



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

Mt 28:16–20

Where Are You Looking?

Are we, like the disciples, looking in the wrong direction? As they looked up to heaven, they probably realized what they had lost. Jesus was no longer in their midst. But then, the Easter stories all tell us that they never really understood his risen presence with them. And so they were asked: “Why are you standing here looking at the sky?” (Acts 1:11).

Are we also looking up to heaven when we should be looking out to the world? Of course, it is right that we reflect on Jesus’ ascension. However, today’s understanding of the universe helps us realize that the biblical account of Jesus’ ascension into heaven may be a way of saying that he is glorified with God. As Paul says, he has been granted the place of honor at God’s right hand, “far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion” with “all things beneath his feet” (Ephesians 1:21–22). Jesus, now with God, radiates the full splendor of his resurrection.

We must turn to the Gospel passage to get the fullness of the story of the ascension. Jesus did not say: “Watch what is going to happen.” Instead he told them to go out: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We might know these words so well that we miss their forcefulness. In effect, Jesus is telling them: go out to the whole world and tell them what you have seen and heard. I did what it was for me to do; now it is up to you to do the rest. Don’t worry, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20). Look where you’re going, not where I went.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *In what ways have other people touched you with the mystery of the risen Jesus?*
- ★ *In what ways do you bring the reality of Jesus to people in your life?*



*Make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the holy Spirit.*

MATTHEW 28:19

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Parish Founded 1861
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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.

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BAPTISM: Parents are encouraged to contact the parish office before their child is born. Two sacrament preparation sessions are required for parents and godparents, a minimum of two months before the sacrament is celebrated.

www.sbcatholic.church/baptism
www.sm catholic.church/baptism

MARRIAGE: Registered parishioners desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage are to contact the parish office a minimum of six months before the proposed wedding date to reserve the church and other parish spaces and to request an initial meeting with the pastor at info@myparishfamily.church.

Complete *Getting Married? Start Here!* online registration form before the initial meeting.

www.sbcatholic.church/marriage
www.sm catholic.church/marriage

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: If you are in need of a priest due to severe illness or death at anytime, call the switchboard at the Archabbey, **812.357.6611**. Please leave a message with the attendant, including your contact information. I will be contacted and will follow up as soon as possible.

PRAYER : *A way of life*

PRAYER REQUEST: Make a prayer request or personal petition, on the *Prayer Chain*.

www.sbcatholic.church/pray (812) 357-5533
www.sm catholic.church/pray x123

SANCTUARY LAMPS: MAY 24, 2020

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

TOMMY CRANEY
ST. BONIFACE PARISH

RALPH SEIFRIG
ST. MEINRAD PARISH

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

MAY 2020—FOR DEACONS

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: for the sick, infirm and homebound members of our parish family and community; members of our parish family who are in the care of others; and for the names, prayers, and petitions written in our parish books of prayer and petition and received through our home page prayer request portal—those preparing for surgery and recovering, veterans living and deceased, healing for cancer patients, individuals struggling from depression and a lack of faith, for area graduates and their families, a young girl with serious emotional distress, individuals with poor health and without access to medical resources, couples preparing to be parents and the protection of the unborn, the unemployed and underemployed, the healing of those infected with the COVID-19 virus, holy and healthy marriages, vocations to consecrated life, those struggling with addictions, couples struggling with infertility

SICK & INFIRM: Rose M. M, Steve B, Kenny S, Sue B, Josh W, Candy S ☺

+ IN MEMORIAM: Bob Lenhart, Levi Schnellenberger, Cindy Hochgesang, Ethan Lubbers, Mark Welp, Jeff Law, Claude Boehm, Ardella Schipp ☺

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Payson Berg, Sophia Bullis, Melanie Fetter, Lydia Fromme, Alayna Hildenbrand, Ty Hoffman, Cayli Kern, Joe Lasher, Ashtyn Oeding, Kyson Sitzman, Wyatt Wampler TBD 2020

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Sylvia McFadden and Levi Leffert	June 13, 2020
Cheryl Kleiser and Ross Waninger	June 27, 2020
Madison Gogel and Max Rickelman	August 22, 2020
Carmen Brooks and Jared Boehm	September 5, 2020
Jessica Webb and Adam Fischer	October 31, 2020

FAMILY PRAYER CROSS FOR VOCATIONS

MAY 2020

*Andy & Jenna Greulich Family
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MASS TIMES AND THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

