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ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wisdom 9:13–18b / Philemon 9–10, 12–17 / Luke 14:25–33

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**“In the same way,
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LUKE 14:33



When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of “What would Jesus do?” is never without consequences. ●

Reflect

How does following Jesus cost me in my life?

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One Family In Faith

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sanctuary Lamp
September 7, 2025
Luminary

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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 |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 | | |
| 7:00 a.m. | Mass (May - October at 7 a.m.; November - April at 8 a.m.) • Mass begins at 7 a.m. through Saturday, October 25, 2025 | 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) |
| 1:00 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) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Mass +Anton Aloysius Waninger (Anniversary of Death) | Historic Church (SB) |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | |
| 6:00 a.m. | Mass Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People" | Historic Church (SB) |
| 8:05 a.m. | Rosary (For an increase of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life) | Church (SM) |
| 8:30 a.m. | Mass +Phyllis Rose Beck | Church (SM) |
| 9:30 a.m. | Mass (parishioners, pilgrims and guests welcome) | Archabbey Church |
| 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. | Youth Group (CYO) for Grades 7-12 Join Us In Celebrating the Canonization of Saint Carlo Acutis | Parish Center/Shelter House (SB) Rooms 103, 104, 106 |
| MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | | |
| 3:50 p.m. | Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb) | Historic Church (SB) |
| 4:15 p.m. | Mass +Helen Maria (Collignon) Gunn • First and third Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30- p.m. <i>Formation sessions for sacraments and pastoral counseling</i> • Second and fourth Tuesdays of Month, 6 to 7:30 p.m. <i>Parish Commission Meetings</i> | Historic Church (SB) Parish Office: Room H |
| 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. | Pack 102 Cub Scout Meeting | Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105 Parish Center/Shelter House: Rooms 103, 104, 106 |
| TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER | | |
| 7:15 a.m. | Mass +Brandon Michael Kunkler (Anniversary of Birth) | Church (SM) |
| 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 |
| | • Third Monday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council • Fourth Monday, 5:15 to 6 P.M. Pastoral Council Officers <i>No meetings in April, July, August, November</i> | Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105 Parish Office: Room G |
| WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | | |
| 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) |
| 4:15 p.m. | Mass +Charles "Charlie" Lee Buechler | Church (SM) |
| 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. | Church reserved for liturgical music practice | Church (SM) |
| 6:15 to 7:20 p.m. | F3 Programs and Activities for Kindergarten - Grade 6 • 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. | Parish Center/Shelter House (SB) |
| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | | |
| 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) |
| 12:05 p.m. | Mass +Michael Kevin and +Constance "Connie" Suzanne (Boss) Mullen | Historic Church (SB) |
| 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. | Church reserved for liturgical music practice | Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM) |
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | | |
| 7:15 a.m. | Mass +Gerald Erwin Jacob | Church (SM) |

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

PARISH WEBSITES

sbcatholic.church

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
- St. Meinrad: 3rd Sunday in September
smcatholic.church/fall-picnic

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

PARISH STAFF

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| Reception/Main Number | Monday-Wednesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday 9 to 11 a.m. | 812-357-5533 |
| To email a staff member: Use first name, first initial of last name, @myparishfamily.church | | |
| Communications | Ms. Mary Jeanne Schumacher | 812-357-6056 |
| Evangelization and Discipleship | Ms. Jessica Fischer | 812-357-6065 |
| Facilities and Safety | Mr. George Schaefer | 812-357-6054 |
| Facilities and Grounds Assistant | Ms. Maddie Gudorf | 812-357-6052 |
| Gift Recorder | Ms. Chloe Mohr | 812-357-6053 |
| Liturgical Music | Actively seeking to fill position | 812-357-6058 |
| Office Assistant | Ms. Teresa Ippoliti | 812-357-6059 |
| Parish Office Custodial Services | Ms. Sue Wiederkehr | 812-357-6053 |
| Parish Secretary | Position open | 812-357-6051 |
| Pastor | Father Anthony Vinson, OSB | 812-357-6728 |
| Permanent Deacon | Deacon Mike Fish | 812-357-6055 |
| Sacramental Assistant | Father John McMullen, OSB | 812-357-6558 |
| Sacramental Assistant | Father Paul Nord, OSB | 812-357-6739 |

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| Cemetery Sexton <i>Records and Plot Sales</i> | Actively seeking to fill position | 812-357-6050 |
| • St. Boniface Cemetery Commission | Mr. Alan Waninger, Chair | 812-357-6050 |
| • St. Meinrad Cemetery Commission | 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 or 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](#).

