

**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, January 6
5:30 PM—Eleanore Kurowski (D) Req. by Bogs Fam.
Joe Egofske (D) Req. by C. Summa

Sunday, January 7
9:00 AM—Dutch and Mary Deckelmann Req. by Pat Fogerty
Betty Rettig (D) Req. by Gert Dileo

Monday, January 8
8:30 AM—

Wednesday, January 10
8:30 AM—

Friday, January 12
8:30 AM—Joe Egofske (D) Req. by C. Dancer

Saturday, January 13
5:30 PM—Eric Seeley (D) Req. by Diane, Jesus and Charlie Reyes

Sunday, January 14
9:00 AM—Erwin Bogs Birthday Req. by T. Bogs-Haser
Deceased Members of Pietsch and Ratajczak Families Req. by M. Phalen

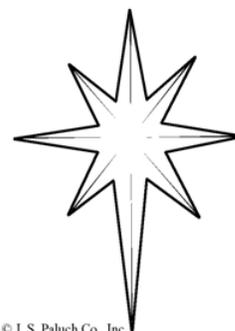
January 14
5:30 PM—J. Blazeovich, C. Dancer, D. Schmidt, C. Semanovich
9:00 AM—M. Otten, C./D. Domke, L. Swanson



January 14
5:30 PM—R. Jurack
9:00 AM—K. Scrementi



January 14
5:30 PM—A./A. Porpora
9:00 AM—A./C./R. Hansen



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December 24, 2017
Sunday.....\$ 1745.00
Children's Envelopes..... 8.00
Christmas Collection..... 5258.00

December 31, 2017
Sunday.....\$ 2051.00
Children's Envelopes..... 1.00

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week;
Julian Calendar Christmas

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

**Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.**

—Sir John Beaumont



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**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018**
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

—Psalm 72:11

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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EPIPHANY BLESSING KIT

According to an old legend based on a Bible story, three kings saw, on the night when Christ was born, a bright star. They followed it to Bethlehem and found there the Christ child and presented Him with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. On this day, the doorways would be sprinkled with holy water and the initials of the Three Kings - C+M+B (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) ,plus the year, are inscribed in chalk over doorways on the eve of January 6 to protect house and home. Although historically, the three letters are supposed to come from the Latin phrase for "Christ bless this house" - "Christus mansionem benedicat."

20+C+M+B+18

Kits were distributed last week. If you are interested in blessing your home this year, please check the back of the church to see if any kits are still available for you to take home. May you have every blessing and much happiness in 2018.

TRIVIA EVENT

Nina Council 3602 Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual Trivia Event on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018 from 2:00 - 6:00 p m in Ryan Hall at St. Mary Church, 227 Monee Rd., Park Forest, IL. Cost is \$10 per person and includes Pizza, salad, pop, water, snacks & dessert. For tickets contact Jackie Smith at: 708-481-7949.

Those who are widowed may find the holidays painful after losing their spouse. There is help within the Church that offers support to them while they grieve over their loss of a loved one. The Joyful Again! offers a retreat/ workshop for widowed men/women. This program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life's journey. "I felt welcome." "Found hope." "Am more at peace." Upcoming Dates are: March 3 & 4, 2018 and April 21 & 22, 2018. For more information contact Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry or watch a short video on the website: www.joyfulagain.org. To register call 1-708-354-7211 or email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. *Register early, space is limited.*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS COMING!

The St. Boniface 2018 Confirmation Class is hosting the First Annual Parish Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 4th right after the 9:00am mass. The cost is FREE. This is an opportunity for the Confromondi to provide service to others without recompense, and to participate in parish life in a way they may not have experienced yet. The kids are extremely excited to be planning this event so please be sure to support them on Feb. 4th and enjoy a delicious breakfast!

St. Jude Parish, New Lenox, is hosting an event titled "Do You Believe in Miracles? Seeing is Believing" on Jan. 15th from 7:00pm-9:30pm. This presentation dwells on the common question: Can miracles stand up to the test of science? To watch a video preview of this event go to www.sciencetestsfaith.com/stjudes. If you have an "I will believe it when I see it" attitude, don't miss this event.