SATURDAY, MAY 23

5:00 PM SB Mass + Claude Boehm

(Father Anthony, OSB)

SUNDAY, MAY 24

6:00 AM SB Mass *Missa Pro Populo* "Mass for the People"

(Father Anthony, OSB)

8:30 AM SM Mass + Alfred and Frances Ippoliti

(Father Paul, OSB)

9:00 AM SB Mass Memorial Service: America Legion Post #366

Parish Cemetery

10:25 AM SM Mass Memorial Service: America Legion Post #366

Parish Cemetery

MONDAY, MAY 25

4:15 PM SB Mass + Memory of those who died in military service (Father Anthony, OSB)

TUESDAY, MAY 26

7:30 AM SM Mass + Millie and Harold Vaal

(Father Anthony, OSB)

6:00 PM Pastoral Council

Video Conference

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

7:30 AM SB Mass + Eugene Gudorf

(Father Paul, OSB)

4:15 PM SM Mass + Frank and Aurelia Ruxer

(Father Anthony, OSB)

THURSDAY, MAY 28

9:30 AM Mass Scenic Hills at the Monastery

FRIDAY, MAY 29

7:30 AM SM Mass + Cyrilla Schatz

(Father Anthony, OSB)

SATURDAY, MAY 30

5:00 PM SB Mass + Rosalie Linne

(Father Anthony, OSB)

SUNDAY, MAY 31

6:00 AM SB Mass *Missa Pro Populo* "Mass for the People"

(Father Anthony, OSB)

8:30 AM SM Mass + Ron and Patsy Meyer

(Father Paul, OSB)

- Mass available livestream through website homepage and on some local television and radio stations, see local listing in area newspapers.

www.sbcatholic.church/live | www.smatholic.church/live

MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES

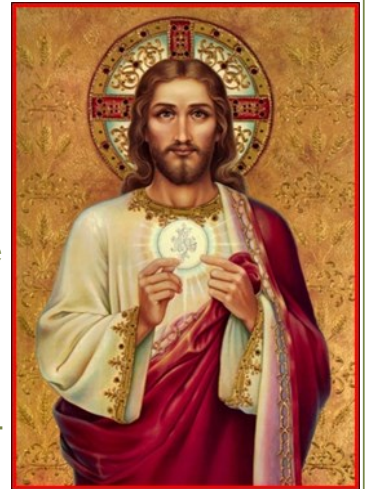
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PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



SUNDAY'S GOSPEL—May 31, 2020 – Pentecost Sunday

On the evening of that first day, . . . Jesus came and stood in their midst. —John 20:19

Jesus chooses to reveal his Resurrection to the disciples as a group. We know from next Sunday's Gospel that Thomas wasn't there, and Jesus doesn't show himself to Thomas until he returns to the group. This is significant. When it comes to revelation, the group is where it's at. We might consider this the next time we're convinced God is telling us something no one else has figured out yet.

This can feel like bad news to the roughly 50 percent of us who are introverted. Introverts like to process experiences alone, focusing their concentration most effectively in solitude. We're also territorial, reserved, slow to speak or act until we can reflect, and prefer the rich interior life to the chit-chat universe around us. Maybe that's why Thomas absented himself from the upper room that night. He couldn't take one more minute of the sighing, breast-beating, and self-reporting going on around him. He needed to think. Yet consider this, my fellow introverts: Jesus offers peace and forgiveness to the Church as a community. Together is where the action is.

Why might public revelations be more helpful than private ones? Why is sainthood a job for communities and not individuals?

Let us pray: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill your Church with gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, courage, reverence, and awe! Make saints of us whether we sit in the sanctuary or the pews and teach us all the meaning of holy living. For this world is in certain need of our courageous witness. **AMEN.**

NEWS AND INFORMATION TO SHARE? Visit www.sbcatholic.church/info | www.smatholic.church/info to submit or update information for weekly bulletin, website, Flocknote and news and media release requests.

✓The deadline for submitting information for the upcoming edition except scheduled programs and activities is Tuesday at noon, the weekly bulletin usually posted on parish website by Thursday noon.

✓The editor of the weekly bulletin and website reserves the right to edit information for clarity or brevity. Information submitted no less than six weeks before the scheduled program and event.



