



Weddings: Please arrange at least 6 months prior to the desired date.

Reconciliation: Any time by appointment or Saturdays

Baptisms: Please arrange no less than one month prior to desired date.

3 - 3:45 PM - St. Boniface Church Sacristy.

St. Therese Mass Schedule

Saturday	Dec 14, 2019	5:00 PM	Edna Mae Foltz - Galen and Peg Wichman
Tuesday	Dec 17, 2019	8:30 AM	Othmar Wuertz - Lester and Barbara Wuertz
Wednesday	Dec 18, 2019	10:30 AM	For all Parishioners - Living and Deceased - at <i>Richmond Healthcare and Rehab</i>
Thursday	Dec 19, 2019	8:30 AM	Mary Kummer - Leo and Mary Wiederholt
Saturday	Dec 21, 2019	5:00 PM	George H. and Clara Feuerborn - The Duane Conner Family

Assignments – 12/21/19

Stewardship

Lectors:

Karen Wolken

Eucharistic Ministers:

Gail Smith, Peg Wichman

Richmond Care Center:

Sr. Loretta Roeckers

Hospitality: Lester & Barbara Wuertz **Counting Team:** D

Church Cleaning:

Sr. Loretta Roeckers, Alberta Kueser

Offertory Collection: 07 December 2019

Regular Collection - \$533.00

(Envelopes - \$475.00 and Plate - \$58.00)

Votives - \$23.50

Retirement Fund for Religious - \$267.00

Christmas Decorations - \$50.00

St. Boniface Mass Schedule

Sunday	Dec 15, 2019	9:00 AM	Henry Wittman - Chris and Jo Wittry
Monday	Dec 16, 2019	8:30 AM	Sr. Martina Rockers, OSU - Jerry and Connie Shopher
Wednesday	Dec 18, 2019	10:30 AM	For all Parishioners - Living and Deceased - at <i>Richmond Healthcare and Rehab</i>
Friday	Dec 20, 2019	8:30 AM	Ralph Ferguson, Jr. - Joan Rockers
Sunday	Dec 22, 2019	9:00 AM	Megan Smith - Dan and Jeanine Stifter

Assignments – 12/22/19

Stewardship

Lectors:

Keith Hermreck, Margie Bunnel

Eucharistic Ministers:

Frank and Connie Wittman, Keith Hermreck

Servers:

Gage Peine, Kyle Lutz, Noah Porter

Richmond Care Center:

Sr. Loretta Roeckers

Counting Team: Bernie Rockers

Offertory Collection: 08 December 2019

Regular Collection - \$1,487.00

(Envelopes - \$1,308.00 and Plate - \$179.00)

Votives - \$0

Retirement Fund for Religious - \$753.00

Christmas Decorations - \$43.00

I am filled with a jealous zeal for the Lord God of Hosts



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - Our parish celebrations were a wonderful experience of community, coming together to enjoy one another's company and to share the joy of this season. Thanks to everyone who helped to bring everything together, both for the parties as well as the program. I believe a good time was had by all!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - Thank you for your gracious response to the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious last weekend. May God bless your generosity!

FLOWER COLLECTION - *There is an envelope for those who wish to contribute to the Christmas decorations and flowers. There will be no special collection for this purpose. If you wish to contribute, use this envelope (or any envelope with your name and/or number on it), and put it in the regular collection any time during December. If you donate in remembrance of a loved one, be sure to fill out the front of the envelope and those names will be posted after the new year. Thanks!*

RICHMOND CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - is this Saturday evening, December 14th, beginning with the tree-lighting at 6 PM. All are welcome to join in on the festivities back at the Community Building afterwards.

CHAMBER PLAYERS - Don't forget - The Chamber Players' dinner theater outing is this Sunday afternoon, December 15th, at noon. It will be a nice time to enjoy one another's company, some fun entertainment, and enjoy a nice meal. Remember that our own **Carmelite STARS** will be providing desert and serving the meal - any offering for the desert or gratuity is a fundraiser for their activities.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING - will take place at St. Therese after Mass on Saturday, December 21st. At St. Boniface, we will decorate after Mass on Sunday, December 22nd. Please check your calendars, and if possible, please plan on staying after Mass that weekend to assist with this joyful task! Many hands will make of this light work for all! Thanks!

