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SUNDAY	MASS SCHEDULE	ANTICIPATED VIGIL
6:00 AM St. Boniface	8:30 AM St. Meinrad	9:30 AM Archabbey St. Boniface
MASS SCHEDULE AT PARTNER PARISHES		
	7:30 AM St. Martin of Tours	9:30 AM St. Isidore the Farmer 6:00 PM Saturday St. Isidore the Farmer

DAILY MASS	CONFESSIONS
Monday & Wednesday Tuesday & Friday Wednesday	Wednesday 3:45 PM St. Meinrad Saturday 9:00 AM St. Meinrad Saturday 4:15 PM St. Boniface

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 PM St. Meinrad First Friday with Confessions 8:00 AM St. Meinrad
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PARISH OFFICE	19630 N Fourth Street 812.357.5533 PO Box 8 812.357.2862 fax St. Meinrad, IN 47577 812.357.2100 SB Parish Center
PASTORAL STAFF & PARISH LEADERSHIP	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00-11:30AM & 12:00-4:00PM Wednesday 8:00AM-12:00PM

PASTOR	Father Anthony M. Vinson, OSB avinson@saintmeinrad.edu x 102 812.357.6870	LITURGICAL MUSIC	Liz Hatcher x 455
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FAITH FORMATION, SACRAMENTAL RECORDS, & PASTORAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR	Ms. Pearl Gelarden x 105	Report a Faith Formation Absence	x 453

THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish exist to nurture an intentional faith-filled Catholic Community which inspires and empowers all people to follow Jesus Christ. We will continue to "Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2) by living the Word of God, celebrating the sacraments with meaningful worship, and calling one another to prayer, Christian Service, and fellowship rooted in the living tradition of a rich German-Catholic heritage.

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD... LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION – DECEMBER 2017

The Elderly That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Remembering our Loved Ones: Sanctuary Lamps for December 17

+ Bernadette Craney **SB** + Shane Wickham **SM**

Remember in your prayer the sick, infirm and homebound members of our parish family and community: Father Denis Duvelius (Pastor of St. Paul and St. Mark), Ruth Werne, Vera Graman, Eileen Schaefer, Rosie Peters, Betty Schaefer, Bonnie Sitzman, Tim Waninger (son of Ray & Leona), Chantelle Uebelhor (sister of Marlene Oser), Clay Sitzman.

+ **Ruth Marie Tanner** Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the family and friends of **Ruth Tanner**, who died on December 10. Ruth's funeral service was held at Huber Funeral Home on Friday, December 15, with burial in St. Mary Cemetery. May she now rest in peace knowing the fullness of life and peace promised by Christ.

+ **Charles Robert Ruxer** Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the family and friends of **Charlie Ruxer**, who died on December 11. Charlie's Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Meinrad Church on Friday, December 15, with burial in St. Meinrad Cemetery. May he now rest in peace knowing the fullness of life and peace promised by Christ.

FAMILY PRAYER CROSS FOR VOCATIONS – DECEMBER 2017

Claude & Maryetta Boehm **SB** Tom & Carol Vaal **SM**

MASS SCHEDULE	THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FAMILY	MASS INTENTION
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Saturday, December 16

8:00 AM	Mass - Monte Cassino
9:00 AM	SM Confessions
4:15 PM	SB Confessions
5:00 PM	SB Mass + Othmar & Kathleen Troesch
6:00 PM	Service of the Longest Night – Guest House

Third Sunday of Advent – Sunday, December 17

6:00 AM	SB Mass Missa Pro Populo (for the People of Our Parish Family)
7:00 AM	SB Decorate for Christmas

8:30 AM	SM Mass + Arthur Werne (A)
9:30 AM	SM Cookie Walk
10:30 AM	SB Celebration Choir Practice
12:00 PM	PC Reserved

Monday, December 18

7:30 AM	SB Mass + Catherine M. Schaefer
5:00 PM	SB Decorate for Christmas
6:00 PM	PC Boy Scouts
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus – K of C

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 AM	SM Mass + Ray Vaal
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Wednesday, December 20

