

**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 27
 5:30 PM—Intentions of Parishioners In Need of Prayers Req. by Short Family

Sunday, January 28
 9:00 AM—Robert Kurowski (D) Req. by Bogs Family
 Dan Scanlan (D) Req. by Patricia Fogerty

Monday, January 29
 8:30 AM—Joe Egofske (D) Req. by Golf Vista

Wednesday, January 31
 8:30 AM—Raymond Hays (D) Req. by Christina Hays

Friday, February 2
 8:30 AM—Marie and Howard Duggan (D) Req. by Dolores Browne

Saturday, February 3
 5:30 PM—Christopher Hayes (D) Req. by Christina Hays
 Susan Horney (D) Req. by S. Tomczak

Sunday, February 4
 9:00 AM—Intentions of Parker Family Req. by Joan Parker
 Bonnie Cosman (D) Req. by L. Cosman



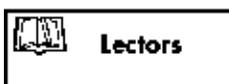
January 21, 2018

Sunday.....\$	2037.00
Children's Envelopes.....	4.00
Church in Latin America.....	770.00

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



February 4
 5:30 PM—Karen Przybyla, P. Przybyla, M. Schnepf, C. Semanovich
 9:00 AM—M. Otten, B. Daly, C. Lynch, B. Mitchell



February 4
 5:30 PM—D. Schmidt
 9:00 AM—K. Short



February 4
 5:30 PM—M. Albano, **Volunteer Needed**

Jesus taught with authority



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
- Wednesday: St. John Bosco
- Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day; First Friday
- Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them . . . one at a time.



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018**

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

— Psalm 95:6

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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The Ladies Club Annual Chili Dinner will be Saturday, February 3rd after the evening Mass. If anyone would like to bring a pot of chili please Camille Dancer at 534-2591. This is a free dinner to thank the parishioners for all their love and support of St. Boniface. Please join the ladies this evening and enjoy some homemade chili!

2017 Contribution Statements are now available. If you would like a copy of your donations for 2017 please contact the office. Statements can be picked up or mailed to you. Thank you again for your generosity this past year!

It is not too soon to start thinking about volunteering for the **Monee Alliance of Churches Community Easter Event** (Donuts, Coffee, & Easter Egg Hunt) on Saturday, March 31 at Fireman Park.. Please let the office know if you would like to volunteer for this event.

Portiuncula Center for Prayer

9263 W St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL 60423. Register by calling 815.464.3880, email info@portforprayer.org, or on our website at www.portforprayer.org

WOMEN'S SACRED CIRCLE
Date: Second Monday of each month Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Free will offering. Each month a small group of women meet at the Port to support one another in their efforts to walk a spiritual path in the midst of the busy-ness of their lives and the challenges of the times we are living in. The circle is open to new members.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

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

The Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner is this Friday, February 2nd from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids under the age of 12. The Knights will be available after Mass if you are interested in purchasing tickets.



Don't Forget! The First Annual Parish Pancake Breakfast is next 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 hosting this event. Please be sure to support them on Feb. 4th and enjoy a delicious breakfast!