PADRE'S POST

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, marking 50 days of Christ's presence on earth since Easter, the Day of Resurrection. Scripture reminds us, as we hear in today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, that Jesus, who has been taken up into heaven, will return in the same way, giving us some insight into Christ's second coming. In today's second reading, St. Paul emphasizes that "our hope is to be in God alone." How do you use the word "hope"? Is God in the equation when you think of hope? Often, we have hopes and desires that seem realistic and practical, yet they are not part of God's plan for us. Discerning God's will, what we dare to do with our God-given life, looks very different than hoping for something that, in the big picture of our life, is more than a random calculation.

How do you begin your day? Is it in prayer? Do you take time to begin your day with a traditional Morning Offering, asking God to bless the work of your hands, your mind and heart?

A few weeks ago, I found myself in a conversation with an individual explaining a Mass Intention listed weekly in the bulletin. Most likely, the Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one.

Each time the priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions: 1) to celebrate Mass according to rubrics as defined in the Roman Missal uniting the universal celebration of Mass throughout the world; and 2) to offer Mass to God as a prayer of intercession and thanksgiving. In and through the celebration of Mass, we pray for the dead, those who are ill, for those facing difficulties or challenges. The priest may pray for a person's soul or for an intention that has been requested, or for God's grace during a challenge in a person's life.

This is why when you see the Mass intentions listed in the weekly bulletin, a cross in front of the name listed indicates the intention is for a deceased person. An intention without a cross is a Mass of thanksgiving or for a particular need. An image helpful to me when first trying to understand the idea of a Mass intention was that an intention is spiritually placed on the altar to be remembered in prayer as the miracle of the Eucharist takes place. Similarly, a farmer has a particular intention to prepare for the planting season and a particular way to plant the seed so that it may bear a harvest. When assembling an engine, there is an intentional way to assemble it to

make it an engine. And when baking a cake, you have an intention in mind, possibly for someone special or a special occasion. We must use a recipe for a cake in order to make a cake.

The early Christians identified one of the charisms of a Christian community to be that of prayer. For me, your pastor, this has been one of the most difficult realities of the last 10 weeks of COVID-19 adaptations. In the absence of attending Mass in church and physically receiving the Eucharist (Body, Blood and Soul of the Risen Christ), providing you with tools to pray remains a priority. Keep spiritually grounded and close to Catholic Church teachings through this weekly bulletin reflection, livestreams from your home parish, Flocknotes and other resources. Thank you for helping us stay in touch with you by providing updated contact information (confirming your physical and mailing address, email address, primary phone number, mobile number for alerts and announcements). If you aren't receiving the weekly bulletin or Flocknote invitations or alerts, we may have an old email address or phone number for you. [UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION](#)

Spiritual fruit comes through prayer; its grace allows us to take to heart what is shared in today's gospel. Jesus speaks to the Eleven giving them his whole authority: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always until the end of the age."

This great commissioning is our charge as Christians today. Pray with me as we prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit renewing us at Pentecost. As we celebrate the Ascension, may the Spirit help you discern your prayer, presence and purpose, now and in the days to come. I pray that we remain One Body, One Spirit in Christ, until we can gather again for in-person prayer and worship.

We expect our public celebration of Mass and other sacraments will begin sometime after Monday, June 1, remaining attentive to local health officials' recommendations and daily statistics, as well as safely mingling the three county communities that make up the parish family of St. Boniface and St. Meinrad.

All people 65 or older and those who are sick or who have medical conditions that make them especially vulnerable to the coronavirus should remain at home. Archbishop Thompson has extended the dispensation from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays to all the faithful until August 15.

ROUNDING OUT THE FAITH FORMATION YEAR

Over the last few months, I have had to pray and seek counsel from parish leadership and catechists on how to round out the Faith Formation year. I have had to consider the commitment of catechists and resources invested to ensure that parishioners of all ages continue to come to know and love Christ through the church and its mission of forming disciples. Listening to parents trying to absorb the aspects of their children being at home throughout the week while managing their employment or under-employment during this time and weighing the values and aspects of intergenerational living and connectivity, a hallmark of rural life, I did not feel it beneficial to add additional expectations while the school year was in session. The question remains – how do we end the formation year well, taking into consideration what prerequisites are needed for each student in order to be prepared for the resumption of classes in the Fall.

Soon we will be mailing Family Packets which focus on the current year's goals for each grade. These packets will provide resources and video links to help each child be prepared for their Fall class. The packet will also include a checklist, so you can assess the completion of each goal.

