

**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 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

Monday, February 12
8:30 AM—Randy Blocker (D) Req. by C. Hays

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday
8:30 AM—Parishioner Intentions
7:15 PM—Parishioner Intentions

Friday, February 16
8:30 AM—William and Daisy Koch (D) Req. by Marianne Farrell

Saturday, February 17
5:30 PM—Lauren Diaz-Albertini 25th Birthday Req. by Therese Bogs-Haser

Sunday, February 18
9:00 AM—Mario Broccardo (D) Req. by Wife



February 18
5:30 PM—M. Otten, J. Blazeovich, D. Schmidt, C. Semanovich
9:00 AM—E. Bogs, T. Bogs-Haser, K./P. Przybyla



February 18
5:30 PM—C. Dancer
9:00 AM—K. Short



February 18
5:30 PM—A./G. Esquivel
9:00 AM—C./G./L. Raftery



February 4, 2018

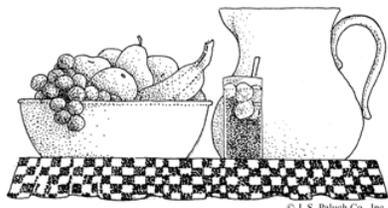
Sunday.....	\$	2469.00
Children's Envelopes.....		33.00
Maintenance.....		833.00

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick
- Monday: Lincoln's Birthday
- Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day; Fast and Abstinence
- Friday: Abstinence; Chinese New Year 4716
- Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite

We are each of us angels with only one wing, and we can only fly by embracing one another.
~Luciano de Crescenzo



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018**
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

— 1 Corinthians 10:31

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14th. There will be Mass with ashes distributed at both 8:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. What better way to start our Lenten journey with our Lord. **Lenten regulations** apply to those 14 years or older to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all

Fridays of Lent. Everyone older than 18 and under 59 years are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meatless meal, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected these regulations do not oblige. All the faithful are also strongly urged to perform works of charity and mercy and to follow a program of voluntary self-denial and serious prayer.

The Ladies Club will be hosting their next meeting Monday, February 19th at 6:30pm. This month's meeting will include a "Chick Flick" night. A movie and snacks will be provided for all attending. Why not spend a fun evening with friends, food, and entertainment? Mark your calendars!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It begins on Valentine's Day this year. Fitting. Forty Days to fall in love again, to stay in love with the One whose Baptism we share. Let us return with great hope to these special days for fasting, praying, and giving.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

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Pledge your gift to the CMAA! This is Commitment Weekend, when we are all asked to pledge our support for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). As Bishop Conlon shared in his homily today, God calls all of us be His partners in caring for those in need in the Diocese of Joliet. The CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit so many and allow us to do God's work here on earth. Our parish could not possibly accomplish all that the Diocese is able to when we all work together.

Our parish's goal for the 2018 CMAA is \$12,600. If we raise more than this goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to the parish. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support this year's CMAA and complete an in-pew envelope today.

Fridays during Lent Mass will be at 3:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. Fr. Tomy will be available for confessions during this time. This is a wonderful opportunity to refresh your body, mind, and soul by attending Mass, receiving the Holy Eucharist, and receiving forgiveness through Reconciliation.