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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

St. Boniface Catholic Church

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Church: 5304 W. Main St., Monee, IL 60449

Rectory: 25942 So. Middlepoint Avenue

P.O. Box 217, Monee, IL 60449 (534-9682)

PERMANENT DEACON: Mark Otten (815-469-7165)

PARISH SECRETARY: Kathy Short

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR: Deacon Mark and Anita Otten

MINISTRY OF CARE: Erwin Bogs

MASSES: Saturday (Sunday Obligation) 5:30 PM, Sunday: 9:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays After 5:30 Mass

BAPTISM: To have a child baptized at Saint Boniface Church, you must be a registered, active member of the parish and attend a Baptism Class. Baptisms are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM (Noon). Baptism classes are by appointment only. Call the office to schedule an appointment for both the Baptism Class and a Baptism.

MARRIAGE: By appointment only. Normally made 6 months in advance.

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES: Grades K thru 4th meet on Saturdays from 9:00-10:30 AM.

Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8th meet on Sundays from 10:00-11:30 AM.

Please consult the bulletin for additional details.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

**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 13
5:30 PM—Eric Seely (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

Monday, January 15
8:30 AM—Joe Egofske (D) Req. by Rene Jurack

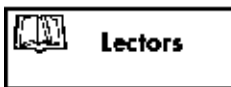
Wednesday, January 17
8:30 AM—Sandrone and Riding Families Req. by Mary Riding

Friday, January 19
8:30 AM—Howard Boggs (D) Req. by Dr. Joseph and Diane Kenny

Saturday, January 20
5:30 PM—Melanie Valencia (D) Req. by Ana and Leobardo Valencia-Martinez

Sunday, January 21
9:00 AM—Alan, Ken and Marcia Vandenberg (D) Req. by Family
Bill Stluka (D) Req. by Geri Stluka

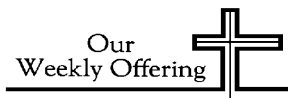
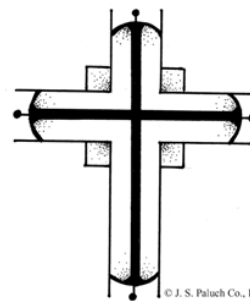
January 21
5:30 PM—M. Otten, J. Blazevich, R. Jurack, A. Otten
9:00 AM—B. Mitchell, K. Scrementi, K. Short, L. Swanson



January 21
5:30 PM—D. Schmidt
9:00 AM—P. Przybyla



January 21
5:30 PM—A./G. Esquivel
9:00 AM—A./C./R. Hansen



January 7, 2016

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| Sunday.....\$ | 2646.00 |
| Children's Envelopes..... | 6.00 |
| Maintenance Collection..... | 807.00 |
| New Years Day..... | 262.00 |

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- Wednesday: St. Anthony
- Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Friday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
- Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.

—St. Francis de Sales



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018**
Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

THE LAMB OF GOD

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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Bishop Conlon will be visiting our parish next weekend. He will be celebrating both Masses as well as hearing confessions and attending parish Meet & Greets both days. Be sure to mark your calendars! Come to Mass. Participate in Reconciliation. Meet the Bishop. Remember— Saturday, Jan. 20th—we will have confessions from 4:00pm-4:45pm and Mass will be at **5:00pm**. (*Note: This is a half hour earlier than the normal Mass time on Saturday.*)



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!

SECOND COLLECTION

Second collection for the Church in Latin America will be taken up next week. This is an opportunity to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please be generous to the collection at Mass and through your prayers!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Ordinary Time” began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecored the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ’s birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don’t enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

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

The 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway! Information about the CMAA will be arriving soon in your mailbox from the Diocese of Joliet. Please respond generously, and become a partner in caring for those in need. Thank you.

The **Peotone Senior Assistance Center** is available this Thursday, Jan. 18th, from 10am - 3pm to accommodate walk-in clients 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, Illinois License Plate Discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. We are also a certified SHIP site (Senior Health Insurance Program). The center is staffed by volunteers who serve the community without cost.