



August 31, 2025

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a / Luke 14:1, 7-14

# Life Out of Focus

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**I found myself angry the other day**, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn't want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God's word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes,

and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son's or daughter's profession than on that son's or daughter's happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is. ●

## Reflect

**What is more important to me than it should be?**

[Jesus said,] "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

LUKE 14:11



## HISTORIC ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Listed on National Register of Historic Places

Parish Founded 1847

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## ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Founded 1861

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One Family In Faith

# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sanctuary Lamp  
**August 31, 2025**  
Luminary

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**St Boniface Parish** *+Deceased Members of Paul Conrad and Rosalie (Knable) Linne Family*  
**St. Meinrad Parish** *+Louis William and +Lillian "Bebsy" Helen (Fischer) Schwoeppe*

### ORDO (Order of Prayer)

Liturgy of the Hours II  
Lectionary 126  
Eucharistic Prayer II  
Mystery of Faith B

DATE / TIME	CALENDAR EVENT	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 30</b>		
7:00 a.m.	Mass (May - October at 7 a.m.; November - April at 8 a.m.) • <b>Mass begins at 7 a.m. through Saturday, October 25, 2025</b>	Monte Cassino Shrine
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	Church (SM)
12:15 to 1:00 p.m.	Confession (confessional at glass chapel located at the main entrance)	Church (SM)
3:15 to 3:45 p.m.	Confession (confessional at glass chapel located at the south entrance)	Historic Church (SB)
3:35 p.m.	Rosary (For an increase of vocations to the single chaste life and marriage)	Historic Church (SB)
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Earl Anthony Peters</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 31</b>		
6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Reserved for Private Group (usage agreement on file)	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
<b>6:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People"</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
8:05 a.m.	Rosary (For an increase of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life)	Church (SM)
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Eugene "Gene" William Gudorf</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Family reunion - private event (agreement on file)	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> (Parishioners, pilgrims and guests welcome)	<b>Archabbey Church</b>
<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1</b>		
11:40 a.m.	<b>LABOR DAY (PARISH OFFICE CLOSED)</b>	
<b>12:05 p.m.</b>	Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb) <b>Mass Sanctification of Human Labor</b> (Monday Mass scheduled for 4:15 p.m. is commuted to 12:05 p.m. due to the holiday)	Historic Church (SB) <b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
5:15 to 6:00 p.m.	<b>FOURTH MONDAY OF MONTH:</b> Pastoral Council Officer Meeting	Parish Office: Room G
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.	<b>THIRD MONDAY OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, MAY, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER</b> (no meeting April, July, August and November): Pastoral Council Meeting	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2</b>		
<b>7:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Leo B. and +Eulalia Marie (Fischer) Hagedorn</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Reserved for Team A	Parish Office: Office C
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Parish Staff Meeting	Office: Room G-A
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	• <b>FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF MONTH:</b> Reserved for formation sessions for sacraments, pastoral counseling and scheduled meetings • <b>SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF MONTH:</b> Parish commission meetings	Parish Office: Room H
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.		Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3</b>		
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	St. Meinrad Parish Annual Fall Picnic Soup Container Cleaning	Parish Center (SB)
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (concludes with litany followed by Benediction)	Church (SM)
3:15 p.m.	Confession (confessional at glass chapel located at the main entrance)	Church (SM)
<b>4:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Leander Claude and +Elizabeth "Betty" Louise (Borho) Wollenmann</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Church (SM)
<b>6:15 to 7:20 p.m.</b>	<b>F3 Programs and Activities for Kindergarten - Grade 6</b>	<b>Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)</b>
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4</b>		
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Church cleaning	Church (SM)
11:40 a.m.	Rosary (For increase of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life)	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
12 Noon to 9:00 p.m.	Reserved for family celebration (usage agreement on file)	Church (SM)
12 Noon to 9:00 p.m.	Reserved for family celebration (usage agreement on file)	Parish Office: Rooms E, F, G, LL
<b>12:05 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Bruno Carl Heckel</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM)
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5</b>		
<b>7:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Richard Norman and +Suzanne "Suzy" Marie (Stewart) Lutz</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Reserved for family celebration (usage agreement on file)	Church (SM)
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	St. Meinrad Parish Annual Fall Picnic Soup Container Cleaning	Parish Center (SB)

Upcoming Events In Our Parish Family

Ministries, Programs & Activities

# INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PARISH

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PARISH OFFICE

#### LOCATION

19630 N. 4th St.

Saint Meinrad, Indiana

**PHONE:** 812-357-5533 (Main Number)

[info@myparishfamily.church](mailto:info@myparishfamily.church)

### PARISH WEBSITES

[sbcatholic.church](http://sbcatholic.church)

[smcatholic.church](http://smcatholic.church)

### MAILING ADDRESS FOR PARISH OFFICE AND

### ALL LOCATIONS

PO Box 8

Saint Meinrad, IN 47577-0008

### ST. BONIFACE PARISH CENTER

#### LOCATION

11715 E. County Road 1550 N

Fulda, Indiana

**PHONE:** 812-357-2100

## WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS

### Want to support the mission and ministry of our parish family?

Scan the QR code to make a one-time or recurring gifts using debit cards, credit cards, or eChecks (ACH).



## DATES FOR PARISH PICNICS

- St. Boniface: 1st Sunday in August  
[sbcatholic.church/summer-picnic](http://sbcatholic.church/summer-picnic)
- St. Meinrad: 3rd Sunday in September  
[smcatholic.church/fall-picnic](http://smcatholic.church/fall-picnic)

**Note:** No weddings are scheduled on picnic weekends or on weekends of parish patron feasts.

## PARISH STAFF

**Reception/Main Number** Monday-Wednesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 812-357-5533  
Saturday 9 to 11 a.m.

**To email a staff member:** Use first name, first initial of last name, [@myparishfamily.church](mailto:myparishfamily.church)

<b>Communications</b>	Ms. Mary Jeanne Schumacher	812-357-6056
<b>Evangelization and Discipleship</b>	Ms. Jessica Fischer	812-357-6065
<b>Facilities and Safety</b>	Mr. George Schaefer	812-357-6054
<b>Facilities and Grounds Assistant</b>	Ms. Maddie Gudorf	812-357-6052
<b>Gift Recorder</b>	Ms. Chloe Mohr	812-357-6053
<b>Liturgical Music</b>	Actively seeking to fill position	812-357-6058
<b>Office Assistant</b>	Ms. Teresa Ippoliti	812-357-6059
<b>Parish Office Custodial Services</b>	Ms. Sue Wiederkehr	812-357-6053
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Position open	812-357-6051
<b>Pastor</b>	Father Anthony Vinson, OSB	812-357-6728
<b>Permanent Deacon</b>	Deacon Mike Fish	812-357-6055
<b>Sacramental Assistant</b>	Father John McMullen, OSB	812-357-6558
<b>Sacramental Assistant</b>	Father Paul Nord, OSB	812-357-6739

<b>Cemetery Sexton</b> <i>Records and Plot Sales</i>	Actively seeking to fill position	812-357-6050
• <b>St. Boniface Cemetery Commission</b>	Mr. Alan Waninger, Chair	812-357-6050
• <b>St. Meinrad Cemetery Commission</b>	Mr. Brian Greulich, Chair	812-357-6050

## PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

Parishioners seeking sacraments should visit the Sacraments tab on our website to begin enrollment and required preparation. To access this information, enter "sacraments" in the search feature at [sbcatholic.church](http://sbcatholic.church) or [smcatholic.church](http://smcatholic.church).