Have a blessed week striving to live with prayer, presence for others and purpose.

PAX—Father Anthony, OSB



PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY (LAST MONDAY IN MAY)

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe
away our tears, that we may all deserve to
be called your sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen

—from [Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers](#)

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Announcements

MEMORIAL MASS SCHEDULE

A Memorial Mass for Claude Boehm who died on Friday, March 27, 2020 is scheduled for July 25, at 10:00 am at Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church in Fulda, IN. Our thoughts and prayers are with Maryetta and family during this time of sorrow and healing. Due to state mandates restricting public gatherings, in-person Funeral Rites were not permitted at the time of his death.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Grand Island announces the Ordination to the Priesthood of **Deacon Daniel Gilbert** through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by The Most Reverend Joseph G. Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island, Friday, June 5, 2020 – 5 pm CT, Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 112 South Cedar Street, Grand Island, Nebraska.

LIVESTREAM @ WWW.GIDIOCESE.ORG.

Send your prayers and congratulations:
Reverend Daniel Gilbert
PO Box 626
Loup City, NE 68853

BIRTHDAY PARADE

A surprise birthday celebration in true social distancing style will be underway for **Mrs. Helen Gunn** on Saturday, May 23, 2020. Mrs. Gunn, who celebrated her 95th birthday on May 21, will be at Yellig Park in Santa Claus, IN, noon—1 pm this Saturday. Join Helen's family to celebrate—make a banner, drive through, make some noise, and have some fun. Card shower, PO Box 2, Fulda, IN 47536.



Happy Birthday Helen!

Throughout the local church

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities Tell City

Individuals and families in financial crisis are encouraged to contact Catholic Charities Tell City to alleviate some of the struggles brought on by the CONVID-19 Pandemic. Financial Assistance available upon request providing reprieve for utilities, rent/mortgage, gasoline for out of area medical needs, prescription medicines, and other needs. Information is taken at the time of contact to determine eligibility. For more information, contact Joan Hess, Catholic Charities Tell City at 812-547-0903 or jhess@cctcin.org.

MONTE CASSINO PILGRIMAGES CANCELED FOR MAY

Saint Meinrad Archabbey's pilgrimages to honor the Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine, typically held each Sunday in May, have been canceled. Instead, each week during May, a different monk will post a video of his Marian talk. You can find them at: www.saintmeinrad.org/live



Catholic Communication Campaign
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Join Archbishop Thompson and parishes throughout the archdiocese on the week-end of May 23-24 to support the Catholic Communications Campaign.

The Catholic Communications Campaign contributes to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. 50% of the funds collected will go to the National Office and the remaining portion of the collection is retained by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for use in local communication projects.

For your convenience find in your Sunday Stewardship Envelope Series an envelope designated for this annual appeal. For more information CLICK, TAP, READ @ CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: A way of life

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

ST. BONIFACE PARISH	ST. MEINRAD PARISH
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On-line Giving	----
Offertory Envelope	----
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177 households	221 households
>\$3,507.	>\$3,794.
WEEKLY	WEEKLY
\$95,860.	Sunday /Holy Day \$137,500.
89,495.	Other/Fundraising 63,350.
\$185,355.	Total \$200,850.
	EXPENSE
\$70,110.	Administration/ Salaries/Benefits/ Supplies \$76,294.
30,065.	Spiritual Life/ Faith Formation/ Outreach 41,235.
41,641.	Property/ Maintenance/ Insurance / Utilities 38,634.
40,532.	Outside Services/ Heritage / Fundraising 41,126.
\$182,348.	Total \$197,289.
	CEMETERY
	INCOME
\$70.	Care / Maintenance \$ 294.
0.	Plots Reservation 0.
27.	Endowment Gifts 220.
0.	Memorial Gifts 0.
\$ 97.	Total \$ 514.
	EXPENSE
0.	Endowment Income 0.
0.	Maintenance 0.
321.	Outside Service 2,737.
\$321.	Total \$ 2737.

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\$7,627.	PARISH GOAL	\$10,741.
5,599.	GIFTS/PLEDGES	8,221.
(\$2,028.)	Balance	(\$2,520.)
2019 Appeal		May 5, 2020

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RESUMING PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS FOR ST. BONIFACE PARISH AND ST. MEINRAD PARISH IN SPENCER COUNTY

May 18, 2020

My brothers and sisters in Christ, all

As local, state and federal agencies continue to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) closely, our parish family's health and safety, including our staff and volunteers, remain of the utmost importance.

