

**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, April 21
5:30 PM—Carl Hauth † Req. by Kwasigroch Family
Virginia Galik † Req. by Family

Sunday, April 22
9:00 AM—Joseph Przybyla † Req. by Family
Melanie Valencia † Req. by Leobardo and Ana Valencia Martinez

Monday, April 23
8:30 AM—Pete Malito †
Req. by Bob and Sue Janecek

Wednesday, April 25
8:30 AM—Birthday Intentions for Elaine Malito
Req. by Bob and Sue Janecek

Friday, April 27
8:30 AM—Joe Egofske † Req. by Anna and Jim Egofske

Saturday, April 28
5:30 PM—Wedding Anniversary Intentions for Bob and Sue Janecek Req. by Family

Sunday, April 29
9:00 AM—Barbara and Richard Schultz †
Req. by Family
Al Schnepf † Req. by Family

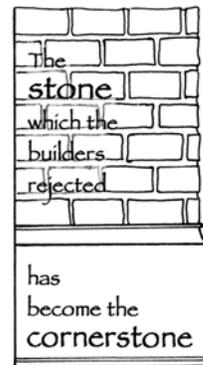
April 29
5:30 PM—J. Blazrvich, C. Dancer, D. Schmidt, C. Semanovich
9:00 AM—C. Domke, D. Domke, B. Mitchell, M Phalen



April 29
5:30 PM—R. Jurack
9:00 AM—E. Bogs



April 29
5:30 PM—A./A. Porpora
9:00 AM—B. Hobbs, Volunteer



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert
- Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- Wednesday: St. Mark; Administrative Professionals Day
- Friday: Arbor Day
- Saturday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

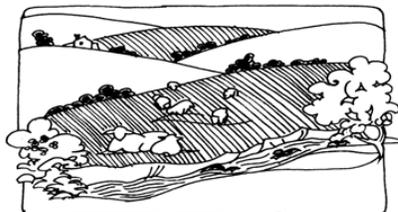


April 15, 2018
Sunday.....\$ 2166.00
Children's Envelopes..... 4.00

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

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God.

—St. Vincent Pallotti



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**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018**

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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Foster Grandparent Volunteers Needed: Catholic Charities is looking for role models, mentors, and friends 55 or older to share your time and experience. You can help teach a child to read, assist younger students for school readiness, or tackle tough subjects and help them make decisions that will keep them on the right path. Most volunteers serve about 20 hours a week. Income eligible will receive a tax-free hourly stipend to help cover costs associated with volunteering. A pre-service orientation and training will be provided. For more information Contact Deb at 815-724-1157 or email dsirek@cc-doj.org. A flyer is located on the bulletin boards as well.

Still shepherding. It is not uncommon to sing Psalm 23 at funerals. We sing it at Mass. Our Shepherd leads, protects, feeds. Not only with the dead and the grieving, but with each of us and all of us – loved as beloved children, sheep of the flock. Every day. Always. To what and to whom is the Shepherd leading me this week? How will I share Christ's love? Whom can I protect and feed?

A Matter of Balance: Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. This free program is available to seniors 60 and holder. It is designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Classes are held at St. Ann Catholic Church, 24500 S. Navajo Dr, Channahon on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30pm-3:30pm. For more information and to register, call Amanda at 815-523-9918. A flyer is located on the bulletin boards with more information as well.

A Child's Letter to God: Dear God, If you watch in church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes. Mickey D.

A Collection of Children's Letters to God

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Easter. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Easter once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

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

Catholic Home Missions Appeal collection will be taken up next week. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



National Day of Prayer will be held at New Hope Christian Community Church located at 4700 W. Court St. Monee. This special event will take place on Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00pm. Join with our neighbors and participate in this community prayer!

Get Chopping! Join the parishioners of St. Boniface on the 4th 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 2 ½ 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.

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.