**Baptism Preparation:** Families seeking baptism should contact Jessica Fischer, Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator, to schedule preparation and formation sessions at least two months before the child's birth.

**Marriage Preparation:** Couples wishing to marry at St. Boniface or St. Meinrad churches must contact Jessica Fischer, Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator, at least six months before their wedding date to arrange marriage preparation and formation sessions. At least one person in the couple must have been a parishioner for one year.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office to request a priest for this sacrament of healing. **If you require a priest due to severe illness or danger of death, please call 812-357-6600.** Be prepared to provide your name, location and contact information. The priest on call will respond as soon as possible. Families should use this number immediately when a loved one is admitted to an area hospital, long-term care center or hospice. Hospital, long-term care and hospice chaplains do not always contact the Parish Office promptly, which can leave parishioners and families without needed parish-based pastoral care or the [Last Sacraments](#).

Communal Anointing of the Sick is celebrated several times throughout the year. Details are available on the website.

## BECOME A MEMBER

We would love to have you as a parish family member if you are new to the area. If you have remained under your parent's membership but are now an adult, we encourage you to register independently. Register at the parish office or [contact us](#) using the QR code, so we can welcome you.



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Counter Hours: Monday - Wednesday  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 9-11 a.m.**  
(Central Time)

By appointment: Thursday and Saturday

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

### MONDAY 11 A.M.

Generally, each issue's copy deadline is Monday, six days before the Sunday cover date. Scan the QR code to fill out a form with news for the bulletin.



## VIEW CEMETERY INFO ONLINE

To visit the parish cemetery directories, type "cemetery" in the search box on the parish website. You can view gravestones, locate family graves, and see what plots are available.

## LOCKED OUT? REPAIRS NEEDED?

To report a safety concern or maintenance or repair need, type "**maintenance**" in the search box on the website. When you fill out an online form, a parish staff member or Facilities and Grounds Commission member will respond as soon as possible.

**In an emergency that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or emergency medical personnel, call 911 immediately.**





## September 'Wish List' for Families Served by Catholic Charities Tell City



The September "Wish List" for Catholic Charities Tell City is **deodorant for men and women and feminine pads**.

To deliver items, please use the handicap entrance at each church and place items in the container marked

North Spencer Community Action Center at the Marian Altar or in the box in the narthex near the prayer intentions book.

Parish churches are open daily from dawn to dusk. Catholic Charities will distribute the items to local individuals or families in need.

For information, contact [Ms. Sue Kloeck](mailto:Ms.Sue.Kloeck), Service and Outreach Commission Chair.

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## September 'Wish List' for North Spencer Community Action Center



The September "Wish List" for North Spencer Community Action Center is **canned soups and crackers**.

To deliver items, please use the handicap entrance at each church and place the items in the container marked North Spencer Community Action Center at the

Marian Altar or in the box in the narthex near the prayer intentions book.

Parish churches are open daily from dawn to dusk. NSCAC will distribute these items to local individuals or families in need.

To learn more about North Spencer Community Action Center, contact Ms. Bobbi Fromme, NSCAC Director, at 812-937-2796 or visit [www.northspencercac.com](http://www.northspencercac.com).

For more information, contact [Ms. Sue Kloeck](mailto:Ms.Sue.Kloeck), Service and Outreach Commission Chair.

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## How to Contact the Prayer Line

### Do you have a request or special need?

- Type **PRAYER REQUEST** in the search box on the website to submit an online request
- Call 812-357-6063 or scan the QR Code with your smartphone



## Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention

### August: For mutual coexistence



Jesus, Lord of our history, faithful companion and living presence, You who never tire of coming to meet us, here we are, in need of Your peace.

We live in times of fear and division. Sometimes we act as if we were alone, building walls that separate us from one another, forgetting that we are brothers and sisters.

Send us Your Spirit, Lord, to rekindle within us the desire to understand one another, to listen, to live together with respect and compassion.

Give us the courage to seek paths of dialogue, to respond to conflict with gestures of fraternity, to open our hearts to others without fear of differences.

Make us builders of bridges, able to overcome borders and ideologies, able to see others through the eyes of the heart, recognizing in every person an inviolable dignity. Help us create spaces where hope can flourish, where diversity is not a threat but a richness that makes us more human. Amen.

## Join Us in the Ministry of Prayer

### Recent Prayer Requests Received

Updated August 28, 2025

*\* Intentions listed for 30 days, unless otherwise requested.*

- Ed H, St. Boniface Parish, health and healing (8/28)
- John B, St. Meinrad Parish, health and healing (8/15)
- Repose of the soul of Phyllis Kay (Lasher) Bender (8/15)
- Tony C, St. Paul Parish, health, peace of mind and heart (8/15)
- Garrett S., St. Boniface Parish, as he recovers from recent surgery. For his healing, restored health, and continued physical strength during his recovery. Please also keep his family and caregivers in your prayers as they support him through this time. (7/31)
- Repose of the soul of Linda Ann Bertke (7/30)
- Repose of the soul of Justin Ray Mullis (7/22)
- Repose of the soul of Shellie P, St. Wendel (7/15)
- Mike B, St. Meinrad, health and healing (7/9)
- Repose of the soul of Xavier Thomas Dawson, step-great-grandson of Charlie and Earlene Schaefer, St. Boniface Parish (7/8)
- Claire B and family, daughter of Eric and Rachel B, St. Meinrad Parish, health and healing (7/3)



To add a prayer request, type "prayer request" in the search box on the parish website, or scan the QR code.

## 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.



## Father Terence Kersch, CSB, Will Speak Next Weekend on Work and Mission of The Basilian Fathers

At the invitation of the Most Rev. Charles Thompson, and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Mission Office, the Basilian Fathers Missions are grateful to Father Anthony Vinson, OSB, and the parishioners of St. Boniface and St. Meinrad parishes for hosting Reverend Terence Kersch, CSB, to celebrate Mass on Saturday, September 6, and Sunday, September 7.

The Basilian Fathers Missions is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded by the Congregation of St. Basil (Basilian Fathers) serving underprivileged communities in Mexico and Colombia through education and Catholic evangelization.

Our apostolate is founded on the Basilian principles of goodness, discipline, and knowledge. These values have guided the cause of the Basilian Fathers Missions since the 1930s when Basilian priests first began ministering to migrant workers south and west of Houston, Texas.

In 1961, the Basilian Fathers Missions expanded into Mexico and



**Photo: The Basilian Fathers are missionaries to Mexico and Colombia.**



began a process of taking over at poor parishes, building them up, and giving them over to the local diocese for continued ministry. There is one parish where we have continued

working for almost 40 years: San Lorenzo (Saint Lawrence) in Tehuacán. We first started serving at San Lorenzo when it was a chapel of Divino Salvador in 1978. In 1987, it became a parish, and the Basilian Fathers were entrusted with it. We have served there ever since.

The Basilians have been blessed with young Mexican vocations to the priesthood. These men begin their Basilian journey in the

Novitiate in Tehuacán and then they move to the Basilian House of Studies (Scholasticate) in Mexico City to complete their university courses and their theological training.

Ongoing services provided through our mission in Mexico include spiritual direction, psychological counseling, assistance to students, legal aid, a medical clinic, clothing, shelter, toys, and school supplies. Recently, through the help of our donors, the Basilian Fathers founded the Betania (Bethany) Community Center in Tehuacán to help provide an after-school program for children who need food and a place to stay before their parents can come home from work.

Regarding our apostolate in Colombia, we presently serve in the cities of Medellín and Bogotá. In 1995, the Basilian Fathers established a presence in the city of Medellín by ministering in an area of town designated as a war zone by the authorities. In time, relative peace would be gradually restored. In 2023, the Archbishop of Bogotá entrusted the Basilians with the

administration of the parish of Nuestra Señora de Egipto (Our Lady of Egypt).

The church dates from the 17th century. Because of a shortage of diocesan clergy, the parish had been underserved for some time; only one Mass was celebrated on Sundays and the church was usually closed during the week. But now, with the Basilians, a new era of ministry has begun.

Religious formation in Colombia begins at Casa Annonay in Bogotá. It is here that our Novices begin to live Basilian community life. Some of our Scholastics (Seminarians), in the Basilian tradition, also serve as full-time teachers. Basilian Fathers are also helping to organize women's ministry in Colombia to share in our evangelization.

In 1822 the Congregation of St. Basil (Basilian Fathers) began a holy ministry of education and evangelization in Annonay, France. We, with the continued support of new donors, together with our longtime patrons, may the Basilian Fathers continue to educate and evangelize in the Basilian tradition for years to come in Mexico and Colombia.



To make a gift to the Basilian Fathers Missions, please scan the QR code to make an online gift. Or use the collection envelope in your packet identified for the mission appeal.

With your support, may the Basilian Fathers continue to educate and evangelize in the Basilian tradition for years to come in Mexico and Colombia. You can learn more at [basilianfathersmissions.org/](http://basilianfathersmissions.org/).

# This Week on Formed

## Week of August 31, 2025



### Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



### Pope Saint Gregory the Great | Catholic Saints

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn.



### Mother Teresa

See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

This weekend's bulletin includes a special insert reporting the gross receipts by stand for the 2025 Annual Summer Picnic at St. Boniface Parish, along with a copy of the form submitted to the Indiana Gaming Commission – Charitable Gaming Division within the required 10-day period for single activity gaming licenses.

All invoices have been reviewed by parish commission members. Invoices and reimbursement requests with proper documentation have been processed and paid. Most vendors received payment via ACH, while vendors without ACH capabilities were paid through our bank's bill payment service.

On behalf of parish Finance Commission Chair Shannon Tuley and the parish accounting team, thank you to all who helped submit information to complete this time-sensitive task. All raffle winners were notified of their winnings and how they would receive their prizes. Checks were prepared and mailed—now to see how the U. S. mail performs!

Just a few weeks ago, I received a Christmas card postmarked December 17, 2024, mailed to the physical address at St. Boniface Parish, which does not exist in the postal service delivery system and was not sent to PO Box 8. Patience is a virtue! In the thank you note I sent after receiving the card, I returned the enclosed check with a note explaining it was received only a few days ago and that the date on the check does not allow for a legal transaction.

The ASP 2025 Net Report by cohorts (Hospitality/No Food Preparation, Foods and Food Safety, and Charitable Gaming) will be available from the parish website and in an upcoming weekend bulletin.

For accounts payable and receivable questions, contact: [finance@myparishfamily.church](mailto:finance@myparishfamily.church). *Father Anthony, OSB.*

Tandem Accounting &amp; Advisory Services LLC

Father Anthony M. Vinson, OSB

Join Us

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

Annual Summer Picnic

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in August

Fulda, Indiana



## Preliminary Gross Receipts Report: Income by ASP Cohort

Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church (DBA St. Boniface Parish)		Parish # 076
Fund Summary: Annual Summer Picnic (ASP)		
May 1 - August 12, 2025   Multiple Funds   All Payment Types		
Cohort	Key Location/Stand by #: 076-0000	Total
Charitable Gaming	ASP 50/50 Raffle \$1 Ticket (e-gift) 076-5652	\$ 1,082.00
Charitable Gaming	ASP Bingo Chit 076-4445	\$ 405.33
Charitable Gaming	ASP Cash Raffle \$1 Ticket ( e-gift) 076-4450	\$ 200.00
Charitable Gaming	ASP Cash Raffle (stand) 076-4450	\$ 2,688.00
Food/Food Safety	ASP Dinners (stand) 076-4404	\$ 6,554.00
Food/Food Safety	ASP Drinks n/a beverage (stand) 076-4405	\$ 258.50
Hospitality/No Food Preparation	ASP Family Fun Center	\$ 200.00
Food/Food Safety	ASP Food Court (stand) # 076-4407	\$ 5,607.50
Food/Food Safety	ASP Fulda's Famous Soup gallon (stand) 076-4412	\$ 15,579.00
Food/Food Safety	ASP Ice Cream (stand) 076-4409	\$ 477.50
Hospitality/No Food Preparation	ASP Kountry Kitchen (stand) 076-4406	\$ 914.75
Hospitality/No Food Preparation	APS Sponsor / Honor Roll Gift 076-4403	\$ 24,450.00
Charitable Gaming	ASP Operating Account 076-4401	\$ 800.00
Charitable Gaming	ASP Quilt Wheel (stand) 076-4460	\$ 2,747.00
Charitable Gaming	ASP Special Quilt \$1 Ticket ( e-gift) 076-5657	\$ 65.00
Charitable Gaming	ASP Special Quilt \$1 Ticket (stand) 076-4465	\$ 879.00
Charitable Gaming	ASP Theme Basket (stand) 076-4470	\$ 1,883.00
<b>Total Gross Receipts To Date:</b>		<b>\$ 64,790.58</b>



## PADRE'S POST

**"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."**

Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return; it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

### The Grace of Humility: Finding Our Place at God's Table

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, C**

**Luke 13:22-30 CCC 521**

In a world that often celebrates self-promotion and personal achievement, Christ calls us to embrace the life-changing virtue of humility, which opens our hearts to serve others and welcome all to God's abundant feast.

In today's scripture readings, we explore how the gift of genuine humility — rooted in our relationship with Christ — empowers us to live as gracious hosts at God's banquet table, extending mercy, transforming love and the gift of hospitality to those our society often overlooks.

Throughout the celebration of Mass, the priest offers private prayers that deepen our understanding of Christ's humility. During the preparation of the gifts, as the priest mingles water with wine, he silently prays: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity." This secret prayer, known as

the *Oratio Secreta*, reminds us that our Lord, fully divine, chose to embrace our human condition completely. The water represents our humanity and weaknesses, while the wine symbolizes Christ's divinity. Their union in the chalice reflects our call to share in God's divine life through our union with the humble Christ.

#### Sacred Scripture - Catholic Faith

Listen as the word of God is proclaimed, presenting a unified message about the power of humility in our spiritual lives. Sirach reminds us that when we "humble ourselves, we will find favor with God," while Saint Luke challenges us through Jesus' parable about choosing seats at a banquet. The wisdom in the Book of Sirach teaches us today that the tradition of humility is not merely a personal virtue but a way of placing ourselves in right relationship with God and neighbor.

The Letter to the Hebrews focuses our attention on two sacred mountains — Mount Sinai, where God established the covenant with Israel, and Mount Zion, representing the heavenly Jerusalem where all God's promises find fulfillment.

We are reminded that we have "approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God," called into God's eternal feast not through our own merit but through divine grace received through, with and in Christ, the Church. God, the giver of all good gifts, through Jesus Christ, is the same yesterday, today and forever, and through providence God will provide for the good, building on virtue, not vice.

Jesus' teaching rings clear: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, everyone who humbles himself will be exalted." This is not merely social advice but a spiritual principle that governs God's kingdom. Christ Himself exemplified this truth, choosing to empty Himself of divine privilege to walk among us as servant and friend.

#### Sacred Tradition - Catholic Life

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that envy "represents a form of sadness and therefore a refusal of charity." Saint John Chrysostom reminds us that when we rejoice in our neighbor's progress rather than coveting what belongs to them, "God will be praised." This ancient wisdom calls us to examine our hearts: Where do we harbor envy? How can we transform jealousy into a genuine celebration of others' blessings? If this is a struggle, what is the healing balm or antidote needed for your situation?

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## September Birthdays

- 1 Conrad Schaefer
- 2 Milly Beckman
- 3 John Bender, Chuck Tempel
- 5 Blake Schaefer
- 6 Gary Graman, Jerry Aders, Larry Waninger, Kathy Ruxer
- 7 Kelly Ruxer, Susie Vaal, Kathy Troesch, Tracy Schaefer
- 8 Rodney Schwoeppe, Tom P. Kloeck
- 9 Randy Sitzman, Jeff Ebert
- 10 Mike Pund, Kathy Mohr
- 11 Chris Klem, Diane Gruber, Lisa Mullis
- 12 Sara E. Vaal, Cyndy Faulkenberg
- 13 Tyler Fromme, Tiffany Hoffman, Steve Sitzman, Nikolaus Greulich, Leah Brentlinger
- 15 Amanda Wilmes, Noah Gatwood, Brittany Forler, Maria Barron
- 16 Danny Hedinger, Mary Puckett
- 17 Griffin Seifrig, Payton Bennet
- 18 Jeff Blalock, Shantai Cochenour
- 19 Isaac Collignon, Jennifer Ficker, Gail Gentry, Julie Gogel, Madelyn Greulich, Danny Hedinger, Lila Hildenbrand
- 20 Steve Hubert, Connie Kerstiens, Tyler Kress
- 21 Lisa Mullis, Brad Obermeier
- 22 Kevin Peters
- 23 Beth Rickelman, Madison Rickelman
- 25 Kenny Schaefer, Marvin Schaefer
- 26 Rick Schaefer
- 28 Jason Schaeffer
- 29 Bruce Scherer, Axl Schroer, Drew Schroer, Mary Wagner
- 30 Cheryl Waninger, Jenna Woebkenberg

*Birthday Blessings!*



## Community Cleanup Day Planned for Saint Meinrad on September 13

### ST. MEINRAD MATTERS:

#### CLEAN & GREEN

Let's Work Together On:

SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

St. Meinrad Community Center

Bring your Junk and Recyclables!

- Trash
- Bigger Items
- Yard Items / Limbs

Bring Your Tires 2 per household (\$3 per tire)

Boy Scouts will be collecting aluminum cans & recyclables.

Roadside Pick Up: starting at 7:00 a.m. - Hwy 545 and 62 Meet at Community Center

Volunteers Needed- Many hands make light work for all!



Sponsored by your SMART Board and the Parks Vision Board

A community-wide cleanup day has been scheduled for Saint Meinrad on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 7 a.m. to noon.

Residents are asked to help with roadside pickup beginning at 7 a.m. Meet at the St. Meinrad Community Center for instruction.

Boy Scouts will be collecting aluminum cans and recyclables. Residents can bring their trash, bigger items, yard items and limbs. Old tires (limit of two; \$3 each) will be collected.

The event is sponsored by the SMART board and the Parks Vision board. For more information, contact [Pam Davis](#).

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## Youth Group to Honor St. Carlo Acutis on Sunday, September 7



The Youth Group (CYO) will celebrate the canonization of St. Carlo Acutis on Sunday, September 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the St. Boniface Parish Center. The event is open to grades 7-12.

St. Carlo is the first millennial saint; he died in 2006 of leukemia at the age of 15. The group will enjoy pizza and soccer, take part in Eucharistic adoration, and watch a short video about St. Carlo.

For information, contact [Jessica Fischer](#), Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator.

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## Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation Planned for Saturday, September 6



Monastery Immaculate Conception and Saint Meinrad Archabbey are planning a Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation, a spiritually transformative journey that blends prayer, reflection, and a deep commitment to caring for God's creation.

The pilgrimage will be on Saturday, September 6, 2025. The public is

welcome. Pilgrims will travel from the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand to Saint Meinrad Archabbey in Saint Meinrad, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Central Time.

For more information and to register, visit [thedome.org/pilgrimage/](http://thedome.org/pilgrimage/).

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## Mass Time Changed for Labor Day



The Mass time for Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2025, will be at **12:05 p.m.** at Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church, instead of the usual 4:15 p.m. time.

It is hoped that the time will be more convenient for those who wish to attend Mass on that Monday. The Mass intention is for the sanctification of human labor.

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## Volunteers Needed to Help Clean Soup Containers for Fall Picnic



Two work sessions have been scheduled to clean soup containers for the St. Meinrad Parish Annual Fall Picnic.

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, September 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Friday, September 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the St. Boniface Parish Center, Room 104.

For information or questions, contact [Nancy Graman](#).

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## Family Faith Formation (F3) Sessions Begin August 27 for Grades K-6



Family faith formation sessions for grades K-6 begin Wednesday, August, 27, at the Saint Boniface Parish Center from 6:15 to 7:20 p.m.

A new curriculum, [Word of Life](#), will be used this year.

Students preparing for sacraments, [The Signs of Grace](#), will use a new Augustine Institute curriculum.

The curriculum utilizes the FORMED platform already used throughout parish life to help meet the archdiocese's 30-hour instruction requirement.

**Grades 7-9: The information session with mandatory student-parent meeting has been rescheduled** to Sunday, September 14, at the Parish Office, at either 7:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. Please use the carport entrance. The schedule and materials will be distributed at this time.

For more information, contact [Jessica Fischer](#), Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator.

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Visit the parish website for more News and Events:

[sbcatholic.church](http://sbcatholic.church) or [smcatholic.church](http://smcatholic.church)



Consider the familiar story of Cinderella. Her stepsisters' envy drove them to cruelty and selfishness, preventing them from seeing Cinderella's true worth. Envy seeks to tear down what others have, while jealousy simply wants what another possesses. Envy is darker — it is a grave sin that wishes harm on others. Like Cinderella's stepsisters, when we give in to envy, we miss the beauty and goodness right before our eyes. Our heart and soul have been hardened, compromising our ability, freedom and capacity to love as God loves.

The 10th Commandment — "You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's" — challenges us in our consumer culture. Jesus taught that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Our faith tradition consistently guides us toward contentment with what we have and encourages us to share generously with those in need. True spiritual maturity recognizes that authentic happiness comes not from accumulating possessions but from cultivating grateful hearts that find joy in serving others.

### **Our Catholic Faith - From Belief to Action**

Living in the United States places us at an abundant banquet table. Like the guests in Jesus' parable, we must ask ourselves: How do we position ourselves in relation to others? Do we claim seats of honor, places to be seen, while others go hungry? Hunger here serves as a metaphor for social, spiritual and emotional need. Or do we practice the humility that makes room for everyone at God's table?

As we approach Labor Day, we recall Pope Leo XIII's groundbreaking encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, from 1891. Pope Leo called for workers' rights, fair wages and dignity for all laborers. He taught that both employers and workers have duties, a sacred trust, toward each other, grounded in our shared human dignity. This wisdom remains relevant as we consider how our faith calls us to build just communities where every person's contribution is valued and fairly compensated.

The wisdom from Sirach about living well applies directly to contemporary challenges. When we consider immigration to our nation, we see families seeking safety and stability — the very values we cherish. Pope Saint John Paul II taught that we must respect "the rights of migrants and their families and respect for their human dignity, even in cases of non-legal immigration."

True humility is not putting ourselves down or false modesty. It is the honest recognition that we are both sinners and beloved children of God. When we hold these truths together in our hearts, we become free to serve others without counting the cost. This authentic humility enables us to see Christ in the face of every person we encounter.

### **Living Our Catholic Faith - Transforming Community Through Our Values**

Jesus' parable confronts us with practical questions about how we build community. When we gather — whether for Sunday Mass, parish events or community activities — do we rush to claim recognition? Or do we look for ways to lift up others, especially those who are pushed aside?

The *Catechism* reminds us that God's providence extends to all creation. Even in our darkest moments — when violence strikes schools and innocent children are harmed while praying at Mass — we trust that God's love never abandons us. The *Catechism* teaches that God permits evil not because He wills it, but because He respects human freedom while working all things toward ultimate good. In tragedy, we find our call to be God's hands of comfort and protection for the vulnerable.

**Divine Providence and the Problem of Evil** — This is primarily addressed in paragraphs 302 through 324, particularly:

• **Paragraph 302:** God's providence extends to all creation

• **Paragraphs 309 through 314:** The problem of evil and God's

permission of suffering

• **Paragraph 324:** God works all things toward good, even from evil  
**Human Freedom and God's Respect for It** — Found in paragraphs 1730 through 1748 on human freedom, and connected to providence in paragraph 311, which explains that God permits evil because He respects the freedom He gave to rational creatures.

The Gospel specifically mentions inviting "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" to God's banquet. In our parish family, this translates into creating genuine accessibility and welcome for persons with disabilities, those experiencing poverty, immigrants seeking refuge, and anyone who feels excluded from mainstream society.

Unlike earthly systems of justice that often emphasize punishment, God extends hands of mercy to restore us to divine friendship. This mercy empowers us to become agents of welcome rather than gatekeepers of exclusion. When we embrace this calling, we discover that our communities become richer and more vibrant through the diverse gifts each person brings to our shared table.

### **With a Grateful Heart**

As we reflect on our points of pride this week, let us ask Christ to introduce humility into these areas of our lives. True humility, born from our relationship with Christ and his love, goes against much of what our culture celebrates. Yet it is precisely this witness that the world desperately needs.

May we find the courage to take humble seats at life's banquet tables, confident that our worth comes not from human recognition but from God's unchanging love for us. Like the priest who silently prays for our transformation during the preparation of the gifts, may we quietly seek opportunities to serve and lift up others in our daily lives.



On Wednesday, August 27, I shared a pastoral letter sent electronically to all parishioners with mobile numbers or emails associated with their profile. View this letter by visiting the website homepage, selecting the News tab, and searching for "2025 Pastoral Letter Announces Pastor Transition." For those who receive bulletins by mail, the letter will be enclosed with the bulletin. A few paper copies are available at all entrances at both churches on the courtesy tables.

Also, next weekend the Reverend Terence Kersch, CSB, will celebrate Mass on Saturday, September 6, and Sunday, September 7, during Mission Sunday and share with us about the work of The Basilian Fathers Missions in Mexico and Colombia. He will also invite us to pray for and financially support their mission work.

For more information about the Basilian Fathers' mission and ministry or to make an online gift, visit the homepage, select the News tab and search for "Mission Priest Will Speak at Weekend Masses September 6 and 7." You can also use the envelope for Mission Sunday in your monthly packet. Gifts can be made through the end of September.

Please join me in discerning and acting on where God calls each of us to greater humility this week. Challenge yourself to invite someone new to your table, reach out in service or stand up for those overlooked in your community. May we actively discover the joy that comes from making room for others at our table, following the example of Christ who humbled Himself to share our humanity so that we might share in his divinity.

PAX -

*Fr. Anthony, OSB.*



## Family Offers Thanks for Support After Death of Phyllis Kay Bender

I want to express my deepest gratitude to you all for the love, prayers, and support you have shown me and my family following the passing of my wife, Phyllis. Your kindness has been a source of comfort during this incredibly difficult time.

From the heartfelt messages, visits, and donations to the beautiful service that honored her life, including the bereavement lunch, every gesture reminded us that we are not walking this path alone. Your compassion has brought light to our darkest days, and I will forever be grateful for the strength and solace our church family has given us.

Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ when we needed it most.

With love and gratitude,

John Bender

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### Weekly Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

**Wednesday:** 3-4 p.m. St. Meinrad Catholic Church

**Saturday:** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Meinrad Catholic Church

## Communal Anointing of the Sick Scheduled for September 10



Communal Anointing of the Sick will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at the 4:15 p.m. Mass at St. Meinrad Catholic Church.

Those who wish to receive this sacrament should move to the end of the pew on the center aisle. The infirm and individuals needing assistance seated in the front pews will receive this

sacrament first.

For more information about receiving this sacrament, visit <https://smcatholic.church/anointing-of-the-sick>.