We expect our public celebration of Mass and other sacraments will begin sometime after Monday, June 1. The pastoral council is meeting weekly to assess the situation. We will remain attentive to local health officials' recommendations and daily statistics, as well as the safe mingling of the three county communities that make up the parish family of St. Boniface and St. Meinrad, before resuming in-person attendance. Since St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish in Spencer County will not have public celebration of Mass until sometime after Monday, June 1, Archbishop Thompson stressed that in our efforts to slow the spread of the virus all parishioners attend Mass only in their home parish (St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish in Spencer County) through June 15. The faithful are asked not to attend neighboring churches.

St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish and their entities located in Harrison Township in Spencer County, along with the Catholic Church of central and southern Indiana (the 39 counties that comprise the Archdiocese of Indianapolis), continue to explore and adopt extraordinary steps in health and safety. These efforts should help minimize the spread of this novel virus as our parish family prepares to apply the three-part archdiocesan plan for the Reopening of Churches and Resuming the Celebration of Public Sunday and Weekday Masses and the other Sacraments.

At this time, **Part I and Part II** of the Plan for [Reopening of Churches and Resuming the Celebration of Public Sunday and Weekday Masses and the other Sacraments in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis](#) have been reviewed to develop safe and practical ways to move toward and adopt the three phases of **Part III** of the plan for St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish.

As of Friday, May 15, Archbishop Thompson and his staff were continuing to explore and evaluate all the possible ways the public celebration of Mass may resume in the many different parts of the archdiocese. The archbishop has asked that attendance at indoor Masses be limited to 20% to 30% of each church's capacity. For our parishes, the capacity would be: St. Boniface (**320 souls at 25% = 80 souls**) and St. Meinrad (**400 souls at 25% = 100 souls**).

Because conditions and restrictions vary in different parts of the archdiocese and the complexity of navigating all the requirements for resuming weekend Masses and the other sacraments, we will follow the state guidelines for social distancing at this time.

We also will keep in mind these state and local guidelines:

- Age and unique demographics of our parishes
- Hoosiers 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions should limit exposure at work and in their communities
- Continue working remotely when possible
- Those attending Mass will be asked to wear face coverings
- Public gatherings in Indiana are limited to 100 people or less until June 14

Please note: Archbishop Thompson has extended the dispensation from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays to all the faithful **until August 15**.

In the meantime, much work is under way to prepare for in-person Masses, such as:

- Installing sanitation stations at each entrance to the churches, office and parish centers;
- Purchasing a mist cleaning system and identifying and training volunteers to sanitize the church before and after each Mass;
- Removing all missalettes from the churches and making plans to create and distribute one-time-use worship aids that can be collected for recycling after each Mass;
- Reaching out to parish members who are 65 and older to explain the archbishop's dispensation;
- Exploring ways to provide the Eucharist to homebound and infirm parishioners with help from family members who are willing to be trained;
- Making plans to limit the use of liturgical ministers to only those necessary; for example, archdiocesan guidelines say only one cantor and one musician are allowed, and they must remain at least six feet apart.

As a reminder, all people 65 or older and those who are sick or who have medical conditions that make them especially vulnerable to the coronavirus should remain at home.

Livestream Mass continues to be available at the usual Mass times. On a recent weekend, more than 250 households viewed Mass this way. You can find the Mass at this link: <https://sbcatholic.church/live> | <https://smcatholic.church/live>. Thanks to those liturgical ministers who are assisting at livestream Masses; for now, family members are often used to limit interactions with others that could spread the virus.

Thank you for your understanding, and I ask for your continued patience as we serve you in the coming days. Please know that the health and safety of our parishioners remains our most important goal.

Be Healthy + Be Smart + Be Holy
PAX — Father Anthony M. Vinson, O.S.B.

EVANGELIZATION: *A way of life* Parishes to use grant funds for COVID-19 assistance

The Spencer County Catholic parishes of St. Boniface in Fulda and St. Meinrad in St. Meinrad each have received a \$3,000 grant to assist local residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Rapid Response grants were distributed by the Spencer County Community Foundation.

Father Anthony Vinson, OSB, pastor of the two parishes, said the grants will be used to help local people who may be most vulnerable during the coronavirus outbreak. "The virus may be keeping us from gathering physically as a parish family, but we can still look out for each other and our neighbor as members of the Body of Christ," he said.