Information About Your Parish

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.

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

September: Our Relationship with Creation



Lord, who loves all beings and hates nothing you have made (Wisdom 11:24). Every creature, Father, is an object of your tenderness, and you give each one a place in the world. I am amazed to see that the fleeting life of the smallest being is the object of your love, and even in those few seconds of existence you surround it with all your care.

"Praised be you, my Lord," as Saint Francis said, and I say to you today, "Praised be you."

Through the greatness and beauty of creatures, we know the author by analogy (Wisdom 13:5). That's why, Lord, I deeply believe that the world is more than a problem to solve; it is a joyful mystery we contemplate with joyful praise. Give us the grace to recognize ourselves as beloved beings, each of us cherished by You, conceived in Your heart, a fruit of Your thought.

"Praised be you, Lord," who reveals yourself when the sun shines and when the night falls, you are present in the diversity of all creation. When we become aware of your reflection in everything that exists, my heart feels the desire to worship you, for all your creatures... Praised be you, Lord! Amen.

Join Us in the Ministry of Prayer

Recent Prayer Requests Received

Updated September 1, 2025

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

- Larry K, Precious Blood Parish, preparing for surgery (9/1)
- 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)
- Claire B and family, daughter of Eric and Rachel B, St. Meinrad Parish, health and healing (8/14)
- 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)

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 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 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/.



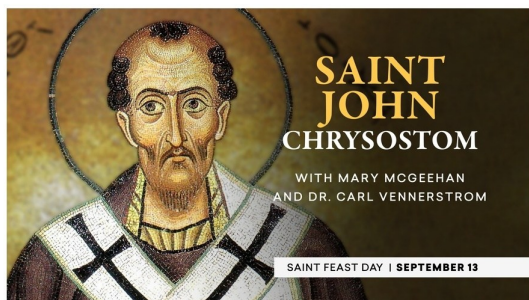
This Week on Formed

Week of September 07, 2025



The Boy from Milan

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



St. John Chrysostom | Catholic Saints

From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies.

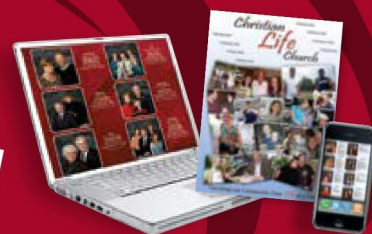


Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer

"Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

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Dear Church *family*, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.**

If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.

- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**

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*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Schedule Your Appointment Now for Your Directory Photo!

Photo dates: Thursday-Saturday, October 9, 10, 11, 2025

St. Boniface and St. Meinrad Parishioners: Photos for the upcoming church directory will be taken on October 9, 10, and 11 at the St. Boniface Parish Center in Fulda. New to the parish? Contact Teresa at info@myparishfamily.church to register.

- To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **in1999** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field.

Important Notes:

- Adult children are encouraged to assist their parents with sign-up and to ensure they have transportation to their appointments
- Parish ministry, program, and activity photo sessions must be scheduled during September to be included in this edition of the directory

If you have questions, [contact Jessica Fischer](#), Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator and staff liaison to the Parish Directory ad hoc committee, for the 2025 directory. If you have questions, [contact Jessica Fischer](#), Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator and staff liaison to the Parish Directory ad hoc committee, for the 2025 directory.



PADRE'S POST

"Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are his disciples.

Personal Responsibility and Setting Priorities: Learning from Young Saints

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Luke 14:25-33 CCC 459

Today's readings challenge us to examine our priorities and commitment to following Christ, while we celebrate the upcoming canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, two young saints who exemplified radical discipleship in their brief but powerful lives. On this Sunday, the Church invites us to consider the cost of discipleship through Scripture and the witness of two remarkable young men who chose Christ above all else, inspiring us to live with similar dedication and joy.

Sacred Scripture - Catholic Faith

In today's Gospel from Luke 14:25-33, Jesus presents us with challenging words about the cost of following Him. He speaks of carrying our cross and renouncing all possessions, reminding us that discipleship requires total commitment. The reading from Wisdom complements this message, acknowledging human limitations in

understanding God's will: "Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends?" Yet through the Holy Spirit, we are given wisdom to discern God's path.

The Responsorial Psalm echoes this theme of dependence on God: "In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge." These readings prepare our hearts to understand that following Christ demands everything from us, but in return offers the greatest treasure — eternal life with God.

Jesus does not sugarcoat the demands of discipleship. He uses blunt imagery to emphasize that our love for Him must surpass all earthly attachments. This does not mean we abandon our families or responsibilities, but rather that Christ becomes the lens through which we view and live all our relationships.

Sacred Tradition - Catholic Life

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 459, reminds us that "The Word became flesh to be our model of holiness." Christ calls us to learn from Him, to follow his example of self-sacrifice and love. This teaching comes alive in the witness of our soon-to-be saints, Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, who embodied this call to holiness in their everyday lives.

Sacred tradition teaches us that sainthood is not reserved for extraordinary circumstances but can flourish in ordinary life when lived with extraordinary love. Both young men demonstrate how the Gospel can transform contemporary culture when lived authentically.

Our Catholic Faith - From Belief to Action

What an exciting day of the Church and the world, on September 7, Pope Leo will canonize Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati together, marking a historic moment for the Church. Carlo Acutis, born May 3, 1991, died of leukemia at age 15 in 2006. He will become the first millennial saint, showing us that holiness is possible in the digital age.

Carlo was passionate about the Eucharist. Despite his love for video games and



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, Kyler 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!

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Community Cleanup Day Planned for Saint Meinrad on September 13

ST. MEINRAD MATTERS:

CLEAN & GREEN

Let's Work Together On:
SEPTEMBER 13th, 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!!



Protecting our town, preserving our legacy
Keeping St. Meinrad Beautiful
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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JOY Gathering for 55+ Scheduled for Thursday, September 18



The Pastoral Ministries and Activities Commission for St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish hosts a monthly gathering on the third Thursday of the month from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the St. Boniface Parish Center, Room 103, in Fulda.

The JOY (just older youth) group is open to parishioners, friends, and neighbors

age 55+.

The group meets monthly following the 12:05 p.m. Mass at Historic St. Boniface Church, with lunch and activities.

RSVP is not required. For more information, [email](#) Ms. Romilda Pund, JOY Coordinator.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word Resumes September 13-14

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume the weekend of September 13-14. Catechists lead children in prayer, song and reflection focused on the Sunday Lectionary readings for Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word occurs during Mass, throughout the Liturgy of the Word, at 4 p.m. Saturday (Anticipated Vigil Mass for Sunday) at St. Boniface, and at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday at St. Meinrad for children ages 3 to Grade 2 until the child receives their First Holy Communion.

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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) Information Sessions for Grades 7-9



Family faith formation (F3) sessions for grades 7-9 will begin with an information session and mandatory student-parent meeting on Sunday, September 14, at the Parish Office.

Those attending can choose either the 7:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. session. 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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Eucharistic Adoration Now Available on Saturday Mornings

Every Saturday, an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration is offered in addition to the Adoration time on Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 4.

Adoration will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Meinrad Catholic Church each Saturday. All times are Central.

Type "adoration" in the parish website search box for details.

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technology, he was known to limit his gaming to one hour a week and used his skills to create a website documenting Eucharistic miracles. He never lost sight of his ultimate goal: heaven. He once said, "Everyone is born as an original, but many people end up dying as photocopies." His life challenges us to remain authentic to our calling as Christians.



What makes Carlo particularly relevant to young people today is his ability to use technology for evangelization. As 26-year-old computer programmer Maria Roberts noted, Carlo shows us "how technology can be used for good and for evangelization." He demonstrates that we can embrace modern tools while maintaining deep spiritual roots.

Carlo's gentle nature and care for those who were bullied or struggling made him beloved by classmates. Father John LoCoco, nearly the same age as Carlo, initially felt unimpressed but came to admire Carlo's "profoundly quiet, honest sense of God's presence in all things."

Living Our Catholic Faith - Transforming Community Through Our Values

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, born in 1901 into a prominent Turin family, offers another model of young sainthood.

Despite his family's wealth and social position, Pier Giorgio dedicated himself to serving the poor through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. A member of the Dominican Third Order, he combined deep spirituality with social action.

Pier Giorgio was known for his enthusiasm for life, love of mountain climbing, and complete faith in God. He persevered through academic struggles while maintaining his commitment to helping others. At age 24, he contracted polio, possibly from someone he was assisting, and died in 1925.



Both saints show us that following Christ does not require abandoning joy or normal interests. Carlo enjoyed PlayStation and Pier Giorgio loved mountain climbing, yet both found ways to integrate their faith into every aspect of life. They remind us that the Gospel's demands, though challenging, lead to authentic happiness and fulfillment.

These young men understood what Jesus meant about counting the cost of discipleship. They chose Christ over comfort, service over self-interest, and eternal perspective over temporary pleasures.

An Invitation to Pray

Please join me in praying for Father Paul Nord, OSB, the parish staff, pastoral council and parish commissions, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us through these days of transition as I conclude my time serving as pastor on Sunday, September 28. Join me in

asking our parish patrons Saint Boniface and Saint Meinrad, and our archdiocesan patrons Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, to help us go forth in joy and hope as missionary disciples. As the Body of Christ, the Church here in Spencer County and beyond enters a new chapter rooted in the mission and ministry of these parishes. I am excited for all of you!

Living Our Catholic Social Teaching Close to Home

You do not need to update your passport or purchase a plane ticket to live out your call to live Church's teaching on [Catholic Social Teaching](#). Your generous support of the Basilian Fathers Missions allows you to be part of transforming lives through education and evangelization in Mexico and Colombia right from your pew.

This weekend, Father Terence Kersch, CSB, will speak at all Masses about the mission and work of the Basilian Fathers as they serve the underprivileged communities in Mexico and Colombia through education and Catholic evangelization.



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.

With a Grateful Heart

We can be grateful that God continues to raise up saints for every generation. Carlo and Pier Giorgio speak directly to young people today, showing that sanctity is achievable at any age. Their canonization offers hope to parents, educators and young people themselves that holiness can flourish even in challenging times.

You can watch the canonization ceremony on September 7 through [Vatican Media](#) and available on the [parish homepage](#). This historic moment deserves our attention and celebration.

The parish Youth Group (CYO) will celebrate the canonization of Saint 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. Plans for the evening include pizza and soccer, Eucharistic adoration, and a short video about Saint Carlo. For information, [contact Jessica Fischer](#), Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator.

I encourage the young people especially to learn about these new saints, to pray to them for intercession, and to follow their example of joyful discipleship. In a world that often promotes shallow values, Carlo and Pier Giorgio show us the deep satisfaction that comes from choosing Christ above all else.

A blessed week ahead to all and may we all learn from these young saints how to carry our crosses with joy and determination. May we too have the courage to live with the zeal of the Church's newest saints. Saints Carlo and Pier Giorgio, pray for us!

PAX - *Father Anthony, OSB.*

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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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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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United Catholic Appeal Update

St. Boniface Parish (#076)

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| Parish Goal | \$8,455 |
| Amount Pledged | \$7,335 |
| Percentage to Goal | 87% |
| Number of Households | 36 |

St. Meinrad Parish (#137)

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| Parish Goal | \$12,673 |
| Amount Pledged | \$6,585 |
| Percentage to Goal | 52% |
| Number of Households | 37 |

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!



Weekly Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

| | | |
|------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Wednesday: | 3-4 p.m. | St. Meinrad Catholic Church |
| Saturday: | 8 a.m.-1 p.m. | St. Meinrad Catholic Church |

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!!!!!!

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.

|  Liturgical Ministry Schedule | Saturday, September 6 at 4 p.m. Vigil Mass for Sunday Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church | Sunday, September 7 at 6 a.m. Mass for Sunday Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church | Sunday, September 7 at 8:30 a.m. Mass for Sunday St. Meinrad Catholic Church |
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| Porter | Kyler Hildenbrand Ryan Hildenbrand | Alfred Birchler | NOT FILLED |
| Sacristan | Courtney Blalock | Courtney Blalock | Ashley Springston Mark Toth |
| Bell Ringer (Five minutes before Mass, three assigned liturgical ministers peal bells for 2 minutes.) | NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #1 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #2 Ryan Hildenbrand - Tower Bell #3 | NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #1 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #2 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #3 | |
| Livestream for Rosary | NOT FILLED | | Sally Gravatte |
| Rosary Leader | Yvonne Weaver | | Sally Gravatte |
| Livestream for Mass | NOT FILLED | NOT FILLED | NOT FILLED |
| Hospitality (Greeters) | Al Polster and Becky Polster - Main Door | NOT FILLED - Main Door | Jerry Sitzman and Martha Sitzman - Main Door |
| Priest | Father Terence Kersch, CSB - Principal Celebrant | Father Terence Kersch, CSB - Principal Celebrant | Father Terence Kersch, CSB - Principal Celebrant |
| Deacon | Deacon Mike Fish | NOT FILLED | NOT FILLED |
| Acolyte of the Altar | Aidan Haefling | Marshall Snyder | NOT FILLED |
| Acolyte of the Word | Kade Hildenbrand | Tanner Wilson | Chloe Mohr |
| Crucifer (Cross Bearer) | Parker Gudorf | Axl Schroer | Penelope Lutz |
| Candle Bearer | Livy Schaefer Leo Chaney | Liam Kress Ayla Schroer | Avery Beier Eli Gentry |
| Proclamation of the Word | Carsten King - First Reading Karen Peters - Second Reading Deacon Mike Fish - Prayer of the Faithful | Michelle Blalock - First Reading Faith Schaefer - Second Reading Marshall Snyder - Prayer of the Faithful | Jodi Fetter - First Reading Melanie Fetter - Second Reading Julia Lutz - 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 Wyatt Gudorf Kasen Hildenbrand | Pat Berg LeeRay Tempel Clara Tempel Eric Tuley | Jeff Ebert Dalton Fetter Mark Ruxer 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 Amanda Gudorf - Chalice Maddie Gudorf - Chalice Becky Wesner - Chalice Michelle Blalock - Pyx (loft) Amanda Gudorf - Chalice (loft) | Faith Schaefer - Paten Clara Tempel - Chalice Marshall Snyder - Chalice Faith Schaefer - Pyx (loft) Clara Tempel - Chalice (loft) | Caleb Mohr - Paten Kathy Ruxer - Paten Cindy Sitzman - Paten Mary L. Denning - Chalice Ben Ebert - Chalice Marlin Flaherty - Chalice Bobby Gogel - Chalice Cindy Sitzman - Pyx (loft) Marlin Flaherty - 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) | Joe 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

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

COMMISSION CHAIRS

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|--|------------------------------|
| Evangelization and Discipleship | Position open |
| Facilities and Grounds (SB) | Neil Collignon |
| Facilities and Grounds (SM) | Jerry Sitzman |
| Finance (SB) | Shannon Tuley |
| Finance (SM) | Pam Davis June 30, 2024 |
| Heritage and Marketing (SB) | Position open |
| Heritage and Marketing (SM) | Position open |
| Pastoral Ministries and Activities | Position open |
| Strategic Planning and Stewardship (SB) | Position open |
| Strategic Planning and Stewardship (SM) | Position open |
| Service and Outreach | Sue Kloeck June 30, 2025 |
| Worship | 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.

ST. BONIFACE

ST. MEINRAD

| | PARISH CENSUS | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | FY 2025-2026 | |
| 169 | # of Households | 211 |
| 389 | # of Souls | 431 |
| | MASS COUNT | |
| In-Person | August 18-24, 2025 | Livestream |
| 12 | Monday | 7 |
| N/A | Tuesday | N/A |
| 17 | Wednesday | 8 |
| 11 | Thursday | 5 |
| 12 | Friday | 6 |
| 86 | Saturday (Vigil for Sunday) 4 p.m. | 26 |
| 41 | Sunday 6 a.m. | 12 |
| 98 | Sunday 8:30 a.m. | 13 |
| Church capacity: 360 (SB), 430 (SM) | | |
| | FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP | |
| Updated 9/3/2025 | August 18-24, 2025 | |
| \$285 | Online Giving | \$495 |
| \$1,008 | Offertory | \$2,082 |

News About St. Meinrad Parish Annual Fall Picnic

Raffle Tickets Now Available Online

St. Meinrad Parish Annual 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 [are now available online](#) and at raffle stands on picnic day.

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 Session Scheduled for Wednesday, September 17

St. Meinrad Parish will have a work session 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 Fall Picnic 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 vaalrma@psci.net.

Bulk Soup for Parishioners on Picnic Day

Parishioners scheduled to work the annual fall picnic wanting to purchase soup may purchase up to two gallons 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, 1 or 2. 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 cards, credit cards, or e-Checks (ACH) through 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 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 www.sm catholic.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 or 812-489-0297, or Amanda Wilmes at 812-893-1500 or amandajwilmes@gmail.com.

Posters for Annual Fall Picnic Now Available

Please pick up fall picnic posters to display at home or local businesses after all weekend Masses. Posters soon will be available at the display table and at all entrances. If you have any questions, contact Karen Mangum at 812-357-2264.

Pick Up Yard Signs for Annual Fall Picnic Now

Please pick up fall picnic yard signs to display at home or local businesses after all weekend Masses. Signs will be in the narthex area near the main entrance soon. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Graman at 812-449-1264.

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.

For more information about the St. Meinrad Parish Fall Picnic, visit www.sm catholic.church/fall-picnic or contact Nancy Graman at 812-449-1264, ggraman@psci.net.

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September 14, 2025
Luminary

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St Boniface Parish +**Beth Ann Melichar**

St. Meinrad Parish +**Frank Mathais and +Francis Margaritha (Vaeth) Borho**

ORDO (Order of Prayer)

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| Liturgy of the Hours | I |
| Lectionary | 638 |
| Eucharistic Prayer | IV |
| Mystery of Faith | A |

| DATE / TIME | CALENDAR EVENT | LOCATION |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | | |
| 7:00 a.m. | Mass (May - October at 7 a.m.; November - April at 8 a.m.) • Mass begins at 7 a.m. through Saturday, October 25, 2025 | 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) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes | Historic Church (SB) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Mass +Ricky "Spot" Thomas Kersteins (Anniversary of Death) (Catechists will receive a blessing at Mass) | Historic Church (SB) |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | | |
| 6:00 a.m. | THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Mass Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People" (Catechists will receive a blessing at Mass) | Historic Church (SB) |
| 7:30 a.m. | F3 Grades 7-9 information session/mandatory student-parent meeting | Parish Office: Room G |
| 8:05 a.m. | Rosary (For an increase of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life) | Church (SM) |
| 8:30 a.m. | Mass +Alfred Michael and Anna Mae (Fetter) Beckman (Wedding Anniversary) (Catechists will receive a blessing at Mass) | Church (SM) |
| 8:30 a.m. | Sacrament of Baptism for Tucker Paul Schepers (Parents: Eric Joseph and Lacey Marie (Peter) Schepers; Godparents: Owen Albert Peter and Alana Marie) | Church (SM) Weyer |
| 8:40 a.m. | Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes | Church (SM) |
| 9:30 a.m. | Mass (Parishioners, pilgrims and guests welcome) | Archabbey Church |
| 10:00 a.m. | F3 Grades 7-9 information session/mandatory student-parent meeting | Parish Office: Room G |
| MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | | |
| 11:40 a.m. | Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb) | Historic Church (SB) |
| 4:15 p.m. | Mass +Louis Herbert Schipp • Third Monday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council • Fourth Monday, 5:15 to 6 P.M. Pastoral Council Officers <i>No meetings in April, July, August, November</i> | Historic Church (SB) Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105 Parish Office: Room G |
| TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | | |
| 7:15 a.m. | Mass +James "Jim" Lee and +Kathleen Ann (Seng) Ebert Reserved for Team C | Church (SM) Parish Office: Office C |
| 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. | Parish Staff Meeting | Office: Room G-A |
| 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. | Monthly meeting of priests of Tell City Deanery | Guest House and Retreat Center |
| 12 Noon | • First and third Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30- p.m. <i>Formation sessions for sacraments and pastoral counseling</i> • Second and fourth Tuesdays of Month, 6 to 7:30 p.m. <i>Parish Commission Meetings</i> | Parish Office: Room H Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105 |
| WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | | |
| 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | St. Meinrad Parish Annual Fall Picnic Preparations | Parish Office |
| 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. | Mass +Ardella Lucille "Ardi Lou" Schipp Church reserved for liturgical music practice | Church (SM) Church (SM) |
| 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. | AFP Preparations and Facilities/Grounds Cleanup (SM) (Details, page 12) | Church (SM), Grounds, Parish Office |
| 6:00 to 8 p.m. | F3 Programs and Activities for Kindergarten - Grade 6 | Parish Center/Shelter House (SB) |
| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | | |
| 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. | Church cleaning | Church (SM) |
| 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | AFP Preparations (SM) | Parish Office: Rooms F,G, LL |
| 11:40 a.m. | Rosary (For increase of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life) | Historic Church (SB) |
| 12:05 p.m. | Mass +Paul Conrad and +Rosalie (Knable) Linne JOY—Monthly carry-in luncheon for parishioners 55+; activities to follow | Historic Church (SB) Parish Center/Shelter House (SB); Room 103 |
| 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. | Church reserved for liturgical music practice | Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM) |
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 | | |
| 7:15 a.m. | Mass +Phyllis Kay (Lasher) Bender AFP Preparations (SM) | Church (SM) Parish Office: Rooms F,G, LL |



Parishioners and guests, scan QR code for giving options.



Dear Padre,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady's] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Monday

September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday

September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Col 2:6-15

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

September 10

Weekday

Col 3:1-11

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

September 11

Weekday

Col 3:12-17

Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 12

Weekday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 1:15-17

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17



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