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## Monthly Prayer Books Available in Churches September 9

The October 2025 edition of *Give Us This Day: Daily Prayer for Today's Catholics* will be available, compliments of the Evangelization Commission, beginning on the second Tuesday of each month, at courtesy tables near the churches' entrances.

*Give Us This Day* is a great resource to enhance your daily prayer and Catholic faith. Books include daily Mass readings, highlights from the saint of the day, as well as inspiring stories, art, and writings from contemporary men and women.

For more information, contact [Ms. Jess Fischer](mailto:Ms. Jess Fischer), Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator, at 812-357-6065 (voicemail).


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# CARLO NIGHT


Let's celebrate the canonization of  
**SAINT** Carlo Acutis with Carlo Night!

- Eucharistic Adoration
- Soccer
- Time with other teens and with St. Carlo Acutis!
- Pizza
- Short Video on Carlo Acutis
- CALL TO HOLINESS!!!



Who: GRADES 7-12  
What: CARLO NIGHT  
When: Sunday, September 7, 6 to 7:30 PM  
Where: ST. BONIFACE PARISH CENTER  
Why: CELEBRATE ST. CARLO!!!!!!





## United Catholic Appeal Update

### St. Boniface Parish (#076)

<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$8,455</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$7,335</b>
<b>Percentage to Goal</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>Number of Households</b>	<b>36</b>

### St. Meinrad Parish (#137)

<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$12,673</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$6,585</b>
<b>Percentage to Goal</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>Number of Households</b>	<b>37</b>

Archdiocesan UCA Goal Amount	\$6.3 million
Total Amount Pledged Archdiocesan Wide	\$5.6 million
Updated June 2025	

Together, we are making a difference beyond the scope of any individual parish by helping meet the needs of our brothers and sisters throughout central and southern Indiana. Scan the QR code to make your gift today!




**Liturgical Ministers:** To reset your password or username in Ministry Scheduler Pro, go to the log in page and click on "Forgot Password." MSP will ask for your email address and send you instructions on making the change. If you don't see the email right away, check your Spam/Junk folder (or Gray Mail folder for PSC users).

**Still having problems?** Scan the QR code to contact Jessica Fischer, Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator, via the MSP Feedback Form.

**Substitutes:** Thanks to those who have been using the substitute request, which goes to all those in your subgroup (e.g., lectors for 8:30 a.m. Sunday). To accept a request, please log in and accept so everyone in your subgroup can see the request has been filled.

**Deadlines:** Deadlines to submit your ministry availability are: November 1 (for December 1-January 31 schedule), January 1 (February 1-May 31 schedule), May 1 (June 1-August 31 schedule), and August 1 (September 1-November 30). Changes submitted after these dates do not update the schedule.

 <b>Liturgical Ministry Schedule</b> <b>Ministry Scheduler Pro</b>	<b>Saturday, August 30 at 4 p.m.</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	<b>Sunday, August 31 at 6 a.m.</b> <b>Mass for Sunday</b> Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	<b>Sunday, August 31 at 8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Mass for Sunday</b> St. Meinrad Catholic Church
Porter	Kyler Hildenbrand	LeeRay Tempel Clara Tempel	Christopher Kern
Sacristan	Samantha Haefling	LeeRay Tempel Clara Tempel	Ashley Springston Mark Toth
Bell Ringer (Five minutes before Mass, three assigned liturgical ministers peal bells for 2 minutes.)	Ryan Hildenbrand - Tower Bell #1 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #2 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #3	NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #1 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #2 LeeRay Tempel - Tower Bell #3	
Livestream for Rosary	Stacy Schaeffer		NOT FILLED
Rosary Leader	Carol J. Waninger		Susan Ippoliti
Livestream for Mass	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	Michael Blalock
Hospitality (Greeters)	Karen Peters - Main Door	NOT FILLED - Main Door	Diane Flaherty and Marlin Flaherty - Main Door
Priest	Father Anthony Vinson, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Father Anthony Vinson, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Anthony Vinson, OSB - Principal Celebrant
Deacon	Deacon Mike Fish	Deacon Mike Fish	Deacon Mike Fish
Acolyte of the Altar	Wyatt Gudorf	Marshall Snyder	Carson J. Kern
Acolyte of the Word	Parker Gudorf	Beckett Kress	Cayli Kern
Crucifer (Cross Bearer)	Charlotte Sitzman	Axl Schroer	Carly Kern
Candle Bearer	Edmund Sitzman Leo Chaney	Liam Kress Ayla Schroer	Thomas Lutz Nicholas Lutz
Proclamation of the Word	Yvonne Weaver - First Reading Karen Peters - Second Reading Deacon Mike Fish - Prayer of the Faithful	Lily Hubert - First Reading Michelle Blalock - Second Reading Deacon Mike Fish - Prayer of the Faithful	Bobby Gogel - First Reading Marilyn Becker - Second Reading Deacon Mike Fish - Prayer of the Faithful
Offertory Collection (Review listed Mass Intention. Invite family members to present the offertory gifts at the Offertory Procession.)	Paul Haefling Nick Hildenbrand Michael Gudorf NOT FILLED	Alfred Birchler NOT FILLED Jim Mullis Denny Rickelman	Ben Ebert Dalton Fetter Scott Mullis Lane Vaal
Signal Bell at Consecration (At the time of the <i>Epiclesis</i> , when the acolytes kneel at the altar, ring the tower bell until the acolytes again stand following the proclamation of the mystery of faith.)	Ryan Hildenbrand - Bell #3	NOT FILLED - Bell #3	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Individuals assigned to patens gather near Altar of St. Joseph, chalices near the Altar of Mary)	Michelle Blalock - Paten Pam Davis - Paten Karen Peters - Paten Deacon Mike Fish - Chalice Michael Gudorf - Chalice Amanda Gudorf - Chalice Maddie Gudorf - Chalice Michelle Blalock - Pyx (loft) Courtney Blalock - Chalice (loft)	Faith Schaefer - Paten Deacon Mike Fish - Chalice Marshall Snyder - Chalice Faith Schaefer - Pyx (loft) NOT FILLED - Chalice (loft)	Mary L. Denning - Paten Ginger Mullis - Paten Cindy Sitzman - Paten Deacon Mike Fish - Chalice Landon Mullis - Chalice Keyan Mullis - Chalice Jerry Sitzman - Chalice Ginger Mullis - Pyx (loft) Keyan Mullis - Chalice (loft)
Livestream for <i>Memorare</i> (Camera angle to include statue of Blessed Virgin Mary above BVM altar)	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Angelus Bell (Post-Mass)	Ryan Hildenbrand - Bell #1	NOT FILLED - Bell #1	
Hospitality (Post-Mass)	Rena Harper	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED



## AREA AGENCIES

### Catholic Charities Tell City

Sister Michele Intravia, OSU 812-547-0903 (o)

### Knights of Columbus #5599 (SM)

Mr. Rodney Vaal 812-357-7514 (h)

### Martin's Cloak Food Pantry

Mrs. Ramona Gehlhausen 812-309-1256 (m)

