

**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, February 3
5:30 PM—Christopher Hayes (D) Req. by C. 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

Monday, February 5
8:30 AM—Dick Browne (D) Req. by Wife

Wednesday, February 7
8:30 AM—Intentions of Homebound Parishioners

Friday, February 9
8:30 AM—Francis Quick (D) Req. by Christina Hays

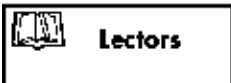
Saturday, February 10
5:30 PM—Intentions of Evangaline Lontoc
Req. by Camille Dancer

Sunday, February 11
9:00 AM—Bonnie Cosman (D) Req. by Marcy Phalen
Karen Haddon and Les Farrell (D)
Req. by J. Haddon



February 11
5:30 PM—R. Jurack, C. Dancer, D. Schmidt,
C. Semanovich
9:00 AM—M. Otten, C. Marden, M. Phalen,
L. Swanson

February 14 Ash Wednesday
8:30 AM—B. Mitchell
7:15 PM—M. Otten, C. Lynch, T. Sheehan



February 11
5:30 PM—J. Lehnerer
9:00 AM—T. Sheehan

February 14 Ash Wednesday
8:30 AM—M. Farrell
7:15 PM—P. Huske



February 11
5:30 PM—A./A. Porpora
9:00 AM—A./C./R. Hansen

February 14 Ash Wednesday
7:15 PM— A./K. Swanson



January 28, 2018
Sunday.....\$ 2068.00
Children's Envelopes..... 35.00

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Boy Scouting Sunday

Monday: St. Agatha

Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Saturday: St. Scholastica



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018**
The LORD tells the number of the stars
and calls each by name.

— Psalm 147:4

TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Fr. Tomy Chellehandalhil to our parish. Fr. Tomy will be filling in while Fr. Roger is on medical leave. Please keep Fr. Roger in your prayers and be sure to say hello to Fr. Tomy. We hope he enjoys the time he will be spending with St. Boniface.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of Bishop Conlon's visit to St. Boniface Parish on the weekend of January 20/21. A special thank you to Scrementi's Restaurant for their wonderful food and generous discount extended to our parish.

Have you had breakfast yet??

The St. Boniface 2018 Confirmation Class is hosting the First Annual Parish Pancake Breakfast today! The cost is FREE. This is an opportunity for the Confirmandi 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!

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. We will have Mass at 8:30am and again at 7:15pm. There will be no morning masses on Fridays during Lent. Mass will be held at 3:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross each Friday. Please join in on Friday afternoons and don't forget to about Ash Wednesday!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

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VILLAGE OF MONEE

Teen Forum Night on Feb. 9, 7-9 pm at Firemen's Park. FREE PIZZA and a chance for a teen to win a iTunes gift card. Monee teens ages 13-17 are welcome to attend and give us their thoughts on what programs they would like Parks and Rec to create for them. Email dkroll@villageofmonee.org

MARDI GRAS DINNER

The Nina Council of the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Mardi-Gras dinner dance on Tuesday February 13 at the Chicago Heights Country Club from 5:00 – 9:00 PM Tickets are \$30 per person. . For reservations please RSVP Joseph Smith at 708-481-7949 by February 7th .

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman