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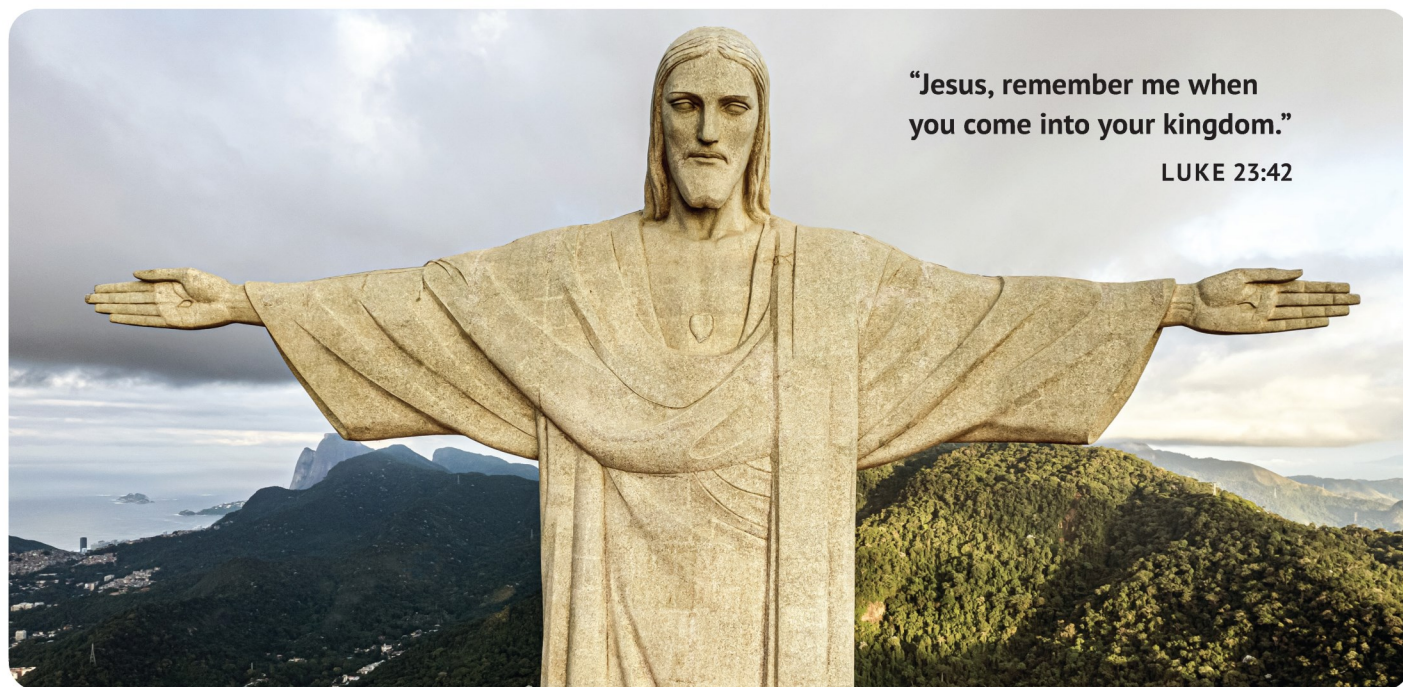
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November 23, 2025

***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)***

2 Samuel 5:1–3 / Colossians 1:12–20 / Luke 23:35–43



**“Jesus, remember me when  
you come into your kingdom.”**

LUKE 23:42

# The Hero King

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**ome think of a myth as something once presumed to be true but discovered to be false. For example, we say it's a myth that Christopher Columbus discovered America. There is, however, another quite different meaning to “myth,” as in a story that helps us understand life and how to negotiate it. Such myths are often centered around heroes who overcome great odds for the sake of the greater good. *Star Wars* and Luke Skywalker is one such myth. *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and Frodo Baggins is another. These are myths capturing the need for courage and commitment to the good at the hero's own expense. We often find ourselves wishing we could be like these heroes.

The biblical story of the Hebrew people can be thought of as such a myth, culminating in the story of Jesus. It differs from those other myths in that this story is not fiction. It is a saga that helps us understand and negotiate life as we live it. It culminates with the sacrificial death of the one we call King of the Universe. This King is a servant-king, one who gives his life for us so that we might live. Despite being urged by religious leaders and soldiers and the thief on the cross to save himself, he resists. Saving himself is not what he is about. Jesus is the King whose true myth we tell whenever we come together. ●

**Editor's note:** This is Fr. Joseph Juknialis' final reflection for *Our Parish Community* bulletins. The new liturgical cycle begins next Sunday, November 30, 2025, and we will welcome three new reflection authors: Miguel Dulick, Ann M. Garrido, and Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR, the president and publisher of Liguori Publications. We thank Fr. Joe for his three years of insightful reflections and wish him well.

## Reflect

***What does servant-leadership mean to me in my job, my community, my home?***

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**One Family In Faith**

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Sanctuary Lamp  
**November 23, 2025**  
Luminary

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



**St Boniface Parish** **+Paul Conrad and +Rosalie (Knable) Linne**  
**St. Meinrad Parish** **+Alvin "Cotton" Henry and +Mary Helen (Gunselman) Denning**

### ORDO (Order of Prayer)

Liturgy of the Hours	II
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### DATE / TIME

### CALENDAR EVENT

### LOCATION

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 a.m.

