

**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, September 9
 5:30 PM—Edith Mae-Ferguson Hawkins (D) Req. by Shaughnessy's
 Francesca Campione (D) Req. by M. Campione

Sunday, September 10
 9:00 AM—Harry Otten (D)
 Req. by Mike and Kathy Boothe
 Richard Cosman (D) Req. by L. Cosman

Monday, September 11
 8:30 AM—Mike Ivers (D) Req. by Mary Pierce

Wednesday, September 13
 8:30 AM—Frances Eve Gross (D) Req. by Bogs'

Friday, September 15
 8:30 AM—Francesca Campione (D) Req. by Michelle Campione

Saturday, September 16
 5:30 PM—Mark Bogs Birthday Req. by Big Sister
 Sophie Banasiak (D) Req. by Terry and Nikki Borys

Sunday, September 17
 9:00 AM—Ron Mitchell (D) Req. by Barbara Mitchell
 Daniel and Dorothy Gryczewski (D)
 Req. by Family



September 3, 2017

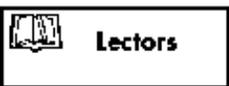
The collection for this weekend will be posted in next weeks' bulletin.

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



September 17

5:30 PM—M. Otten, J. Blazeovich, C. Dancer, A. Otten
 9:00 AM—B. Daly, C. Marden, K. Scrementi, K. Short



September 17

5:30 PM—R. Jurack
 9:00 AM—T. Sheehan



September 17

5:30 PM—A./A. Porpora
 9:00 AM—A./C./R. Hansen



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents Day
- Monday: Patriot Day
- Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom
- Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows
- Saturday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

—Chinese proverb



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2017**

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

— Matthew 18:19

GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us.

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St. Paul the Apostle CCW will host a pancake breakfast at the Peotone Fire Station on Sunday, September 17th from 7:30am-12:00pm. Breakfast includes fluffy pancakes, scrambled eggs, delicious sausage, cold milk & OJ, along with hot coffee. All this for only \$6 for adults, and \$4 for kids aged 4 to 10 years. Kids 3 and under are free! It's a great way to start the day before heading over to Peotone's annual Old Mill Fest. Come join the fun!

Men & Women of God: Focused, Faith-Filled & Fun:

Abiding in Love Ministries will challenge you to become Men & Women of God that are focused, faith-filled and fun! The speaker of this daytime talk is Cathleen Filipski, a wife of 35 years who is lay Carmelite and certified Spiritual Director and will re-energize you through life experiences, scripture and prayer. This event is being held at St. Paul the Apostle in Peotone on Saturday, Sept. 16th from 1:00pm-2:00pm. A free will offering will be taken at the door. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Bertrand at Kaybertrand1969@yahoo.com.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ's victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the "true cross" discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and "went missing" for fifteen years. Thursday's feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It's a good day to look around your house or office: Don't those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?

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SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones, homes, and businesses in the hurricane in southeast Texas. The Diocese of Joliet is taking donations to be used to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities and provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses.

TREE OF LIGHT INFANT MEMORIAL MASS

On Sunday, November 5, 2017 all families and individuals are welcome to attend this Mass at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill. This beautiful liturgy will remember babies who have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, other pregnancy losses or early childhood death. At 2:00 p.m., a special tree blessing ceremony for family members to commemorate these babies will precede the mass. Family members may wish to arrive at 1:30 pm to sign in and to gather in the chapel. A reception with light refreshments will be served immediately following. To register online, go to <http://conta.cc/2f4CvXS> or call 815-838-5334 by November 1. If you are not able to attend but would like your baby remembered, please call us.