

**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 16

5:30 PM—Deceased Members of Sakaski Family
Req. by Family
Verna Mae Hutton (D) Req. by Marusin's

Sunday, December 17

9:00 AM—Deceased Members of Modi-Francis Fam.
Req. by Polly and Paul Schloss
Francesca Campione (D) Req. by
M. Campione

Monday, December 18

8:30 AM—Mary Ann Mills (D) Req. by S. Tomczak

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 AM—Virginia Boggs (D) Req. by Ida Kenny

Friday, December 22

8:30 AM—Intentions of Nicola Family

Saturday, December 23

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

Sunday, December 24

9:00 AM—Carl and Irene Hauth (D) Req. by Daughter
6:30 PM—Parishioners Intentions
10:30 PM—Parishioners Intentions

December 23

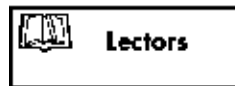
5:30 PM—M. Otten, J. Blazeovich, C. Dancer, A. Otten

December 24

9:00 AM—M. Otten, C. Lynch, T. Sheehan,
L. Swanson
6:30 PM—M. Otten, B. Daly, C./D. Domke
10:30 PM—M. Otten, C. Marden, J. Parker,
K. Scrementi

December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 AM—M. Otten, R. Jurack, T. Kwiatkowski,
B. Short



December 23

5:30 PM—D. Schmidt

December 24

9:00 AM—P. Przybyla
6:30 PM—P. Huske
10:30 PM—R. Jurack

December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 AM—K. Short



December 23

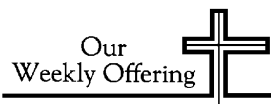
5:30 PM—A./A. Porpora

December 24

9:00 AM—A./C./R. Hansen
6:30 PM—B. Graham, B. Hobbs
10:30 PM—C./G./L. Raftery

December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 AM—M. Albano, Volunteer



December 10, 2017

Sunday.....	\$	2114.00
Children's Envelopes.....		4.00
Retired Religious.....		1317.00
Immaculate Conception.....		487.00

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



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017**
Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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CURRENTLY SERVING

Please pray for the safety, spiritual and physical well being and that God will give His peace to the parents and family of:

Pvt. Austin Wolf, U.S. Army

Pvt. James Walsh, U.S. Army

Lt Col John Fogerty, Air National Guard

Lt Col Laura Fogerty, Air National Guard

Captain Patrick Farrell, Army National Guard

SSG Frank Imperio, U.S. Army

LCpl Dominick Imperio, U.S. Marine Corp.

SPC William Kelly, U.S. Army

Cpl Zachary Gemo, U.S. Marine Corp.

Do you have a family member in the service that you would like to be included in our prayers? Contact the office with their name, rank and branch of service.

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

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS DAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Confessions:

6:00pm—8:00pm.

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve Masses:

9:00am, 6:30pm and 10:30pm

Monday, December 25, 2017

Christmas Day Mass:

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass will be at 9:00am

Monday, January 1, 2017

New Years Day Mass:

Mass will be at 10:30am

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a *presepio*, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the *presepio* was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double *presepio*, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a *presepio* in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows—the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of *presepios* and crèches honoring the Nativity.

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

Thank you to those you have taken a tag from the Giving Tree. Gifts need to be brought in to the office as soon as possible if you have not done so yet. Your generosity is helping these families feel the joy and kindness that comes at Christmas.



Join in the festivities! The Women's Club is having their Christmas party and meeting on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Family Center. Come celebrate the season! Bring an appetizer and your appetite for fun!

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

—Georg C. Lichtenberg