The grant money will be used for four programs:

- Assembling and distributing care packages of staple food items to people who are at higher risk according to the CDC, not forgetting the sick, infirm and homebound parish members and others in the local area. Volunteers make safe deliveries about every two weeks.
- Buying and integrating technology for parish nurses to use in helping senior citizens gain access to medical care through telemedicine, and providing pharmacy gift cards that can be used to buy medicine for seniors and others impacted by the economic downturn and loss of employment. This program also provides resources for those who do not have internet access to schedule a time to connect with family via social media. In addition, volunteers are available to assist with online banking, shopping and other commerce.
- Providing resources to livestream weekly and daily worship services, Bible studies and social gatherings, especially for those who need to stay at home to avoid exposure to COVID-19.
- Collaborating with social workers at local schools to provide food for students during the summer as part of the Backpack Program.

Several individuals and groups have been getting the programs started, said Father Anthony. Parishioners and volunteers from as far as Iowa, Kansas and Kentucky have been making face covers to distribute with the deliveries. "Individuals learned of this need while watching Mass livestream from our homepage," he said.

Members of both parishes have been assisting, as well as members of the St. Meinrad Volunteer Fire Department and its Ladies Auxiliary. Local grocers and meat processors are assisting programs, and Prairie Farms and Feeding America are providing dairy items.

If you know someone who might benefit from assistance, if you would like to help deliver care packages on Thursday, June 4 or future date or make a contribution to the programs, email info@myparishfamily.church.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council of St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish in Spencer County serves as a collective group of parishioners, from both parishes, as an advisory body to the pastor, establishes the mission, goals and pastoral plan of our parish family, and provides counsel for both parish and pastoral matters concerning faith and morals, civil and church law and archdiocesan policy.

The council is composed of seventeen voting members (twelve commission chairs, two at-large members, three officers) finance commissions chairs, pastor, and ad hoc commission chair are ex officio members, non-voting members.

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UPDATING KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

HOW DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE YOUR INFORMATION?

To better serve you, please complete this brief survey to identify how you want to receive information from your parish family and updating your essential contact information.

Each person (13 years of age and over) living in your household (and a student living away at college in on or off campus housing) is asked to complete a survey and update contact information in order to better serve you.

Contact information for parishioners age 17 and under will remain confidential and unlisted.

Thank you in advance. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Please complete and submit by May 20, 2020.

[UPDATE KEY CONTACT INFORMATION](#)



To all graduates, a heartfelt congratulations on completing your course work and receiving honors bestowed upon you at this milestone and crossroads in your life. I am praying for you daily and also for those who have sacrificed much to bring you to this moment in time. No matter what your plans are, or how they have changed to mark this occasion, your parish family is proud of you and celebrates with you.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dear Padre,

I want to deepen the spiritual sense of Christ in my life. How can I create a strong spiritual connection to Jesus?

Your answer may be within your own parish. I suggest you begin your spiritual journey by connecting with a parish outreach group. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, I marveled at how the youth groups that I worked with brought a deeper spirituality to my own life.

It was common in Brazil to have a three-day retreat leading up to Lent. Although this was a youth retreat, it also energized the adults who worked

with them. The highlight was on Ash Wednesday evening, when the teens would give public testimony at Mass to the Lord working in their lives. Their testimony inspired parishioners to rededicate themselves to educating the smaller children throughout the year. A youth group never lacks in spirit, which is usually contagious!

It's difficult to seek spiritual enlightenment alone. There's spiritual strength in numbers (even Jesus kept twelve disciples near him!), and even greater spiritual power within the graced walls of your parish. When you serve others, your spiritual path is deepened and expanded. Working with youths is just one

way to enhance your spiritual connection. Remember the words of St. Paul: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

—Fr. John Gouger, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Church holds out a mission, and I would like to entrust you with this mission. It is to go back and talk to your grandparents. Today more than ever we need this bridge, this dialogue, between grandparents and grandchildren, between the young and the elderly.