**Mass** (May - October at 7 a.m.; November - April at 8 a.m.)

• *Mass begins at 8 a.m. through Saturday, April 25, 2026*

12:15 to 1:00 p.m.

**Confession** (confessional at glass chapel located at the main entrance)

3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

**Confession** (confessional at glass chapel located at the south entrance)

3:35 p.m.

Rosary (For an increase of vocations to the single chaste life and marriage)

4:00 p.m.

**Mass +Eugene "Gene" William Gudorf**

4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism For Marlee Ann Rickelman [Parents are

Max Anthony and Madison Jo (Gogel) Rickelman; Godparents:

Jake Anthony Rickelman and Kyla Rae (Gogel) Weiss]

Sacrament of Baptism for Briggs Keith Weiss [Parents are Jeffrey

Allen and Kyla Rae (Gogel) Weiss; Godparents: Cody Michael Weiss and

Tosha Nicole (Mosby) Adams]

Children's Liturgy of the Word

4:10 p.m.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:00 a.m.

**Mass Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People"**

8:05 a.m.

Rosary (For increase of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life)

8:30 a.m.

**Mass +Renus Louis and +Verleen Lorene (Schaefer) Zoglman**

8:40 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Parishioners, pilgrims and guests welcome)

9:45 to 11:00 a.m.

**F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9**

**Monte Cassino Shrine**

**Church (SM)**

**Historic Church (SB)**

Historic Church (SB)

**Historic Church (SB)**

Historic Church (SB)

Historic Church (SB)

Historic Church (SB)

**Historic Church (SB)**

Church (SM)

**Church (SM)**

Church (SM)

**Archabbey Church**

**Parish Office (SM)**

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

3:50 p.m.

Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)

4:15 p.m.

**Mass +Frances Ann (Linne) Powers**

• *Third Monday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council*

• *Fourth Monday, 5:15 to 6 p.m. Pastoral Council Officers*

*No meetings in April, July, August, November*

Historic Church (SB)

**Historic Church (SB)**

Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105

Parish Office: Room G

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:15 a.m.

**Mass +Linus Jacob and +Theresia Anne (Volz) Denning**

8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Reserved for Team D

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Parish Staff Meeting

• *First and third Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.*

Formation sessions for sacraments and pastoral counseling

• *Second and fourth Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.*

Parish Commission Meetings

**Church (SM)**

Parish Office: Office C

Office: Room G-A

Parish Office: Room H

Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 (Parish Office closes at 11:30 due to Thanksgiving holiday)

5:15 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration** (concludes with litany followed by Benediction)

5:15 p.m.

**Confession** (confessional at glass chapel located at the main entrance)

6:15 p.m.

**Vigil Mass for Thanksgiving +Members of Our Parish Family**

**\*Attendance at Mass required for F3 (family faith formation) families. Students check in with catechist at the east doors and sit with family in pew.**

**Church (SM)**

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#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 THANKSGIVING - NO MASS TODAY (PARISH OFFICE CLOSED)

8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Church cleaning

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Church reserved for liturgical music practice

Church (SM)

Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM)

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:15 a.m.

**(PARISH OFFICE CLOSED)**

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Mass Priest's Intention**

Private Event

**Church (SM)**

Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)



# 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

## PARISH STAFF

<b>Reception/Main Number</b>	Monday-Wednesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday 9 to 11 a. m.	812-357-5533
<i>To email a staff member: Use first name, first initial of last name, @myparishfamily.church</i>		
<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>	<i>Actively seeking to fill position</i>	812-357-6058
<b>Office Assistant</b>	<i>Position open</i>	812-357-6059
<b>Parish Office Custodial Services</b>	Ms. Sue Wiederkehr	812-357-6053
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	<i>Position open</i>	812-357-6051
<b>Pastor</b>	Father Paul Nord, OSB	812-357-6739
<b>Permanent Deacon</b>	Deacon Mike Fish	812-357-6055
<b>Sacramental Assistant</b>	Father Joseph Cox, OSB	812-357-6611
<b>Sacramental Assistant</b>	Father Michael Reyes, OSB	812-357-6611
<b>Seminarian Intern</b>	Seminarian Kris Garlitch	812-357-6611
<b>Cemetery Sexton</b> <i>Records and Plot Sales</i>	<i>Actively seeking to fill position</i>	812-357-6050
• <b>St. Boniface Cemetery Commission</b>	<i>Position open</i>	812-357-6050
• <b>St. Meinrad Cemetery Commission</b>	Mr. Brian Greulich, Chair	812-608-0756

## 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](#).

## 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.

## 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  
Office Closed Holy Days and Observed Holidays

## 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.**





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



The November "Wish List" for Catholic Charities Tell City is **gloves for children and adults**.

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



The November "Wish List" for North Spencer Community Action Center is **peanut butter and jelly**.

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

### November: For the prevention of suicide



Lord Jesus, who invites those who are weary and burdened to come and rest in your Heart: Today we come to ask for those who struggle with suicidal thoughts.

May they find in our communities places of welcome, listening, and understanding. May we know how to be close to them, offering support, care, and love, helping them rediscover the beauty of life and a reliable hope that helps them face pain

and even death with a confident outlook on their future.

May we be able to give them the necessary psychological and spiritual support to heal their emotional and spiritual wounds and to open up to the beauty of life, recognizing it as a precious gift from God, thus renewing their hope and finding meaning even in the midst of suffering.

Help us to take the hand of the men and women of today when they have lost their sense of dignity and destiny, so they can discover the loving fatherhood of God, His good plan for them, and ways to build a more humane world. Amen.

## Join Us in the Ministry of Prayer

### Recent Prayer Requests Received

Updated November 12, 2025

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

- For the repose of the soul of James "Jim" Theodore Mehling, St. Meinrad Parish, who died on November 7, 2025 (11/9)
- For the repose of the soul of Marilyn Mildred (Schwartz) Seger, Ferdinand, who died on October 17, 2025 (10/21)
- Romilda P, St. Boniface Parish, in thanksgiving for family and friends, health and healing (10/20)
- For the repose of the soul of Pauline (Bockhold) Schaefer, St. Meinrad Parish, who died on October 19, 2025 (10/20)
- For the repose of the souls of John and Jamie (Wethington) Adkins and for God's mercy and compassion to all impacted by their deaths, especially their immediate families. (10/16)
- For God's care and protection of all law enforcement personnel, EMTs and first responders, especially those who serve in our local area. (10/16)
- Mother and unborn baby, St. Meinrad Parish, safe and healthy delivery (10/15)
- Delores W, St. Meinrad Parish, in thanksgiving for prayers and a return to health (11/12)
- Claire B and family, daughter of Eric and Rachel B, St. Meinrad Parish, health and healing (9/17)

## The Mission of Our Parish Family

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

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### Parishioners Invited to 'Stock the Pantry' for Martin's Cloak



Parishioners, friends, and neighbors are invited to "stock the pantry" at Martin's Cloak, a ministry of Catholic Charities Tell City. Items may be delivered to both parishes from Saturday, November 22 - Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

When delivering items, please use the handicap entrance at each church and place items in the container marked

Martin's Cloak near the Marian Altar. Parish churches are open daily from dawn to dusk.

For your convenience, items may also be placed in the Martin's Cloak van located at the southeast corner of St. Meinrad Catholic Church before the Vigil Mass for Thanksgiving Day at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26. The offertory collection for Thanksgiving Day will be presented to Martin's Cloak in support of their mission and ministry.

Items requested:

- large box of Cheerios
- instant oatmeal
- peanut butter
- canned fruits & vegetables
- macaroni & cheese
- dish soap
- toilet paper
- laundry detergent
- paper towels
- canned meat
- canned tuna
- batteries (AA, C & D)



Please make sure your check is made payable to the parish church, clearly marking in the memo Martin's Cloak #4037. To make an online gift, scan the QR code for Quick Links to make a one-time or recurring gift using debit cards, credit cards, or eChecks (ACH). For more information, contact [Sue Kloeck](#), Service and Outreach Commission Chair.

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### Winners Named in Fulda Development Cash Bonanza



Thank you to all who supported the 2025 Fulda Development Cash Bonanza drawings, making this year's fundraiser a huge success.

Congratulations to the October winners: Karen Kern, Chad Zogelman, Sandy Collignon, and Cinda Schipp.

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### St. John's Christmas Bazaar Planned for Saturday, December 6



St. John's Lutheran Church in Evanston will host its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pre-orders are recommended for the chicken dinners, special or chicken noodle soup, and other food items. Call 812-489-3345 to order by Monday, December 1.

You can view the event flyer at the News tab on the parish website.

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### You're Invited to Open House to Celebrate Father Anthony's Service



Our parish family of St. Boniface and St. Meinrad has been truly blessed by Father Anthony Vinson, OSB's 16 years of faithful service, guidance, and love. As he begins a new chapter, we invite you to join us in honoring his ministry.

#### Open House Reception on the Hill

Date: Sunday, December 7, 2025

Time: 2 - 5 p.m. CT

Location: Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House - Dining Hall  
Please mark your calendars, come and share your gratitude, memories, and best wishes with Father Anthony. All are welcome. Let's gather in thanksgiving for the gift of his priesthood among us!

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### St. Michael Parish Will Host Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 23



St. Michael Parish in Cannelton, IN, will host Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 23, 2025, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Cannelton Community Center.

Tickets are \$2 for five games, with prizes of 20 turkeys (frozen) and five jackpots. Concessions will be available. License #002574; Reference #162763. Contact the parish office at 812-547-7994 for more information.

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## Angel Tree Program Will Serve Local Teens This Christmas

Angel Trees are now in place at St. Boniface and St. Meinrad parishes to provide Christmas gifts for local teens served by the North Spencer Community Action Center. This year, the program will look a little different, as we are serving 51 local teens, each receiving two practical gifts they will enjoy.

When you choose your angel tags, please take an instructional letter located by the sign-up sheet. It includes all the details needed to bless these teens with gifts this Christmas.

Please wrap each gift individually and place in a white trash bag with the angel tag attached to the outside of the bag. Drop off the bag before or after any weekend Mass at the same Angel Tree by the Marian Altar. Gifts will be picked up and securely stored by the designated contact person at each parish.

Deadline is December 7 for all gifts. Please do not drop off gifts at other times to ensure the gifts remain secure. If you have questions or are unable to return the gifts before the deadline, please contact one of the coordinators to arrange for pickup:

Ashley, [alspringston@hotmail.com](mailto:alspringston@hotmail.com), Janelle, [jlpringston@hotmail.com](mailto:jlpringston@hotmail.com), Kara, [krwaninger@yahoo.com](mailto:krwaninger@yahoo.com).

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## Order a Christmas Poinsettia to Honor a Loved One



St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish invite parishioners, friends, and neighbors to remember and honor their loved ones by purchasing a Christmas Poinsettia that will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas Season.

Anyone interested in remembering or honoring a loved one at Christmas with

a memorial gift of poinsettias may place the person's name to be remembered, along with a donation, in an envelope marked "Christmas Flower Offering" and place it in the collection basket.

An envelope for the Christmas Poinsettia Memorials and Honor Roll is included in the November envelope packet. Please make sure your check is made payable to the parish church, clearly marking in the memo Christmas Flower Offering (4040).

To make an online gift, scan the QR code to make a one-time or recurring gift using debit cards, credit cards, or eChecks (ACH). The deadline is Monday, December 1, 2025.



Loved ones' names will be printed on a beautiful placard, displayed in the church throughout the Christmas Season, listed in the Christmas Poinsettia Memorials and Honor Roll on the website, and printed in an edition of the weekly bulletin. The deadline for the Christmas Memorials and Honor Roll is Monday, December 1.

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## Little Books for Advent Available in Churches This Weekend



The Little Blue Book for Advent and Christmas seasons will be available this weekend in both churches. The Little Blue Book guides you through the season by following the infancy narrative from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Students in the F3 program already received their copies, as have those who are homebound or reside in long-term care centers.

In this time of waiting and anticipation, prepare your heart by spending time with God each day of Advent. The Little Blue Book guides you through this joyful season by following the infancy narrative from the Gospel according to Matthew. Each day offers interesting information about people, traditions and practices of our faith, followed by the Gospel reflection.

The 2025 Advent/Christmas Little Blue Book Devotional book is from November 30, 2025, to January 11, 2026.

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## Eucharistic Adoration (Quiet Prayer) Wednesday Evenings at St. Boniface



An additional opportunity for **Eucharistic Adoration (Quiet Prayer with Jesus)** soon will be available at Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church. Beginning on Wednesday, November 19, Eucharistic Adoration will be held **from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. while students attend F3 (family faith formation) sessions.**

For information, contact Jessica Fischer, Discipleship and Evangelization Coordinator, at [f3@myparishfamily.church](mailto:f3@myparishfamily.church).

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## Thanksgiving Vigil Mass Schedule Announced

The Mass schedule at St. Meinrad Catholic Church on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday, November 26, 2025) will be:

- Holy Hour (Eucharistic Adoration) 5:15 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concludes with litany and Benediction.
- Confession 5:15 p.m.
- Mass 6:15 p.m.

F3 families are expected to attend Mass as F3 sessions are cancelled. Check in with catechist at the east doors and sit with family in pew. Items for "Stock the Pantry" will be accepted as well.

On Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 27), Mass will be celebrated in Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church at 9:30 a.m.

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## Chapter 12: Jesus Elevates the Dignity of Marriage

*Jesus makes married couples a sign of the love between Himself and the Church through the Sacrament of Matrimony.*

### Chapter Summary

At the Wedding Feast at Cana, Jesus changed water into wine through the intercession of Mary, His Mother. She told the servants and she tells us to “do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5). Jesus’ actions at the Wedding Feast at Cana not only confirm the goodness of marriage but also reveal that marriage will be a sacrament. Through the Sacrament of Matrimony, husband and wife become a physical sign of Christ’s love for the Church. Just as Jesus gave His life for the Church, spouses should sacrifice themselves in daily life out of love for each other. Similarly, those who are truly friends want and choose to do what is good for the other. Perfect friends, however, are alike in character and love each other because of their virtue.

### Jesus Can Heal the Wounds in Family Life

Referring to her Son, Mary commanded the servants at the Wedding Feast at Cana to “do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5). This profound statement can be applied to family life, particularly in reference to common wounds that occur within families.

Our sins cause wounds, some of which can last for years. Through His words and actions, Jesus taught us how to respond to these situations so that we can gain lasting peace and spiritual healing from God’s grace.

In the next few Family Faith pages, your family will learn strategies for dealing with the most common sources of wounds in family life. Here is an outline of Jesus’ words and actions pertaining to some common family wounds:

When we are angry with a family member	Jesus cleansed the Temple with righteous anger (see John 2:13–16).	Jesus taught us that anger is not always sinful. Our anger must be directed to drawing someone away from sin, not out of hatred toward her.
When a family member struggles with doubt or leaves the Church	Jesus asked His Apostles if they, too, would leave when many other disciples left out of doubt and unbelief about the Eucharist (see John 6:66–69).	When others walked away from Him, Jesus focused on equipping His Apostles to become witnesses of the truth. We are called to focus on our witness through word and action when those around us succumb to doubt and unbelief.
When we must show mercy and forgiveness to those who hurt us	Jesus healed the ten lepers even though only one expressed gratitude (see Luke 17:11–19).	Jesus showed us that mercy is extended to those who hurt us, even if they do not acknowledge it or are not grateful for it.
When we experience suffering and death in our family	Jesus sent His Apostles to heal and strengthen those who were suffering (see Mark 6:7–13).	Jesus sent His Apostles to accompany those who were suffering and dying. We do what is best for those who are suffering by encouraging them to remain close to the Church, which continues this mission.

For more family faith formation resources, go to the parent portal.



# This Week on Formed

## Week of November 23, 2025



### Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



### Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!



### Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

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## PASTOR'S LETTER

### Sunday Scripture Commentary by Father Paul Nord, OSB

#### The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Response: Psalm 122:1-5

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. It is a wonderful American holiday, to give thanks to God for his abundant blessings. Perhaps this year has also had its share of difficulties or sufferings for you.

