

**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, September 1
 5:30 PM—Ed and Alice Curry † Req. by S. Tomczak
 Don and Dorothy Gryczewski † Req. by Family

Sunday, September 2
 9:00 AM—Kyle and Emily Ekstrom—1st Anniversary
 Req. by Therese Bogs-Haser
 Ann Swetlik † Req. by Lynch Family

Monday, September 3 LABOR DAY
 8:30 AM—No Mass

Wednesday, September 5
 8:30 AM—Sandy Tomczak † Req. by Rose Mazur

Friday, September 7
 8:30 AM—Kazimierz Iwaniuk † Req. by Z. Iwaniuk

Saturday, September 8
 5:30 PM—Theresa Dobies † Req. by Kwiatkowskis
 Richard Nicola † Req. by Marusins

Sunday, September 9
 9:00 AM—Kathleen Bozic † Req. by Loretta Cosman
 Julia Przybyla † Req. by Family

September 9
 5:30 PM—C. Semanovich, R. Jurack, C. Dancer,
 D. Ledford
 9:00 AM—M. Otten, T. Kwiatkowski, J. Parker,
 K. Short



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



September 9
 5:30 PM—M. Albano, A. Porpora
 9:00 AM—A./R./C. Hansen



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 Sunday.....\$ 2397.00
 Children's Envelopes..... 3.00

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Labor was the first price, the original purchase-money that was paid for all things. It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased.
 —Adam Smith



**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 2, 2018**
 Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.
 — James 1:21b

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

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Labor Day holiday is September 3, 2018. The office will be closed and there will not be a morning mass.



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Registration for the 2018-2019 classes of Religious Ed will be held **after the 9:00 AM mass today**. Classes begin Saturday, Sept. 8th and Sunday, Sept. 9th.

Grades K thru 4 meet on Saturdays 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Grades 5 thru 8 meet on Sundays 10:00 to 11:30 am.

Tuition Cost:

1 child...\$80.00, 2 children...\$125.00.
3 or more children...\$190.00

We ask that you register asap so books and materials can be ordered promptly.

**A happy marriage is a union of two good
forgivers.**

A Child's Letter to God: Dear God, If you let the dinosaur not extinct we would not have a country. You did the right thing. Jonathan

A Collection of Children's Letters to God

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedicaton directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the *mensa*, or "altar table." Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today's rite states a clear preference for "martyr," and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition's desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means "witness" in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn't count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr's tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a "cult") was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains "the seed of the Church."

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

Join us for the **Knights of Columbus Half Way to St. Patrick's Day Dinner** at St. Boniface Family Center on September 14, 2018 from 5:00 until 7:30 PM. Corn beef, cabbage, boiled potato and dessert all at the fabulous low price of \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased from the Knights. Carry outs will be available.

DISABILITIES MINISTRY

The 31st Annual Bishop's Mass with Persons with Disabilities/Special Needs will be held at 12:00 PM on Sunday, September 16, 2018. Mass will be celebrated at **Holy Family Catholic Church, 600 Brook Forest Avenue, Shorewood**. A luncheon, provided by the Bishop Roger L. Kaffer Assembly and the Knights of Columbus, will follow. Persons with disabilities and their families are invited to attend. To RSVP for the luncheon or for additional information, please contact the Diocese of Joliet/Disabilities Ministry Office at 815-221-6229 or by email at ggiblin@dioceseofjoliet.org