

**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.



Saturday, July 15
5:30 PM—Francesca Campione (D) Req. by M. Campione
Mary Portz (D) Req. by J. Gorman Family

Sunday, July 16
9:00 AM—Susan Tomczak (D) Req. by S. Tomczak
Harry Otten (D) Req. by Marusin Family

Monday, July 17
8:30 AM—Ann Swetlik (D) Req. by Lynch Family

Wednesday, July 19
8:30 AM—Belinda Vernon (D) Req. by Shaughnessys

Friday, July 21
8:30 AM—Intentions of Nicola Family

Saturday, July 22
5:30 PM—Anita Watson (D) Req. by C. Dancer
Harry Otten (D) Req. by Boothe Family
Lawrence Kwasigroch (D) Req. by Parents

Sunday, July 23
9:00 AM—Lorraine and Ray Ferris (D) Req. by Polly Schloss
Francesca Campione (D) Req. by M. Campione

July 23
5:30 PM—M. Otten, A. Otten, P. Przybyla, K. Przybyla
9:00 AM—M. Otten, K. Scrementi, T. Sheehan, L. Swanson



July 23
5:30 PM—D. Schmidt
9:00 AM—B. Mackey



July 23
5:30 PM—A. /G. Esquivel
9:00 AM—C./G./L. Raftery



July 2, 2017
Sunday.....\$ 2890.00
Maintenance Fund..... 824.00
Africa Mission..... 970.00

July 9, 2017
Sunday.....\$ 2463.00
Children's Envelopes..... 3.00

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis
Thursday: St. Apollinaris
Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene

Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

—St. Benedict



**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017**

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

— Psalm 65:12

FRUIT OF THE WORD

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.

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Are you being called to the Permanent Diaconate?

The Diocese of Joliet will begin the process of inviting men to discern the call to the diaconate in a series of three informational sessions. August 1st, 8th, and 15th will be at the Blanchette Catholic Center from 7pm-9pm. August 2nd, 9th, and 16th you can attend at either the St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee or St. Petronille Church in Glen Ellyn from 7pm-9pm. If you sense God is calling you, please consider attending the informational sessions. No registration is required and wives are welcome. For more information, visit the website: dioceseofjoliet.org/diaconate/.



The Ladies Club wishes to extend their gratitude to all the parishioners that have contributed to the collections they have held this past year. Because of your generosity, they were able to give a donation of \$200 to the Monee

Township Pantry which provides emergency food to township residents year round as well as Thanksgiving Baskets, Santa Sacks, an Easter program, and a School Supply program. Thank you for your continued support!

The love of God made present in our lives and felt in our hearts is what helps cultivate our faith and make it grow deeper and richer. Stewards, like planted seeds, are constantly challenged to nurture faith, grow in love for God, and blossom. We do this through prayer, Scripture reflection and reception of the Sacraments.

Mass Stipends are still available for the second half of this year. There are still plenty of weekday masses and some weekend masses available. If there is a special date you would like to honor a loved one – please stop by or call the office.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Two centuries ago, Archbishop John Carroll worried that Americans would not appreciate the linguistic veil over our worship, and asked that the liturgy in the new United States be in English, not Latin. How did our liturgy come to be in Latin in the first place? In the first century, the dominant language in the regions where the church first flourished was Greek. Today in much of the world, almost everyone speaks at least a bit of English. Recently, the European Union even considered making English its official language, a curious proposal since only two English-speaking countries are members.

Just as English is a unifying language today, it was hard to function in the ancient world without a smattering of Greek. Even the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." For a long time, Greek was the language of worship, even in Rome. Slowly, society in the west shifted to a bias for Latin and against Greek. Latin first appeared in public prayer at the end of the second century, in the colonial outposts of North Africa. Soon, Latin became the language of culture, and so as fixed prayer forms were written, they were transmitted in Latin. From Rome and Africa, over the next four centuries, the new liturgical language of Latin spread north to Gaul and Britain.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The **Peotone Senior Assistance Center** is available this Thursday, July 20th, from 10am - 3pm in the Red Room at St. Paul the Apostle. This is part of our **Respect Life Ministry**, whose mission is to protect the vulnerable and provide seniors, low income and disabled persons with assistance from county, state and federal programs, including Medicare, Social Security, license plate discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. The center is staffed by volunteers who serve the community without cost.

How long does it take before things begin to look better? How do I move forward with my life? If you are familiar with these questions you may want to consider attending one of the retreat/workshops being held this summer by Joyful Again Widowed Ministry. July 22 & 23 will be held at Holy Family in Inverness. August 12 & 13 will be held at Mary Queen in Elmhurst. For more information call 708-354-7211 or email joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. There is also a short video you can view on their website: joyfulagain.org.

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven.

—St. Camillus de Lellis