Sometimes such things feel overwhelming. But if we recognize also God's blessings, we can trust God's presence and providence in all things. As St. Paul tells us, may we "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15)

As usual, we have 6:15 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass at St. Meinrad on Wednesday — the evening before Thanksgiving Day. Before Mass, we will have Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions starting at 5:15 p.m.

Attendance is required for F3 Faith Formation Families. Thank you for attending, as we give thanks to God for all his blessings.

We will also have a collection — "Stock the Pantry" — for Martin's Cloak, a ministry of Catholic Charities Tell City. See page 5 of the bulletin for more information. This collection of food and household basics will help those who are struggling financially this holiday season. Thank you to everyone who contributes and organizes this collection.

Advent begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving. It is the beginning a new liturgical year — a new year for the Church as we await Christ's return. We look back over the past year as we celebrate Thanksgiving. We also look forward to the coming year, considering how we might cooperate with God's grace and follow Christ's commandment: "love

one another as I have loved you."

The first book of Samuel ends with the death of Saul, the first king of Israel (1 Sam 31). The second book of Samuel begins with news reaching David that King Saul is dead. Saul had persecuted David, but still David mourns Saul's death. David insists that since Saul was King, he was "the Lord's anointed." Thus David treats the King with respect — both in life and death.

Saul ruled as king over all twelve tribes of Israel. After Saul's death, David's own tribe of Judah anoints him as their king (2 Sam 2). After this, "the house of Saul" (his sons) begins a war with "the house of David." Eventually David won this war, which leads to the events of today's first reading: "all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron... and they anointed him king of Israel" (2 Samuel 5:3) — that is, ruling all twelve tribes.

Before the elders of Israel anoint David as king, they observe: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh." They recognize the ethnic unity of all twelve tribes of Israel.

The elders recall that "when Saul was our king, it was you [David] who led the Israelites out and brought them back." This describes David's leadership in the Israelite military during Saul's kingship.

When David was king only of the tribe of Judah, he ruled from the city of Hebron. After David became king of all twelve tribes of Israel, he conquered the city of Jerusalem from the Jebusites. King David then governed from Jerusalem, his new capital city. By conquering a city that had not previously belonged to any of Israel's tribes, David established a new "neutral" capital to rule all twelve tribes.

The Responsorial — Psalm 122 — is a "pilgrimage song." Such songs of praise were sung as the people were traveling up to Jerusalem — especially for the major feasts. At these festival times, the pilgrims would gather around the Temple — called "the house of the Lord." Thus the psalm begins: "I rejoiced because they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" So the pilgrims travel toward Jerusalem



### November Birthdays

- 1 LeeRay Tempel, Jeff Graman, Ashley Moffitt
- 2 Linda Susnjara
- 3 Jay Gruber, Mike Brentlinger, Cassandra Berg
- 4 Kenny Fischer, Rick Fischer, Ralph Klem
- 5 Matthew Schlachter, Todd Ruxer, Connie Dicus, Rebecca Hedinger, Avery Hadfield, Carson Kern
- 6 Kevin Schaefer, Angela Drach, David Waninger, Angie Haake
- 7 Sutton Seifrig, Ella Gogel
- 8 Arlo Sermersheim, Annarose May Leffert
- 9 Stella Burden, Asher Collett, Josey Collett
- 10 Teresa Ippoliti, Hunter Gray, Mike Berumen, Avery Masterson
- 11 Hilbert Hessig, Anthony Gessner, Pearl Gelarden, Mike Kress
- 12 Brody Gasaway
- 14 Tim Mangum, Marvin Vaal, Betty Schaefer
- 15 Isaac Gentry, Charles Waninger
- 16 Karen Kress
- 17 Jayden Gray
- 18 Landry Scherzer, Amie Sitzman, Sophia Bullis, Debbie Konerding
- 19 Carsten King, Kristina Nadin, Pearline Peters
- 20 Dan Kolb, Lauren Kloeck, Parker Gudorf
- 21 Brenda Kleiser, Joann Klem
- 22 Jodi Fetter
- 23 Mike Gramelspacher, Mabel Kemper
- 24 Cameron Briggs, Kinsley Berg, Joyce Hoppenjans
- 25 Anna Mae Beckman
- 26 Janice Hildenbrand
- 27 Nancy Graman
- 28 Linda Dilger, Taylor Ruxer, Roger Seifrig, Jeff Boehman
- 29 Don Berg

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# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The Catholic Church has always taught us, through the words of Sacred Scripture and the witness of saints like Francis of Assisi, that the natural world is created by God, that it is good, and that humans have a special duty to care for creation so that it benefits not only themselves but also future generations. Today we live in a time where pollution, climate change, and poor agricultural practices harm creation and place us all in danger.

In 2015, Pope Francis responded to this environmental crisis by issuing the encyclical *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), in which he emphasizes the connection between humanity and nature and calls for "the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development" (no. 13).

