

**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, December 2
5:30 PM—Mario Broccardo (D) Req. by E. Broccardo
Francesca Campione (D) Req by M. Campione

Sunday, December 3
9:00 AM—Richard and Barbara Schultz (D) Req. by Paul and Karen Przybyla
Josephine Baikauskas (D) Req. by Barbara Mitchell

Monday, December 4
8:30 AM—Salvatore Donny Vitale (D) Req. by Tina and Steve Stein and Family

Wednesday, December 6
8:30 AM—Mary Kay Eder (D) Req. by Mary Eder

Friday, December 8
8:30 AM—Francesca Campione (D) Req. by
7:15 PM—Intentions for Louise Kopacewski
Req. by Bogs Family

Saturday, December 9
5:30 PM—James Ridings (D) Req. by Mary Ridings
Mario Broccardo (D) Req. by Family

Sunday, December 10
9:00 AM—Theresa Latka (D) Req. by Family
Kathleen Bozic (D) Req. by L. Cosman

December 10
5:30 PM—J. Blazeovich, C. Dancer, R. Jurack, M. Schnepf
9:00 AM—M. Otten, E. Bogs, T. Bogs-Haser, J. Parker



December 10
5:30 PM—K. Short
9:00 AM—P. Huske



December 10
5:30 PM—A./Esquivel
9:00 AM—C./G./L. Raftery



November 19, 2017	
Sunday.....	\$ 2009.00
Children's Envelopes.....	5.00
Human Development.....	809.00
November 26, 2017	
Sunday.....	\$ 2352.00
Children's Envelopes.....	3.00
Christmas Flowers.....	608.00

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. John Damascene
- Wednesday: St. Nicholas
- Thursday: St. Ambrose;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

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

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.
—St. Nicholas



**First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017**
Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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Mass for the Immaculate Conception will be this Friday, Dec. 8th. There will be an 8:30am Mass and a 7:15pm Mass.

Thank You

to the Knights of Columbus for assisting at our Sunday 9AM Mass this weekend!

Last chance... Medicare Part D: Open enrollment runs until December 7th. This is a special event open to all seniors who are interested in signing up for, or making changes to, the Medicare Part D program. The Senior Assistance Center at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Peotone will be running this program to assist seniors in making their choice. To see if appointments are still open, call Paula Prium at 708-258-6917, from 1:00pm-5:00pm.

Advent Canticle of Waiting

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart warmly invite you to an "Advent Canticle of Waiting" on Sunday, December 3, 4:00-4:45 p.m. in Queen of Angels Chapel at St. Francis Woods, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK: All home made cookies and candies are available to be hand picked and placed in different size coffee cans. Prices range from \$4.00-\$13.00. Come join the fun and avoid all the holiday baking. Date: Sat. December 9 Time:9:00am - 12:00pm or until cookies sell out.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

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

Oplatki packages are now available in the office. Packages are \$1.00 each. These sell out fast so be sure get yours as soon as possible!

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE!

The current Ministry schedule for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will end January 7th, 2018 and we will need any changes to when you serve, vacation dates, etc. for the next schedule which will begin January 13th and run until April 30th, 2018.

If you would like to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server, send us your name and phone number, and the Mass time you would like and this info can be dropped in the collection basket, or call the office during hours. We are very short of help at all Masses. We are in great need of ministers at all three weekend Masses, so choose your favorite Mass and what role you would like to take on. Training will be provided. Deadline for any changes (new people, delete your service, etc.) must be in the office no later than December 18th, 2017.