

**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 22
 5:30 PM—Sandrone and Ridings Families Req. by Mary Ridings
 Melanie Valencia † Req. by Leobardo and Ana Valencia Martinez

Sunday, September 23
 9:00 AM—Mark and Anita Bogs—25th Anniversary
 Req. by Therese Bogs-Haser
 Intentions of Parker Family
 Req. by Joan Parker

Monday, September 24
 8:30 AM—Sandy Tomczak † Req. by Dolores Browne

Wednesday, September 26
 8:30 AM—Greg Krebes † Req. by Chris Hayes

Friday, September 28
 8:30 AM—Rich Nicola † Req. by Women's Club

Saturday, September 29
 5:30 PM—Mary Ann Mills † Req. by Joe Mills
 Intentions of Sue Majeski
 Req. by Frank Majeski

Sunday, September 30
 9:00 AM—Frances Bogs † Req. by Bogs Family
 Don and Dorothy Gryczewski †
 Req. by Family

September 30
 5:30 PM—M. Otten, C. Dancer, J. Porpora, C. Semanovich
 9:00 AM—M. Otten, C./D. Domke, T. Sheehan



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

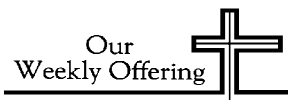


September 30
 5:30 PM—M. Albano, Alison Porpora
 9:00 AM—A./ K. Swanson



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

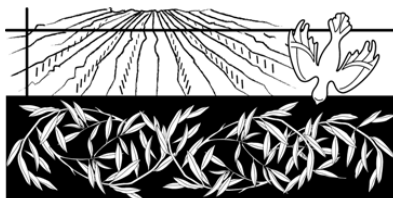
- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset; Autumn begins
- Wednesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
- Thursday: St. Vincent de Paul
- Friday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
- Saturday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael



September 16, 2018
 Sunday.....\$ 2101.00
 Children's Envelopes..... 3.00

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

Children, especially, set their watches by our clock.



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018**

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

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Get away for a time of prayer. If your life has become a litany of "must do's" – work, house cleaning, paying bills, etc... you are invited to STOP and give yourself to a time of prayer. Let the silence and atmosphere of peace bring you to a deeper place within yourself. One Heart One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee is hosting this event on Thursday, October 11th from 9am-12pm. A free will offering is requested. To register call 815-935-0800.

Joyful Again! If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and feel stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with your life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories. This 2 day retreat/workshop will be October 6 & 7 at St. Ann's in Channahon. For more information call 708-354-7211, email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com or see website www.joyfulagain.org.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

Thank You to the Knights of Columbus for hosting their 1/2 Way to St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner this past Friday night! They worked hard and spent many hours preparing, serving, and cleaning up—providing us with a wonderful dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, rye bread, drinks, and desserts. Music was provided including entertainment by Michael Shaughnessy on the bagpipes playing Irish and patriotic songs!

A Child's Letter to God: Dear God, I am doing the best I can. Frank

A Collection of Children's Letters to God

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

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

Get Chopping! Join the parishioners of St. Boniface this Friday, September 28th as they prepare a four course lunch known as The Shepherd's Table for the Daybreak Center in Joliet. Come join in 2 ½ hours of fun and fellowship. Men, Women, and Teen volunteers are welcome! For more information call Vickie at 708-534-6162.

A Free Used Home Chair Lift is available for someone in need. If you have been thinking about installing a chair lift and are interested in a free one—contact David Schmidt at 708-534-8638.

Thank you for your patience. Friday evening, Sept. 14th our handicap ramp became un-safe to use, do to support hinges that had rotted over time. We apologize for the distress this may have caused our parishioners over the weekend and had the damage fixed by Sunday afternoon. We will be building a new ramp in the near future.

Autumn days come swift like the running of a hound upon the moor.

—Seumas MacManus