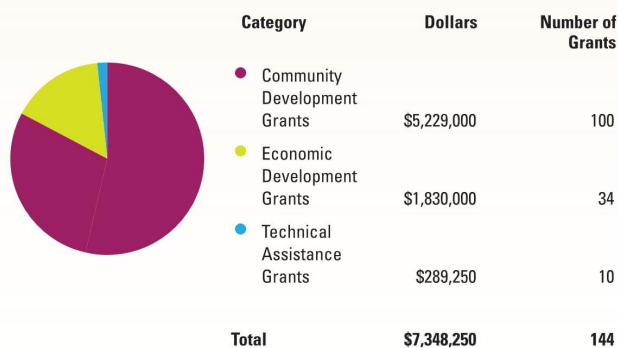
This spirit of cooperation, sustainability, and human dignity animates the work of organizations like La Cosecha Community Supported Agriculture, a cooperative farm network in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which makes

locally grown, sustainable, and nutritious foods available to low-income people. With support from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), La Cosecha has expanded its outreach beyond Albuquerque to 11 rural New Mexico counties, increased year-round accessibility to healthy produce and other food products, and obtained a US Department of Agriculture Good Agricultural Practices food-safety certification for its cooperative farm partners.

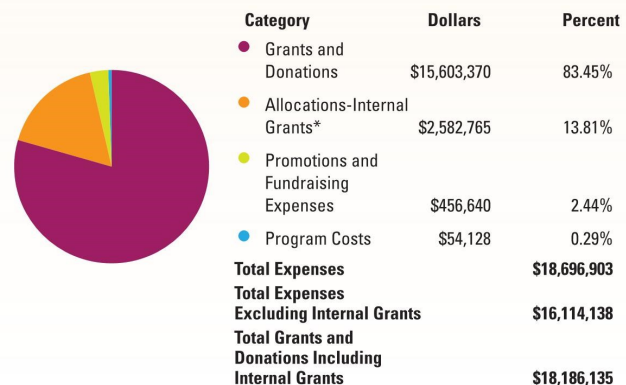
CCHD-funded organizations show how we can care for the environment, address the needs of the poor, and support responsible and sustainable local businesses at the same time. When you participate in the CCHD collection, you help not only other communities but also your own, because 25% of your contribution remains in your diocese to create local solutions to poverty.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

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and its Temple. They anticipate their glorious arrival at Jerusalem's walls, where they will enter one of Jerusalem's gates. Arriving, these pilgrims can truly say "And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem."

The second stanza describes Jerusalem as a city "built...with compact unity." It paints a picture of the tribes going up to Jerusalem. The Israelite tribes, they belong to the Lord. The third stanza invokes "the decree for Israel." They are "to give thanks to the name of the LORD."

Exodus 23:14 describes this decree: "Three times a year you shall celebrate a pilgrim feast to me," says the Lord God.

Next, Paul exhorts the Colossians to "give thanks to the Father." This gratitude is a response to redemption through Jesus Christ. Paul tells the Colossians that God "made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."

Redemption in Christ is further described as: "He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son." Belonging to Christ's kingdom means acknowledging Jesus Christ as "Lord" – ruler of all creation, and ruler of our lives. Jesus has won for us forgiveness of our sins – redemption which heals humanity's alienation from God.

In the following verses 1:15-20, Paul gives a powerful statement of the identity of Christ Jesus. This passage can be divided into two parts. Notice the description of Jesus as "the firstborn of all creation" in 1:15 and as "the firstborn from the dead" in 1:18. Verses 1:15-17 describe Jesus as collaborating with God the Father in creating all things. That includes everything "in heaven and on earth" and "the visible and the invisible."

Then 1:18-20 describe Jesus' triumph over death – accomplished through his Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection. In this way, Jesus acted "to reconcile all things" with God. Like in the first section, "all things" include "those on earth" and "those in heaven." Jesus has made "peace by the blood of his cross" for all of creation.

Today's Gospel comes from Luke's account of Jesus' crucifixion, as He hangs on the cross. "The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, 'He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.'" Here "rulers" describe those who had sought Jesus' death. Recall that when Pilate "summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people [he] said to them, 'You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt'" (Luke 23:13-14). The rulers' mockery repeats Jesus' teaching that he is "the Christ" – God's anointed one.

Then the soldiers also begin to mock Jesus. As He hangs from the cross, the soldiers "approached to offer him wine [and] they called out, 'If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.'" Although Jesus is able to "save himself" – as the mockers suggest – Jesus chooses not to do so because He is redeeming humanity by his death.

The worst mockery of Jesus is the inscription that Pilate had placed above his head: "This is the King of the Jews." With these words, Pilate mocks what he misperceives to be Jesus' powerlessness. But Jesus is a king who dies willingly.

Luke 23:32 says: "two others, both criminals, were led away with [Jesus] to be executed." In verse 39, one of these criminals participates in the mockery of Jesus: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us."

But the other criminal refuses to mock Jesus. He recognizes Jesus as a righteous man. This criminal recognizes his own guilt. So he rebukes the first criminal, asking "Have you no fear of God?" This humble criminal then begs for mercy, saying: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." In response, Jesus promises him: "today you will be with me in Paradise." Jesus strengthens his promise by beginning: "Amen" – truly – "I say to you."

In Christ Jesus,

*Father Paul, OSB*

## Voices Needed for Midnight Mass Choir, Practice Begins in December



Do you love to sing, or simply wish to share in the joy of the season? The parish Midnight Mass Choir is forming soon, and we'd love for you to join us! All that's needed are joyful hearts and willing voices to help celebrate the birth of our Savior in song and make this holy night truly special.

Practices will begin in the first part of December, with specific dates and times shared directly with choir members.

If you're interested in lending your voice to this beautiful Christmas tradition, please contact Stacy Schaeffer (812-431-2878) or Liz Borho (812-686-8822) for more information.