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

### OFFICERS

<b>Chair</b>	Amy Dilger
<b>Vice Chair</b>	David Fromme
<b>Secretary</b>	Sue Kloeck
<b>Member-at-Large (SB)</b>	Ellen Haefling
<b>Member-at-Large (SM)</b>	Position open

### COMMISSION CHAIRS

<b>Evangelization and Discipleship</b>	Position open
<b>Facilities and Grounds (SB)</b>	Neil Collignon
<b>Facilities and Grounds (SM)</b>	Jerry Sitzman
<b>Finance (SB)</b>	Shannon Tuley
<b>Finance (SM)</b>	Pam Davis June 30, 2024
<b>Heritage and Marketing (SB)</b>	Position open
<b>Heritage and Marketing (SM)</b>	Position open
<b>Pastoral Ministries and Activities</b>	Position open
<b>Strategic Planning and Stewardship (SB)</b>	Position open
<b>Strategic Planning and Stewardship (SM)</b>	Position open
<b>Service and Outreach</b>	Sue Kloeck June 30, 2025
<b>Worship</b>	Taylor Blalock June 30, 2027

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### Bereavement Luncheon Ministry (SB)

Mary Wagner, coordinator 812-357-2002 (h)

### Bereavement Luncheon Ministry (SM)

Dolores Scherzer, coordinator 812-357-2571 (h)

### Cemetery Commission (SB)

[Alan Waninger](#), chair

### Cemetery Commission (SM)

[Brian Greulich](#), chair

### Fall Picnic (SM)

Nancy Graman, chair

### Men's Society (SB)

Jim Gogel, chair

### Ladies Sodality (SB)

Brenda Kleiser, chair

### Summer Picnic (SB)

Position Open, chair

Note: Only landline phones are listed due to the risk of scams.

## ONLINE GIVING: HOW TO GET STARTED



**If you would like to switch to online giving, here are some tips:**

- St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish both use Realm for online giving. It is easy to use and secure.
- With online giving in Realm®, you can make one-time or recurring gifts using debit cards, credit cards, or eChecks (ACH).
- All gifts made online immediately show up in your giving history, along with any other online, text, or offline contributions.
- Whether a new or lifetime parishioner, a friend or neighbor, or an area business that supports the mission and ministry of St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish in Spencer County, Indiana, Realm Online Giving 24/7 and Realm Mobile Giving will work for all your giving needs.
- With Realm Mobile Giving, giving is never out of reach. Parishioners can give online with their mobile phones by signing into Realm from their mobile browser. Realm also takes advantage of mobile phone cameras. iPhone users can save time by scanning a credit card to quickly enter their payment method.
- Here are links to get started:
  - \* <https://sbcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/>
  - \* <https://smcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/>
- If you have questions or need help setting up an account, contact the Parish Office at 812-357-5533 or email [info@myparishfamily.church](mailto:info@myparishfamily.church).

### ST. BONIFACE

### ST. MEINRAD

	PARISH CENSUS	
	FY 2025-2026	
169	# of Households	211
389	# of Souls	431
	MASS COUNT	
In-Person	August 11-17, 2025	Livestream
9	Monday	8
15	Tuesday	5
19	Wednesday	7
11/84	Thursday	5/22
48	Friday	14
100	Saturday (Vigil for Sunday) 4 p.m.	14
52	Sunday 6 a.m.	12
121	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	16
Church capacity: 360 (SB), 430 (SM)		
	FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP	
Updated 8/27/2025	August 11-17, 2025	
\$515	Online Giving	\$550
\$868	Offertory	\$2,175

# News About St. Meinrad Parish 2025 AFP

## Raffle Tickets Available September 2

St. Meinrad Parish Fall Picnic is on Sunday, September 21, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CDT. The picnic will conclude with drawings for the theme baskets and raffle prizes.

Raffle tickets soon will be available online and at raffle stands on picnic day. Limited number of ticket packets also available on courtesy tables in narthex - for cash raffle, special quilt raffle, and 50/50 tickets. Completed tickets with donation may be turned in at the Parish Office using the convenient slot located below the window of the west entrance located in the carport, **no later than Monday, September 15, 2025** or at the picnic stand on picnic day. Tickets received in prepacked ticket packages must be completely filled out with first name, middle initial, last name, primary phone # and zip code. **Tickets NOT completely filled out or received after the deadline will be considered a donation.**

Must be 18 years old to enter. Need not be present to win. Cash prizes mailed within 10 business days. (Indiana Gaming Commission 2025 License #002566, Reference #163078)

For more information regarding the cash raffle, contact Amy Dilger at 812-887-3550 or Jeremy Schipp at 812-631-3021. For information regarding the quilt raffle, contact Mary L. Denning at 812-630-0043 or Nancy Graman at 812-449-1264.

## Work Day Scheduled for Wednesday, September 17

St. Meinrad Parish will have a work day on Wednesday, September 17, to prepare the church grounds for the annual fall picnic. Volunteers are needed at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Jerry Sitzman.

## Volunteers Needed for AFP Set-Up Saturday, September 20

St. Meinrad Parish Fall Picnic set-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2025, beginning at 7 a.m. CDT on the parish grounds. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help with the picnic set-up. Set-up includes tents, tables, chairs, and benches. Trucks and trailers are needed. For more information, contact Rodney Vaal, chair, 812-686-4231 or [vaalrlma@psci.net](mailto:vaalrlma@psci.net).

## Bulk Soup for Volunteers on Picnic Day

Parishioners scheduled to work the annual fall picnic wanting to purchase soup may purchase by signing up at the display table in back of church until Saturday, September 20. Parish churches are open daily from dawn to dusk.

Please sign your name, phone number, and number of gallons of soup. The parish provides complimentary gallon jugs.

Please pick up your soup on picnic day at the soup stand located on the parish grounds between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; cash and carry only.

Additional bulk soup is available for purchase on picnic day while supplies last. If you have any questions, contact Carol Schwoeppe at 812-549-5594.

### Pre-Order Bulk Soup

Patrons may pre-order soup by the gallon using cash, checks, debit or credit cards, through Monday, September 8 [by clicking this link](#). The parish provides complimentary gallon jugs. If you have any questions, contact Carol Schwoeppe at 812-549-5594. You can also fill out this form and drop it off at the Parish Office: [Form](#).

## Items Needed for the Country Store Stand

**Baked Goods:** Pies (no pies that will need to be refrigerated), Whole Cakes, Cookies, Breads, Cupcakes, Coffee Cakes, Brownies, Caramel Popcorn, Chex Mix. \*Items can be family-size and/or single-size portions. (Please label any item that may contain peanuts for allergy purposes.)

**Garden Items:** Fresh vegetables, homemade jams, jellies, salsa, and pickles. Mums, houseplants, and craft items made by local artisans: seasonal wreaths, woodworking items, painted rocks, and door hangers are always a big sell. If you don't have time to make a homemade item, here are a few items that have been a big hit in the past that can be found at our local Dollar Store: Silly Spray, sidewalk chalk, Hot Wheels cars, and plastic bracelets and rings. Posters are available at the display table.

