

**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.**



**March 18**

5:30 PM—M. Otten, J. Blazeovich, R. Jurack, A. Otten  
9:00 AM—M. Phalen, K./P. Przybyla. K. Short



**March 18**

5:30 PM—C. Dancer  
9:00 AM—E. Bogs



**March 18**

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



**Saturday, March 10**  
5:30 PM—Sheila Clay † Req. by Bogs Family  
Mary Ann Mills † Req. by Joe Mills

**Sunday, March 11**  
9:00 AM—Kathy Kelly † Req. by Barbara Mitchell  
Shirle Kowalisyn † Req. by Bogs Family

**Monday, March 12**  
8:30 AM—Jim Ridings † Req. by Mary Ridings

**Wednesday, March 14**  
8:30 AM—Lontoc Family Intentions Req. by  
Clarissa Summa

**Friday, March 16**  
3:00 PM—Parish Intentions

**Saturday, March 17**  
5:30 PM—Intentions of Parker Family  
Req. by Joan Parker  
Jozefa Zaborowska †  
Req. by Paul and Terry Kwiatkowski

**Sunday, March 18**  
9:00 AM—Reno Ostarello † Req. by Bogs Family  
Catherine Anderson † Req. by Joe Mills

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;  
Daylight Saving Time begins;  
Girl Scouting Sunday  
Friday: Abstinence  
Saturday: Saint Patrick



**It is not enough for me to love God, if my  
neighbor does not love God.**  
—St. Vincent de Paul

**March 04, 2018**

Sunday.....	\$ 2957.00
Children's Envelopes.....	42.00
Maintenance.....	913.00

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

*How will I love like Christ today?  
To whom will I show compassion?  
How will I be gracefully merciful?*



**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 11, 2018**

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17

### COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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**The Ladies Club** would like to thank everyone that baked and/or bought goodies for the spring bake sale. They made \$667.00 and received great feedback on the tasty treats! **Their next meeting** will be on Monday, March 19th at 6:30pm. The evening festivities includes stuffing Easter Eggs for the

Monee Church of Alliance Easter Egg Hunt this year. We have 1000 eggs to fill so many hands are needed! Join in the fun!

**The second collection today** is for the Catholic Relief Services Appeal, a humanitarian aid organization which helps the poor and vulnerable overseas by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies.

The **Peotone Senior Assistance Center** is available this Thursday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10am - 3pm to accommodate walk-in clients in the Red Room at St. Paul the Apostle. This is part of our **Respect Life Ministry**, whose mission is to protect the vulnerable and provide seniors, low income and disabled persons with assistance from county, state and federal programs, including Medicare, Social Security, Illinois License Plate Discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. We are also a certified SHIP site (Senior Health Insurance Program). The center is staffed by volunteers who serve the community without cost.

**A Child's Letter to God:** Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy. Joyce  
*A Collection of Children's Letters to God*

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

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**Easter Flower Offering:** A second collection for Easter Flowers will be next weekend. Your generous donations help to make the altar breathtaking from Palm Sunday thru Easter Sunday. Thank you for helping make St. Boniface so beautifully decorated during this Holy Season.

**Get Chopping!** Join the parishioners of St. Boniface on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month as they open the Daybreak Center pantry, take out mystery ingredients, and prepare a four course lunch for 80-125 visitors. **Ever wonder what a 30 pound shepherd's pie looks like?** Come join in 2½ hours of fun and fellowship, preparing The Shepherd's Table for the Daybreak Center in Joliet. Men, Women, and Teen volunteers are welcome! For more information call Vickie at 708-534-6162.