

**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.**



**February 25**

5:30 PM—M. Otten, C. Dancer, R. Jurack, A. Otten  
9:00 AM—M. Otten, B. Daly, C./D. Domke



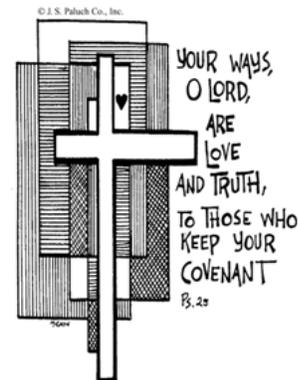
**February 25**

5:30 PM—J. Lehnerer  
9:00 AM—K. Scrementi



**February 25**

5:30 PM—A./A. Porpora  
9:00 AM—A./S. Jaculbe



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

**Sunday, February 18**  
9:00 AM—Mario Broccardo † Req. by Wife

**Monday, February 19**  
8:30 AM— †

**Wednesday, February 21**  
8:30 AM— †

**Friday, February 23**  
8:30 AM— All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Saturday, February 24**  
5:30 PM—Robert Kase † Req. by Family

**Sunday, February 25**  
9:00 AM—Melanie Valencia † Req. by Leobardo and Ana Valencia-Martinez  
Mario Broccardo † Req. by Wife



**February 11, 2018**

Sunday.....\$ 1724.00  
Children's Envelopes..... 7.00

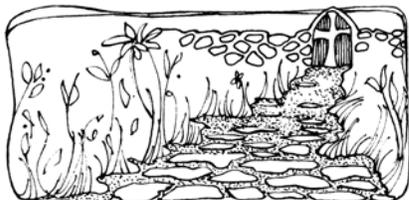
Many thanks to all of you for your generous donations to our Parish. May God bless all of you!

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
- Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent
- Wednesday: St. Peter Damian
- Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
- Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence

**We are not in our power, but in the power of God.**

—St. Perpetua



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**First Sunday of Lent  
February 18, 2018**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

### PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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### STEWARDSHIP

Entering into the desert of Lent with Jesus can lead us to new life. The sacrifices we make can free us to come closer to Jesus and become better witnesses of the Good News. They can also help purify our hearts that we might be found worthy one day to enter into eternal life. Following his temptation in the desert, Jesus begins his public ministry by proclaiming the kingdom of God.



**Chick Flick Night!** The Ladies Club is hosting a movie night Monday, Feb. 19th at 6:30pm. This year's movie is "27 Dresses". Come enjoy a fun night out with us!

**St. Patrick's** is hosting a Bagpipe Mass and Irish Dinner Saturday, March 3rd at 4:00pm. Dinner music will be provided by the Keigher Irish Dancers and the Joliet Band Rustic Detour. Dinner options range from \$10-\$15 and all proceeds benefit St. Patrick's church. See bulletin boards for more information.

**2018 Mass Intentions** are still available. There are many weekday and weekend dates open. You now have the opportunity to fill out a Mass Intention envelope located at the back of the church. Just fill out the information including your name and phone number on the front of the envelope, place your stipend (\$10.00 per mass) inside the envelope, and place in the offering basket during Mass. If you need a Mass card please stop in the office to request your Mass Intentions. The office is open M-W-F from 8:30am—2:00pm.

**A Child's Letter to God:** God, the bad people laughed at Noah—you make an ark on dry land you fool. But he was smart. He stuck with you. That's what I would do. Eddie

*A Collection of Children's Letters to God*

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

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

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, 534-9682, if you would like to volunteer for this event.

### Knights of Columbus January Raffle Winners:

\$150 Tom Pater, \$100 Mary and Rich Rogers, \$50 Joe Celibucki, \$50 Rose Marie Ponton, \$25 Bill Sander, \$25 Joe Celibucki

**Knights of Columbus** is having a poker night on Tuesday February 20 at 7:30 at St Paul's in Peotone. All gentlemen of the parish are invited to join in the fun!

**The Parish Council** will be meeting Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 7:00pm. All parishioners are invited to attend these meetings. This is a great way to stay in the loop of what is up and coming for our church.



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