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## Don't Forget Your Parish on Giving Tuesday, December 2



It is never too early to start thinking about year-end charitable giving. When you itemize deductions, funds used to make gifts are subtracted from the amount subject to tax. This means the higher your tax bracket, the more you save. Regardless of your income tax bracket, charitable gifts can provide welcome savings at tax time. And, you can feel good about being a thoughtful steward of your resources and supporting your parish.

Giving Tuesday, December 2, is the perfect time to start. Planned each year for the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, #GivingTuesday is a global day dedicated to giving back.

Visit [sbcatholic.church/giving-tuesday](http://sbcatholic.church/giving-tuesday) or [smcatholic.church/giving-tuesday](http://smcatholic.church/giving-tuesday) to make an online gift.



# How God's Covenants in the Old Testament are Fulfilled in Jesus

*with Deacon Mike*

## Do You Wish You Knew More About Your Faith?

For many Catholics, faith formation stopped when we were children. Now that you're an adult, do you wish you knew more about the fundamentals of our faith, with an adult understanding?

Starting December 2, Deacon Mike will present four classes, on Tuesday morning each week, explaining how God's covenants in the Hebrew Scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus.

**When:** Tuesday, December 2, 9, 16, and 23

**Where:** Saint Meinrad Parish Office Conference Room

**Time:** 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m.

*For more info:* [mikef@myparishfamily.church](mailto:mikef@myparishfamily.church)




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**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> Ministry Scheduler Pro	Saturday, November 22 at 4 p.m. <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	Sunday, November 23 at 6 a.m. <b>Mass for Sunday</b> Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	Sunday, November 23 at 8:30 a.m. <b>Mass for Sunday</b> St. Meinrad Catholic Church
Porter	NOT FILLED	LeeRay Tempel Clara Tempel	Alex Graman
Sacristan	Maddie Gudorf	Eric Tuley	Amanda Kern
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	Yvonne Weaver		NOT FILLED
Livestream for Mass	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Hospitality (Greeters)	Mark Hildenbrand and Peggy Hildenbrand - Main Door	NOT FILLED - Main Door	Gary Graman and Nancy Graman - Main Door
Priest	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant
Deacon	Deacon Mike Fish	Deacon Mike Fish	Deacon Mike Fish
Acolyte of the Altar	Parker Gudorf	Michael Blalock	Brenley Beier
Acolyte of the Word	Jase Burden	Beckett Kress	NOT FILLED
Crucifer (Cross Bearer)	Charlotte Sitzman	Axl Schroer	Lyla Kate Gray
Candle Bearer	Livy Schaefer Edmund Sitzman	Liam Kress Ayla Schroer	Clay Sitzman Thomas Lutz
Proclamation of the Word	Pam Davis - First Reading Karen Peters - Second Reading Deacon Mike Fish - Prayer of the Faithful	Kerry Snyder - First Reading Michelle Blalock - Second Reading Deacon Mike Fish - Prayer of the Faithful	Julia Lutz - First Reading Penelope Lutz - 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 Wyatt Gudorf Kasen Hildenbrand	Pat Berg Paul Gerlach Denny Rickelman Eric Tuley	Peyton Gray Hunter Gray Dalton Fetter Mark Ruxer
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.)	NOT FILLED - 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)	Pam Davis - Paten Amanda Gudorf - Paten Maddie Gudorf - Paten Deacon Mike Fish - Chalice Michael Gudorf - Chalice Karen Peters - Chalice Becky Wesner - Chalice Amanda Gudorf - Pyx (loft) Michael Gudorf - Chalice (loft)	Courtney Blalock - Paten Michelle Blalock - Chalice Deacon Mike Fish - Chalice Courtney Blalock - Pyx (loft) Michelle Blalock - Chalice (loft)	Karen Mangum - Paten Benjamin Mangum - Paten Kathy Ruxer - Paten Mary L. Denning - Chalice Deacon Mike Fish - Chalice Brittany Forler - Chalice David Fromme - Chalice Karen Mangum - Pyx (loft) Mary L. Denning - 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)	NOT FILLED - Bell #1	NOT FILLED - Bell #1	
Hospitality (Post-Mass)	Joe Harper	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED

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Mr. Luke Mullis 812-660-0913 (m)

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Position Open, chair

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[smcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/](http://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	
176	# of Households	224
430	# of Souls	456
	MASS COUNT	
In-Person	November 10-16, 2025	Livestream
12	Monday	9
15	Tuesday	5
7	Wednesday	5
9	Thursday	11
17	Friday	8
105	Saturday (Vigil for Sunday) 4 p.m.	16
69	Sunday 6 a.m.	15
120	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	15
Church Capacity:	360 (SB) Parish #076; 430 (SM) Parish #137	
	FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP	
Updated: 11/18/2025	November 3-9, 2025	
\$215	Online Giving	\$440
\$1,565	Offertory	\$2,487



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One Family In Faith

# First Sunday of Advent



Sanctuary Lamp  
**November 30, 2025**  
Luminary

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### ORDO (Order of Prayer)