—WORLD YOUTH DAY PRAYER VIGIL, APRIL 8, 2017

Calendar

Monday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri,
Priest

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

MAY 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

MAY 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20,
30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

MAY 31

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23



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2019 SUMMER PICNIC

Report B

	2019	2018
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Income		
Sponsorship	9,060.00	5,000.00
T-shirt	344.00	24.00
TOTAL INCOME	9,404.00	5,024.00
Expense		
Hospitality & Security ¹	585.00	920.00
Entertainment	400.00	601.67
Marketing	1,317.00	161.63
T-shirt	945.21	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	3,247.21	1,683.30
NET TOTAL (Administrative)	6,156.79	3,340.70

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Income		
Bulk Soup	9,796.50	9,927.00
Dinners	6,295.00	6,589.00
Food & Beverage	5,716.55	5,068.07
Post Picnic Sales	210.25	132.50
TOTAL INCOME	22,018.30	21,716.57
Expense		
Food court perishable	9,042.14	8,104.38
Food court non-perishable	1,004.61	986.86
Outside Vendor gas (soup, frying), trash	667.88	335.23
TOTAL EXPENSE	10,714.63	9,426.47
NET TOTAL (Food & Beverage)	11,303.67	12,290.10

	2019	2018
COUNTRY KITCHEN		
Income	988.00	969.00
TOTAL INCOME	988.00	969.00
Expense	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL (Country Kitchen)	988.00	969.00

ICE CREAM

Income		
Outside Vendor	300.00	263.00
TOTAL INCOME	300.00	263.00
Expense	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL (Ice Cream)	300.00	263.00

FAMILY FUN CENTER

Income	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	0.00
Expense		
Outside Vendor	205.00	601.67
TOTAL EXPENSE	200.00	601.67
NET TOTAL (Family Fun Center)	(200.00)	(601.67)

Report B - Non Gaming	2019	2018
INCOME	32,710.30	27,972.57
EXPENSE	14,161.84	11,711.44
NET INCOME	18,548.46	16,261.13

¹ Hospitality & Security: activity signage, event potty rental, event sink rental, security service, stand signage

2019 SUMMER PICNIC

Report C - Charitable Gaming

	2019	2018
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Income	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	0.00
Expense		
License	100.00	50.00
Marketing (billboards)	0.00	0.00
Marketing (print)	2,044.60	328.50
Marketing (radio)	310.00	310.00
Marketing (social media)	15.00	0.00
Marketing (vendor)	0.00	0.00
Marketing (yard signs)	0.00	0.00
Stuffer	129.55	0.00
T-Shirt	472.33	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	3,071.48	688.50
NET TOTAL (Administration)	(3,071.48)	(688.50)

SaintSational' CASH RAFFLE ¹

Income		
Ticket Sales (presold)	0.00	665.00
Ticket Sales (picnic day)	5,004.00	6,531.00
TOTAL INCOME	5,004.00	7,196.00
Expense		
Cash Payout	4,001.22	3,750.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	4,001.22	3,750.00
NET TOTAL (Cash Raffle)	1,002.78	3,446.00

SPECIAL QUILTS RAFFLE ¹

Income		
Ticket Sales (presold)	0.00	90.00
Ticket Sales (picnic day)	1,219.00	1,309.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,219.00	1,399.00
Expense		
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL (Special Quilts)	1,219.00	1,399.00

QUILT WHEEL STAND ¹

Income	4,023.00	4,604.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,023.00	4,604.00
Expense	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL (Quilt Wheel)	4,023.00	4,604.00

¹ Charitable Gaming - games of chance – must be 18 years old to play

² Endowment Contributions - 3% gross income to endowments

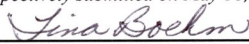
	2019	2018
THEME BASKETS		
Income	884.00	932.00
TOTAL INCOME	884.00	932.00
Expense	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL (Themed Baskets)	884.00	932.00
BINGO		
Income	1,078.20	1,026.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,078.20	1,026.00
Expense (estimated)		
Payout (50%)	539.10	513.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	539.10	513.00
NET TOTAL (Bingo)	539.10	513.00

REPORT C - Charitable Gaming	2019	2018
INCOME	12,208.20	15,157.00
EXPENSE	7,611.80	4,951.50
NET INCOME	4,596.40	10,205.50

2019 SUMMER PICNIC	2019	2018
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	44,918.50	2,018.00
TOTAL GROSS EXPENSE	21,773.64	16,126.30
NET TOTAL	23,144.86	-14,108.30

ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTION ²	2019	2018
Pastoral Ministries & Activities	673.78	504.49
Cemetery Care & Maintenance	673.78	504.49
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION	1,347.56	1,008.98