Please drop off your items at the Country Store stand from 8 to 9 a.m. on picnic day. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Greulich at 812-686-1404 or [jambalaya@psci.net](mailto:jambalaya@psci.net) or Joy Fish at 619-838-1458. [View Country Store flyer here](#).

## Create a Theme Basket for Fall Picnic Raffle

In anticipation of the St. Meinrad Parish Annual Fall Picnic on Sunday, September 21, 2025, parishioners, friends, and neighbors are encouraged to create a basket to be raffled on picnic day. Making a basket is as simple as choosing a theme, finding some interesting items to fit the theme, and placing them in a basket or a themed container to raffle as a single item. Please include a 3 x 5 index card listing the title of your basket and its contents.

**Theme Basket Ideas:** Movie Night, Gardening, Baking, Getting Pampered, Car Care, Kids' Activities or Games, Back to School. Sample baskets and a sign-up sheet are at the display table in back of the church and also at [smcatholic.church/theme-basket-signup-fall-picnic](http://smcatholic.church/theme-basket-signup-fall-picnic).

Theme baskets can be dropped off at the parish office Monday, September 15, through Wednesday, September 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or at the Theme Basket stand from 8:30 to 9 a.m. on picnic day. For more information or to register your theme basket, contact Sara E. Vaal at [svaal1985@gmail.com](mailto:svaal1985@gmail.com) or 812-489-0297, or Amanda Wilmes at 812-893-1500 or [amandajwilmes@gmail.com](mailto:amandajwilmes@gmail.com).

## Please Pick Up Yard Signs and Placards

Parishioners and patrons, please pick up yard signs located at all exits at St. Boniface and St. Meinrad churches. The new, reusable yard signs for 2025 were provided due to the generosity of some family members in honor of their parents. Promotional materials include the 8.5"x11" placards, which are available in the narthex area in both churches. The placards feature the St. Boniface picnic on one side and the St. Meinrad picnic on the other. Please make sure to get permission to put the yard signs out in yards and in businesses. Place them at least 3 feet from the road or intersection. Also, make sure you get permission to place the placards at businesses. After the picnic, parishioners may keep the yard signs to display next year. If you have any questions, contact Karen Mangum at 812-357-2264.

## Sign-Up Sheets for Annual Fall Picnic Available

There will be sign-up sheets on the display table in back of church for positions to help with Set-Up and Tear-Down, Parking, and Meet and Greet. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Graman at 812-449-1264.

# HISTORIC ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Listed on National Register of Historic Places

Parish Founded 1847

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# ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Founded 1861

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One Family In Faith

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sanctuary Lamp  
**September 7, 2025**  
Luminary

To make a memorial  
gift for a luminary,  
scan the QR code.



St Boniface Parish **+Ruth Ann Peters**  
St. Meinrad Parish **+Frank Lee Denning**

**ORDO (Order of Prayer)**  
Liturgy of the Hours III  
Lectionary 129  
Eucharistic Prayer III  
Mystery of Faith C

DATE / TIME	CALENDAR EVENT	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6</b>		
7:00 a.m.	Mass (May - October at 7 a.m.; November - April at 8 a.m.) • <b>Mass begins at 7 a.m. through Saturday, October 25, 2025</b>	Monte Cassino Shrine
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (May - October at 7 a.m.; November - April at 8 a.m.)	Church (SM)
12:15 to 1:00 p.m.	Confession (confessional located at the main entrance)	Church (SM)
2:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Marriage: Kaylee Rose Uebelhor and Keyan Matthew Mullis	Church (SM)
3:15 to 3:45 p.m.	Confession (confessional located at the south entrance)	Historic Church (SB)
3:35 p.m.	Rosary (For an increase of vocations to the single chaste life and marriage)	Historic Church (SB)
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Anton Aloysius Waninger (Anniversary of Death)</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7</b>	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
<b>6:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> "Mass for the People"</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
8:05 a.m.	Rosary (For an increase of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life)	Church (SM)
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Phyllis Rose Beck</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> (parishioners, pilgrims and guests welcome)	<b>Archabbey Church</b>
<b>6:00 to 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Youth Group (CYO) for Grades 7-12</b> <b>Join Us In Celebrating the <a href="#">Canonization of Saint Carlo Acutius</a></b>	<b>Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)</b> <b>Rooms 103, 104, 106</b>
<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8</b>		
3:50 p.m.	Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)	Historic Church (SB)
<b>4:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Helen Maria (Collignon) Gunn</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
5:15 to 6:00 p.m.	<b>FOURTH MONDAY OF MONTH:</b> Pastoral Council Officer Meeting	Parish Office: Room G
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.	<b>THIRD MONDAY OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, MAY, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER</b> (no meeting April, July, August and November): Pastoral Council Meeting Pack 102 Cub Scout Meeting	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105 Parish Center/Shelter House: Rooms 103, 104, 106
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9</b>		
<b>7:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Brandon Michael Kunkler (Anniversary of Birth)</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Reserved for Team B	Parish Office: Office C
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Parish Staff Meeting	Parish Office: Room G-A
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	• <b>FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF MONTH:</b> Reserved for formation sessions for sacraments, pastoral counseling and scheduled meetings • <b>SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF MONTH:</b> Parish commission meetings	Parish Office: Room H Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10</b>		
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (concludes with litany followed by Benediction)	Church (SM)
3:15 p.m.	Confession (confessional at glass chapel located at the main entrance)	Church (SM)
4:15 p.m.	Communal Anointing of the Sick	Church (SM)
<b>4:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Charles "Charlie" Lee Buechler</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Church (SM)
<b>6:15 to 7:20 p.m.</b>	<b>F3 Programs and Activities for Kindergarten - Grade 6</b> • <b>Grades 7-9 begin on Sunday, September 14, with mandatory student-parent meeting, Parish Office, Room 106, 7:30 a.m. or 10 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)</b>
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11</b>		
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Church cleaning	Church (SM)
11:40 a.m.	Rosary (For increased vocations to priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life)	Church (SB)
<b>12:05 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Michael Kevin and +Connie (Boss) Mullen</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM)
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12</b>		
<b>7:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass +Gerald E. Jacob</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>



# Dear Padre,

## Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?

“Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church’s power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal. ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*To follow [Jesus]...means “carrying one’s cross”: shouldering, like him, one’s own burdens and those of others, making one’s life a gift, not a possession, spending it in imitation of his own generous and merciful love for us. These are decisions that engage the totality of our lives.*

HOMILY, ROME,  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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### Monday

September 1

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13–18

Lk 4:16–30

### Tuesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11

Lk 4:31–37

### Wednesday

September 3

St. Gregory the

Great, Pope and

Doctor of the Church

Col 1:1–8

Lk 4:38–44

### Thursday

September 4

Weekday

Col 1:9–14

Lk 5:1–11

### Friday

September 5

Weekday

Col 1:15–20

Lk 5:33–39

### Saturday

September 6

Weekday

Col 1:21–23

Lk 6:1–5

### Sunday

September 7

Twenty-third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13–18b

Phlm 9–10, 12–17

Lk 14:25–33