Liturgy of the Hours	I
Lectionary	1
Eucharistic Prayer	IV
Mystery of Faith	C

St Boniface Parish **+Paul Allen Linne**

St. Meinrad Parish **+James "Jim" Lee and +Kathleen Ann (Seng) Ebert**

DATE / TIME	CALENDAR EVENT	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Mass (May - October at 7 a.m.; November - April at 8 a.m.) <b>•Mass begins at 8 a.m. through Saturday, April 25, 2026</b> <b>Confession</b> (confessional located at the main entrance) <b>Confession</b> (confessional located at the south entrance) Rosary (For an increase of vocations to the single chaste life and marriage) <b>Mass +Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council #5599</b> Children's Liturgy of the Word	<b>Monte Cassino Shrine</b>
12:15 to 1:00 p.m.		<b>Church (SM)</b>
3:15 to 3:45 p.m.		<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
3:35 p.m.		<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
4:00 p.m.		<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
4:10 p.m.		<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30</b>		
6:00 a.m.	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>Mass Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People"</b> Rosary (For an increase of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life)	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
8:05 a.m.		<b>Church (SM)</b>
8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass +John Frederic Wilson (Anniversary of Birth)</b> Sacrament of Baptism: Maelyn Joseph Schlachter [Parents: Matthew Vincent and Morgan May (Hessig) Schlachter; Godparents: Lance Robert Elmer and Sarah Mae (Schlachter) Smith]	<b>Church (SM)</b>
8:30 a.m.		<b>Church (SM)</b>
8:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word	<b>Church (SM)</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> (parishioners, pilgrims and guests welcome) <b>F3 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)</b>	<b>Archabbey Church</b>
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED (THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY)</b>	<b>Church: South Sacristy (SM)</b>
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 1</b>		
3:50 p.m.	Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
4:15 p.m.	<b>Mass +Ronald "Ron" James Zoglman</b> <b>•Third Monday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council</b> <b>•Fourth Monday, 5:15 to 6 p.m. Pastoral Council Officers</b> <i>No meetings in April, July, August, November</i>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b> Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105 Parish Office: Room G
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2</b>		
7:15 a.m.	<b>Mass +Phyllis Kay (Lasher) Bender</b> Reserved for Team A	<b>Church (SM)</b>
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Deacon Mike's Series: "How God's Covenants ... Are Fulfilled in Jesus"	Parish Office: Office C
8:15 to 9:00 a.m.	Parish Staff Meeting	Parish Office: Room G
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Girl Scouts Meeting	Parish Office: Room G-A
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	<b>•First and third Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.</b> Formation sessions for sacraments and pastoral counseling <b>•Second and fourth Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.</b> Parish Commission Meetings	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3</b>		
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.	<b>FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, CO-PATRON OF ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> (concludes with litany followed by Benediction)	<b>Church (SM)</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Confession</b> (confessional at glass chapel located at the main entrance)	<b>Church (SM)</b>
4:15 p.m.	<b>Mass +Ruth Oda (Aders) Werne (Anniversary of Birth)</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	<b>Church (SM)</b>
6:00 to 7:15 p.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration: Quiet Prayer with Jesus</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
6:15 to 7:20 p.m.	<b>F3 Programs and Activities for Kindergarten - Grade 6</b>	<b>Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)</b>
6:15 to 7:20 p.m.	<b>F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9</b>	<b>Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)</b>
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4</b>		
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Church cleaning	<b>Church (SM)</b>
11:40 a.m.	Rosary (For increased vocations to priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life)	<b>Church (SB)</b>
12:05 p.m.	<b>Mass +Walter Martin Troesch</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
2:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Parish Directory Photos	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB) Rooms 102, 106
6:00 p.m.	Fulda 4-H Meeting	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	<b>Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM)</b>
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5</b>		
7:15 a.m.	<b>Mass Prayers for Health and Healing</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
1:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Parish Directory Photos	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB) Rooms 102, 106



# Dear Padre,

## Why is a US secular holiday like Thanksgiving on the Church's liturgical calendar?

Since November 1969, the Proper Calendar offers a Thanksgiving Day Mass for US dioceses. While it also includes Independence Day, no suggestion is made for other civic holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Instead, the *Roman Missal* provides “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions” that are suited to these observances (*Ordo* #5, *GIRM* 368–378).

In the United States, November is associated with giving thanks to God. In 1623—three years after the Pilgrims sailed to this land on the *Mayflower*—a severe drought threatened their crops. Consequently, a day of prayer was observed, an abundant rain saved the harvest, and a Day of Thanksgiving was established. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for “Thanksgiving and Praise to Our Beneficent Father” on the last Thursday of November (later moved to the fourth Thursday).

However, thanking God isn’t just a one-day event; it’s meant to be a perennial practice. Recall the lesson of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one of whom returned to thank him. (See Luke 17:11–19.) People who don’t take their blessings for granted return thanks to God in prayer. Therefore, offer brief prayers of gratitude to God throughout the day, every day, for such gifts as your health and faith, the freedoms allowed in this country, “thy daily bread,” and the Eucharist—a word that means “thanksgiving.”

“Become what you pray”—a grateful disciple of our Lord! ●

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	Weekday	Weekday	Thanksgiving Day (US)	Weekday	Weekday	First Sunday of Advent
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20	Dn 2:31–45	Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28	Sir 50:22–24	Dn 7:2–14	Dn 7:15–27	Is 2:1–5
Lk 21:1–4	Lk 21:5–11	Lk 21:12–19	1 Cor 1:3–9	Lk 21:29–33	Lk 21:34–36	Rom 13:11–14
			Lk 17:11–19			Mt 24:37–44



## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Listen to [Christ's] offer of love and become his one family: in the One Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!*

HOMILY, MAY 18, 2025