7:30 AM	SB Mass + Pat Dilger
1:00 PM	PO Staff Meeting No Counter Service after 12:00 PM
3:30 PM	SM Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions at 3:45 PM Holy Hour for the Sanctity of Life & Vocations in the Church
4:30 PM	SM Mass + Florence Hagedorn
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5:30 PM	Choir Performance – Scenic Hills Care Center
6:00 PM	Christmas Mass – Scenic Hills Care Center

Thursday, December 21

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5:00 PM	Senior Social – New Boston Tavern

Friday, December 22

7:30 AM	SM Mass + Mary Wilmes
***	Office Closed – Holiday

Saturday, December 23

8:00 AM	Mass - Monte Cassino
9:00 AM	SM Confessions
4:15 PM	SB Confessions
5:00 PM	SB Mass + Raymond, Charlie, & Ruth Ann Peters

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Sunday, December 24

6:00 AM	SB Mass Missa Pro Populo (for the People of Our Parish Family)
8:30 AM	SM Mass + Ruxer & Ringeman Family
3:00 PM	SM Christmas Hymns & Carols
3:30 PM	SM Mass People Honored by Flower Memorials
9:30 PM	SM Christmas Hymns & Carols
10:00 PM	SM Mass People Honored by Flower Memorials
11:30 PM	SB Christmas Hymns & Carols

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25

12:00 AM	SB Mass Missa Pro Populo (for the People of Our Parish Family)
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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, December 20

-- No Faith Formation Preschool-Grade 5 & Grade 6-10

Sunday, November 18, 2018

10:30 AM	SM Sacrament of Confirmation
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Wish List – Catholic Charities Tell City

Undershirts: men*, children, and women. *Donations for adult men often are overlooked. Return your filled *Catholic Charities Tote Bag* throughout the month at church entrances or sacristies. Extra tote bags available for use and exchange in church vestibules to fill for next month.

Congratulations to Hayden Rose Obermeier (godparents: Clint Obermeier & Megan Steckler), baptized on Saturday, December 9, at St. Boniface. Hayden is the daughter of Brad & Sara of St. Boniface Parish.

Congratulations to Taylor Rose Forler (godparents: Brent Waninger & Rachael Waninger), baptized on Sunday, December 10, at St. Boniface. Taylor is the daughter of Justin & Kara of St. Boniface Parish.

2017 Stewardship Deadline Contributions received on January 1, 2018 or later, will be added to your 2018 Financial Stewardship Contribution Statement Summary.

Being Mindful of Space A general reminder to all that the narthex and spaces behind the pews, between the last pew and the walls, must remain passable at all times. Jan and Gerald have been asked to keep these areas safe. While it is beautiful, surrounded with sights anticipating the birth of Christ, these spaces must be kept practical and passable, particularly for those

needing assistance or dependent on using pews for stability in their steps. Please do not block fire exits, electrical outlets, and pathways to shrines.

In the parish center and parish office, please leave spaces that you have reserved in the same configuration you found upon your arrival. Taking a photograph of the room on your mobile phone before you begin your festivities may be an easy way to remember the setup. Please remove all trash to outside trash receptacles upon the conclusion of your gathering. Chairs are not to be stacked on the tables in the dining rooms in the parish center. Upon your arrival, if chairs are on the floor at tables, before you leave, reset chairs in place for the next group. If you pull chairs from the chair racks, please return them to the chair rack. Each room has a particular setting to accommodate parish activities. The white tables are being greatly abused, gouged, and we need to be good stewards of our resources. It is easy to make sure that the tables are sanitized when they are free of debris. If you have further questions, please contact Father Anthony.

Cookie Walk – Sunday, December 17 after 8:30 AM Mass. SM Ladies Sodality will have homemade cookies for sale \$5.00 per dozen – you choose cookies.

St. Boniface Ladies Sodality Winter Quilt Raffle – New Year's Eve Raffle tickets may be returned to sodality members. Tickets may be turned in to the parish office no later than Wednesday, December 27.

Celebration of the Feast of Saint Meinrad – Sunday, January 21 8:30 AM Mass, with the homilist being Father Harry Hagan, OSB, on the history of the Monte Cassino Shrine. Following Mass there will be a social with breakfast at the St. Meinrad Community Center. All who attend the Mass are invited to join in the festivities at the Community Center.