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2019 FALL PICNIC

Report B

	2019	2018
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Income		
Sponsorship	12,195.00	5,285.00
TOTAL INCOME	12,195.00	5,285.00
Expense		
Hospitality & Security ¹	1,255.85	530.32
Entertainment	400.00	0.00
Marketing	1,917.00	0.00
Mega Tent with Tables & Chairs	2,411.18	2,411.18
TOTAL EXPENSE	5,984.03	2,941.50
NET TOTAL (Administrative)	6,210.97	2,343.50

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Income		
Bulk Soup	4,490.00	4,268.16
Dinners	4,288.00	3,843.00
Food & Beverage	3,738.00	1,471.00
Ribs	1,560.00	1,440.00
Post Picnic Sales	245.30	253.66
TOTAL INCOME	14,321.30	11,275.82
Expense		
Soup	1,799.22	2,082.77
Dinners	3,550.87	2,575.80
Ribs	600.00	562.31
Food court perishable	1,474.88	1,404.91
Food court non-perishable	168.98	496.53
TOTAL EXPENSE	7,593.95	7,122.32
NET TOTAL (Food & Beverage)	6,727.35	4,153.50

COUNTRY STORE/ CRAFTY CORNER

Income	795.55	695.00
TOTAL INCOME	795.55	695.00
Expense	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL (Country Store)	795.55	695.00

ICE CREAM

Income		
Outside vendor	233.00	175.00
TOTAL INCOME	233.00	175.00
Expense	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL (Ice Cream)	233.00	175.00

KID'S ZONE

Income	148.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	148.00	0.00
Expense		
Outside vendor	100.00	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	100.00	100.00
NET TOTAL (Kid's Zone)	48.00	(100.00)

REPORT B	2019	2018
INCOME	27,692.85	17,430.82
EXPENSE	13,677.98	10,163.82
NET INCOME	14,014.87	7,267.00

¹ Hospitality: activity signage, event potty rental, event sink rental, security service, stand signage

2019 FALL PICNIC

Report C - Charitable Gaming

	2019	2018
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Income	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	0.00
Expense		
License	100.00	100.00
Marketing (billboards)	0.00	0.00
Marketing (print)	1,894.40	1,898.04
Marketing (radio)	1,210.00	1,710.40
Marketing (social media)	100.00	200.00
Marketing (vendor)	1,290.45	77.30
Marketing (yard signs)	0.00	0.00
Stuffer	276.45	0.00
T-Shirt	639.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	5,510.30	3,985.74
NET TOTAL (Administration)	(5,510.30)	(3,985.74)

CASH RAFFLE ¹		
Income		
Ticket Sales (presold)	1,800.00	2,970.00
Ticket Sales (picnic day)	6,892.00	6,140.00
TOTAL INCOME	8,692.00	9,110.00
Expense		
Cash Payout	5,500.00	5,375.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	5,500.00	5,375.00
NET TOTAL (Cash Raffle)	3,192.00	3,735.00

SPECIAL QUILTS RAFFLE ¹		
Income		
Ticket Sales (presold)	240.00	688.00
Ticket Sales (picnic day)	1,183.00	1,087.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,423.00	1,775.00
Expense	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL (Special Quilts)	1,423.00	1,775.00

QUILT WHEEL STAND ¹		
Income	1,248.05	1,578.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,248.05	1,578.00
Expense	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL (Quilt Wheel)	1,248.05	1,578.00

	2019	2018
THEMED BASKETS		
Income	1,330.00	1,281.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,330.00	1,281.00
Expense	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL (Themed Baskets)	1,330.00	1,281.00

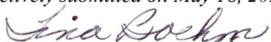
BINGO		
Income	453.30	364.30
TOTAL INCOME	453.30	364.30
Expense (estimated)		
Payout (50%)	226.65	182.15
TOTAL EXPENSE	226.65	182.15
NET TOTAL (Bingo)	226.65	182.15

REPORT C	2019	2018
INCOME	13,146.35	14,108.30
EXPENSE	11,236.95	9,542.89
NET INCOME	1,909.40	4,565.41

FALL PICNIC	2019	2018
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	40,839.20	31,539.12
TOTAL GROSS EXPENSE	24,914.93	19,706.71
NET TOTAL	15,924.27	11,832.41

ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTION ²	2019	2018
Pastoral Ministries & Activities	612.59	504.49
Cemetery Care & Maintenance	612.59	504.49
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION	1,225.18	1,008.98

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