JESSE TREE AND FOOD COLLECTION - bins for non-perishable food which will be delivered to local food banks are in the entrance of both churches. If you would like to help with the delivery of the food that is donated, please let Fr. Jerry know. You will also see the Jesse Trees at the entrance of both churches, with suggested gift ideas. These will stay in place through the last Sunday of Advent, December 22nd.

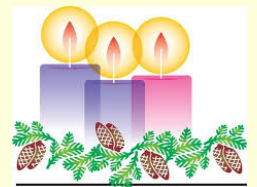
SOME TIMELY INFORMATION - **#1:** Our communal Reconciliation Service and Confessions will be this Sunday evening, December 15th at St. Boniface at 5:00 PM. **#2:** Christmas Eve and Christmas Day schedule: St. Therese Vigil Mass on December 24th at 4:00 PM, and at St. Boniface at 7:00 PM; Christmas Day - one Mass only, at St. Boniface at 9:00 AM. Please put these dates on your calendars and plan on participating in these festive Advent and Christmas activities!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFASTS - will begin again in the New Year. The scheduled dates (all are Sundays) are: January 5th and 26th, February 23rd, and March 22nd. If dates are changed, they will be posted in future Bulletins, on our website, and announced at Mass.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES - Both of our parishes are in need of additional liturgical ministers, particularly from among the men (young AND older!) of the parishes. I know that all of us are most grateful for those who currently serve the parishes in this way, and many present (and past) liturgical ministers have served for long periods of time. As pastor, I can't thank them enough for the great help they offer in the celebration of the weekend Eucharist, as well as other liturgical celebrations we have throughout the year. Some, understandably, would like to have a break or "retire" from their service. I'd love to encourage them to do that - but I'm reluctant since there are not people to take their places. There are four needs that we have. Three are very familiar, and one would be a combination of ministers that I believe would be a tremendous asset to our liturgical celebrations, especially when we, as a community, are accompanying a family at a time of loss. **We are very much in need of Altar Servers - especially from the ranks of our younger guys. You can begin serving after you have made your First Communion, and you will be guided along the way until you are comfortable in that role. Ideally, you would continue to serve until you graduate from high school. We are also very much in need of Lectors and Ministers of Communion. Those roles can be taken on by anyone - young or older; men and women - who are at least Juniors in high school. For those of you who may hesitate - remember that you are serving among friends - not critics! The "newer" ministries would be the development of a Funeral Liturgy Team** - including Servers, Lectors, Ministers of Communion, and Singers and Musicians. This might be a tremendous way for those who are retired from work (and ministry retirement!) to be of service without the responsibility of being scheduled. You would only be called upon as needed. **PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THIS REQUEST!** Call me, drop me a note, or e mail me, and we will get an orientation meeting scheduled! Thanks!

NURSING HOME & HOME VISITS - visits and Communion for our homebound and hospitalized members **generally** takes place on Wednesdays, following the Mass at Richmond Healthcare and my Communion calls at Anderson County Hospital Residential Care in Garnett. If you know of anyone who would like for me to stop and visit them on a regular basis or even an occasional visit, please let me know or have them call me. Let's keep our elderly, sick, and homebound parishioners in our thoughts and prayers.

*St. Isidore and St. Maria de la Cabeza - patrons of the farming community,
intercede for us as we pray for safety and favorable weather!*



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Since the 7th century, from December 17th - 23rd, the Church observes the praying of the O Antiphons - the Gospel Acclamation at Masses on the days leading to Christmas - addressing God who comes in Christ with a different Biblical title each day.

*O Sapientia
O Adonai
O Radix Jesse
O Clavis David
O Oriens
O Rex Gentium
O Emmanuel*

Read backwards,
the Latin acronym spells:
ERO CRAS -
which translates to:
*I will be with you
tomorrow!*

Have a blessed week! Fr. Jerry