Looking for Christmas Gift Ideas? Ark Encounter Trip – Saturday, April 7 Open to parishioners, friends and neighbors. \$89 per person includes bus and entrance fees. Handicap accessible; wheelchairs available. For more information, contact Susan Ippoliti susan.ippoliti@yahoo.com. For reservations, call Lifestyle Tours at 812-682-4477.

UCA Update Families are asked to share their financial resources in support of the Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, which supports three important areas. **1. Faith Formation for All Ages; 2. Seminarian and Clergy Care; 3. Charity and Outreach.** Do what you can, not what you cannot. For more information or to make an online gift visit <http://www.archindy.org/uca/index.html>.

Updated December 14

St. Boniface Parish	\$6,015 Goal	41 Pledges Received	84% to Goal
St. Meinrad Parish	\$9,495 Goal	40 Pledges Received	52% to Goal

Save The Dates Belize Immersion Trip – June 10-17, 2018, contact Pam Davis 812-661-9110. Appalachia Immersion Trip – June 13-16, 2018, contact Sally Gravatte 812-630-1961.

St. Meinrad Altar Society – December 7 (A); December 21 (B)
Martin's Cloak Food Pantry – December 23 Maryetta Boehm, Claire Snyder, Vickie Snyder
Birth Baskets – 7 receiving blankets, 5 dozen diapers, 10 rubber pants, 7 white onesies, 14 sleepers, 7 drest... Updated 9-20-17

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COMMITMENTS

	5:00 PM – SB	DECEMBER 17 6:00 AM – SB	8:30 AM – SM
Rosary	D&B Kress	-	K of C
Sacristan	M Boehm	C Snyder	C&J Lutz
Hospitality	D&S Begle	-	K Hedinger, M VanHoosier
Usher	L Kern, J Wagner, E Peters, R Waninger	K Waninger, C Waninger, J Mullis, D Mullis	S Schwindel, M Pund, T Kloeck, S Mullis
Priest	Father Paul, OSB	Father Paul, OSB	Father Paul, OSB
Acolyte/A	-	-	S Vaal
Acolyte/W	-	-	CS Mohr
Cross	J Welch	K Schaefer	AP Vaal
Candles	MG Gudorf, KA Hildenbrand	M Snyder	CL Mohr, L Vaal
Lector	CA Waninger, K Kern	CD Schaefer, E Schaefer	K Kolb, M Lutz
EMHC	Priest, K Peters, A Gudorf, ML Gudorf, K Wagner, ES Haefling, B Wesner, TBD	V Snyder Priest, K Snyder, F Schaefer, P Berg	Priest, AJ Vaal, SR Vaal, SM Vaal, J Lutz, C Schwindel, J Colby, Father Bruce

Christmas & New Year's Masses – Liturgical Ministers are asked to review the online schedule and commit to serving as you are able.

	5:00 PM – SB	DECEMBER 24 6:00 AM – SB	8:30 AM – SM
Rosary	D&B Kress	-	SM Ladies Sodality
Sacristan	K Gunn	R Pund	S Gravatte
Hospitality	E&K Peters	-	B&A Wilmes
Usher	P Haefling, N Hildenbrand, P Gerlach, L Kern	L Tempel, C Tempel, G Waninger, A Birchler	S Mullis, G Graman, C Tempel, J Bender
Priest	Father Anthony, OSB	Father Anthony, OSB	Father Anthony, OSB
Acolyte/A	-	-	K Mullis
Acolyte/W	-	-	L Mullis
Cross	K Davis	N Collignon	V Auffart
Candles	M Blalock	CG Schaefer	CL Mohr, M Scherzer
Lector	KM & KA Hildenbrand	CD Schaefer, E Schaefer	E Schepers, S Seckinger
EMHC	EC Haefling, C Kemper Priest, RJ Boehm, L Hildenbrand, P Gelarden, J Robinson, A Gudorf, S Gerlach, TBD	L Hubert Priest, AM Collignon, A Waninger, P Berg	Priest, K Mullis G Mullis, L Waninger, ML Denning, C Sitzman, R Sitzman, Father Bruce

