

**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 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

Monday, February 26
8:30 AM— All Parishioners

Wednesday, February 28
8:30 AM— Deacon Candidate Gregory Cummins

Friday, March 2
8:30 AM— Intentions of the Nicola Family

Saturday, March 3
5:30 PM—Kazimierz Iwaniuk † Req. by C. Hays

Sunday, March 4
9:00 AM—Julia Przybyla † Req. by Family
Mary Portz † Req. by Smith Family



February 18, 2018

Sunday.....\$	2263.00
Children's Envelopes.....	55.00
Central & Eastern Europe....	643.00

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



March 4
5:30 PM— R. Jurack, D. Schmidt, M. Schnepf, C. Semanovich
9:00 AM—M. Otten, B. Daly. C. Lynch, C. Marden



March 4
5:30 PM—C. Dancer
9:00 AM—B. Mitchell



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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Friday: Abstinence; First Friday;
World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

When we try to make an impression, that's the impression we make.



**Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018**
If God is for us, who can be against us?

—Romans 8:31b

THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE

Spring Bake Sale is the weekend of March 3rd and 4th following both masses. If you would like to donate some baked cookies, breads, pies, cakes or make candy for the Bake Sale, that would be wonderful. All donations can be brought to the office Friday, March 1st, between 9:00am and 2:00pm. Items must be wrapped in plastic and priced. Please list any ingredients that may cause allergic reactions, i.e. peanuts. Your participation and support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all the parishioners who made and/or attended our annual Chili Dinner on February 3rd. We had 11 different types of chili to taste and an over abundance of crackers, breads, and desserts to enjoy! It was a great evening!

Annual Diocesan Scout Recognitions Ceremony

Attention **ALL** Scouts – Male and Female. If you have earned your Catholic Religious Recognition for your age group then come and get it blessed at the Annual Diocesan Religious Recognition Ceremony to be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018, from 10am – 12:30pm (registration begins at 9am) at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, 604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet (enter door 26). The event is free and open to **ALL** Scouts (male or female). **No** pre-registration is needed (check-in at the door). For more information visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on 'Events' from the main page and from there scroll down to the section for the 'Annual Recognitions Mass'.

A Child's Letter to God: Dear God, I think about you sometimes even when I'm not praying. Elliott

A Collection of Children's Letters to God

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

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

The Knights of Columbus will be participating in our Mass on Sunday, March 4th. They will be in their new attire of orange shirts and will fill all the duties normally assigned to our Lector, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, etc... We welcome them to our Mass!

Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gifts will benefit so many through the thirty ministries our annual appeal supports.

Our parish's goal for the 2018 CMAA is \$12,600. Our hope is that every parishioner will contribute as partners in caring, as every gift — large and small — makes a difference. If we raise more than our goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish! Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year's CMAA. *In-pew envelopes are still available in the church, or you can make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.*