 per person.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENT

Prayer works! God wants to restore our families, our communities and our country. Join us as we pray together, Thursday, May 4th, at Firemens Park in Monee at 7:00 P.M. This will be an unforgettable community event brought to you by the Village of Monee and the Monee Alliance of Churches.