

**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.



July 1
5:30 PM—M. Otten, C. Dancer, D. Schmidt, C. Semanovich
9:00 AM—M. Otten, E. Bogs, T. Bogs-Haser, M. Phalen

Saturday, June 23
5:30 PM—Ann, Anthony and Donald Kaminski †
Req. by Camille Dancer
Melanie Valencia † Req by Leobardo and Ana Valencia Martinez

Sunday, June 24
9:00 AM—Douglas Phalen † Req. by Marcy Phalen
Joseph and Julia Przybyla †
Req. by Family

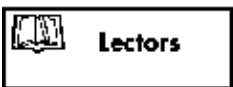
Monday, June 25
8:30 AM—Erwin E. Bogs † Req. by Family

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

Friday, June 29
8:30 AM—Bernadette Eagan † Req. by Bogs Family

Saturday, June 30
5:30 PM—Harry Anderson † Req. by Joe Mills
Marlene Welte † Req. by Camille Dancer

Sunday, July 1
9:00 AM—Richard Schultz † Req. by Family
Norbert Swetlik † Req. by Lynch Family



July 1
5:30 PM—R. Jurack
9:00 AM—B. Mitchell



July 1
5:30 PM—M. Albano, Alison Porpora
9:00 AM—B. Hobbs, G. Lovejoy



June 10, 2018
Sunday.....\$1876.00
Daybreak..... 170.00

June 17, 2018
Sunday.....\$ 2103.00
Infirm and Elderly Priests..... 1066.00
Many thanks to all of you for your generous donations to our Parish. May God bless all of you!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Monday: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria
Thursday: St. Irenaeus
Friday: Ss. Peter and Paul
Saturday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Blessed Virgin Mary

The world's greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.



**Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
June 24, 2018**

“Behold, one is coming after me;
I am not worthy to unfasten
the sandals of his feet.”

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the “precursor” of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John’s basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John’s legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: “You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory” (Isaiah 49:3). John’s humility—“I am not he”—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.

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Joyful Again! Retreat/Workshop is for widowed men and women looking for a way to navigate their way through life’s changes and hoping to find joy in living once more. The next Retreat location and date is July 21 & 22 at Holy Family, Inverness. Register by email at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com or call 708-354-7211.

Knights of Columbus June Raffle Winners:

\$150.00 Tammy Bush, \$100.00 David Penkas, \$50.00 Susan Podgorny, \$50.00 Dennis Claxton, \$25.00 John Thomas, \$25.00 Tommy Hagemaster

Annual Diocesan Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat

Attention **ALL** Scouts – Male and Female. The Annual Diocesan Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat / Campout for this year will be held starting on Friday, August 10th, at 5pm until Sunday, August 12th at 12pm. It will be held on the grounds of St. Mary’s church in Plano (901N Center St). This retreat satisfies the retreat requirement needed for many of the Religious Recognitions. This year a special Ad Altare Dei Orientation class will be held at the Ros-a-Ree for those who **pre-register** for it and the class itself. The event is open to all Scouts (male or female) who are entering the 6th grade or higher in the Fall. Registration beforehand is required. For more information and registration forms, visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on ‘A-Z Directory’ from the main page and from there scroll down the left side menu and click on ‘Ros-a-Ree Retreat/Camp Out’.

A Child’s Letter to God: Dear God, I didn’t think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool. Eugene

A Collection of Children’s Letters to God

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It’s midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three “nativity” feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today’s birth of the Baptist. Today’s date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child’s advent, but of Elizabeth’s child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting “St. John’s fires” in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist’s own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It’s a tradition!

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

How about that Luncheon? On Sunday June 10, we continued our 150th Jubilee celebration following our 12:00 Mass with a wonderful luncheon. The family center was packed full of good food and wonderful friends! A special thanks to everyone who helped to make the day a success. ***This is the final weekend to order a Jubilee T-Shirt, polo, or apron. Order forms are at back of church or call the office on Monday.***

Bus Tour of Historic Joliet Diocesan Churches in Kankakee County—Join St. Paul’s in Peotone and explore the historic, artistic, and architectural traits of St. Mary, Beaverville (“The Cathedral of the Prairie”), St. John the Baptist (the oldest wooden church still in use in Illinois), and St. Rose of Lima (the Mother Church of the first five churches in Kankakee est. 1855). Stops may be added to pickup participants in Kankakee and/or adding a stop at the Love Christian Center for books and gifts. A coach bus tour will depart St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Peotone, 8:30 AM Saturday, July 21st. Lunch will be on own at the Long-branch Restaurant. Tickets are \$38.00, Students and Seniors are \$35.00, payable to St. Paul Parish with registration. For more information contact Jean Hespen at 708 258-6364 or jmhespen@comcast.net.