STEWARDSHIP

St. Boniface 169 households	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10	St. Meinrad 221 households
1,010.00	Direct Deposits-Electronic	840.00
1,617.00	Offertory Gifts Received	2,137.00
\$ 2,627.00		\$ 2,977.00
Weekly \$2,559.81	Fiscal Year 2017-2018	Weekly \$3,226.44
Annual \$133,110.00	Financial Stewardship for Budget	Year \$167,775.00

BLESS OUR HOUSE OF PRAYER / Second Collection for General Maintenance & Capital Items

St. Boniface \$ 2,865.51	Bless Our House Fund	\$ 3,254.00	St. Meinrad
529.00	through November 22	404.00	
\$ 3,394.51	Balance	\$ 3,658.00	

Goal – Replacement Doors for Front Entrance of Church
 *St. Boniface funds through March 31, 2017 were used to pay for replacement of north and south side doors; St. Meinrad funds were transferred to an interest-bearing holding account, pending approval of project and additional funds raised, to begin the restoration of church pews.

PADRE'S POST

Celebrate before Christmas the Sacrament of Reconciliation We are blessed to have three priests serving our parish family. Confession is easily accessible three times a week: Wednesday 3:45-4:15 PM (SM) and Saturday 9:00 AM (SM), and Saturday 4:15 PM (SB). For individuals where mobility is an issue, a priest is available to visit your home during the season, by calling the Parish Office to make arrangements. Upon request, it is not uncommon for me to visit homes of parishioners during Advent and Lent to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession, and I am happy to do so. I am often amazed when I read other parish bulletins, "confession available by appointment only."

One Far Mightier Than John In last Sunday's Gospel, the Church presented St. John the Baptist to us as a model of Advent preparedness. For what, though, was he preparing? Was he proclaiming himself as a model of virtue? Did he point only to himself or political or religious leaders? No, St. John the Baptist was preparing himself to be a messenger of God and His Christ. He "came to testify to the light," as the Evangelist tells us today. He knows that he is but "the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord.'" When the time comes, he fulfills his mission; in fact, we will close the Christmas season by remembering the fulfillment of the Baptist's mission on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. For now, though, John is preparing to proclaim the Christ, whom he has yet to meet, but whom he has been waiting for his whole life.

We are all called to be like John the Baptist. We go before Christ, preparing the way for him in his second coming. We are called to go out into the world, announcing the coming of Christ into the hearts of all men, women, and children. His mission is our mission. It is not enough to prepare to welcome Christ. Otherwise, we would receive the gift of Christ, but fail to share it with others. We must also be prepared to be witnesses to Christ, sharing our stories through how we live our everyday lives. We must go before him, all while pointing to him, not to ourselves. Often, our silent witness is more powerful than anything we could say. We have to ask ourselves if we are doing everything we can to proclaim Christ in all that we do. Perhaps we participate at Mass, only to leave the parish and never think about God, Christ, the Holy Spirit or the mission of the church, until the next time we cross the threshold of the church door. Perhaps we are uncharitable, we gossip, tear other people down, or do something that is inherently un-Christian. Our lives are called to reflect who we are as Christians. Now, we are works in progress; we are not perfect, and we will fail, but Christ has given us the sacraments to guide our way. As we approach this Christmas season, let us renew ourselves as we seek to run ahead of Christ in order to prepare for his coming. Let us be bold, but charitable proclaimers of the Word of God, pointing always to him, never to ourselves.

As you prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, know of my prayerful petitions for you and your loved ones. Be mindful of family, friends, and neighbors whose gatherings will be different this year because of life changes. Take time for one another and make time to pray as a family and with your parish family. An observation: individuals will make a priority in their life, what is important to them, what is of value, no matter how much time they don't have on a given day or week. I look forward to praying with you as we celebrate the Christmas Mystery, the Incarnation of our Lord.

A gentle reminder, please anticipate your needs; the parish office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The office will also be closed on Friday, December 22, Tuesday, December 26, Friday, December 29, and Tuesday, January 2.

PAX – Father Anthony, OSB

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Fulda Development 11th Annual Cash Bonanza – November Winners Mary Ellen & John Moore, Mindy Rasche, Daniel & Marie Wessell, Alan Waninger

Bookmobile – Monday, December 18 Adyeville 9:00-9:45am; Siberia 10:00-10:45am.

Senior Citizens Meeting – Wednesday, January 10 1:00pm, Parish Office