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November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 2:1-5 / Romans 13:11-14 / Matthew 24:37-44

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Waiting, but Quick!

MIGUEL DULICK

This is the **first Sunday of Advent**, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” The psalmist announces we are already there: “And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.” Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of “revelation” yet to come “on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: “Be watchful! Be alert!” The Lord “is coming,” but he’s not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not “sleep,” lest we miss him!

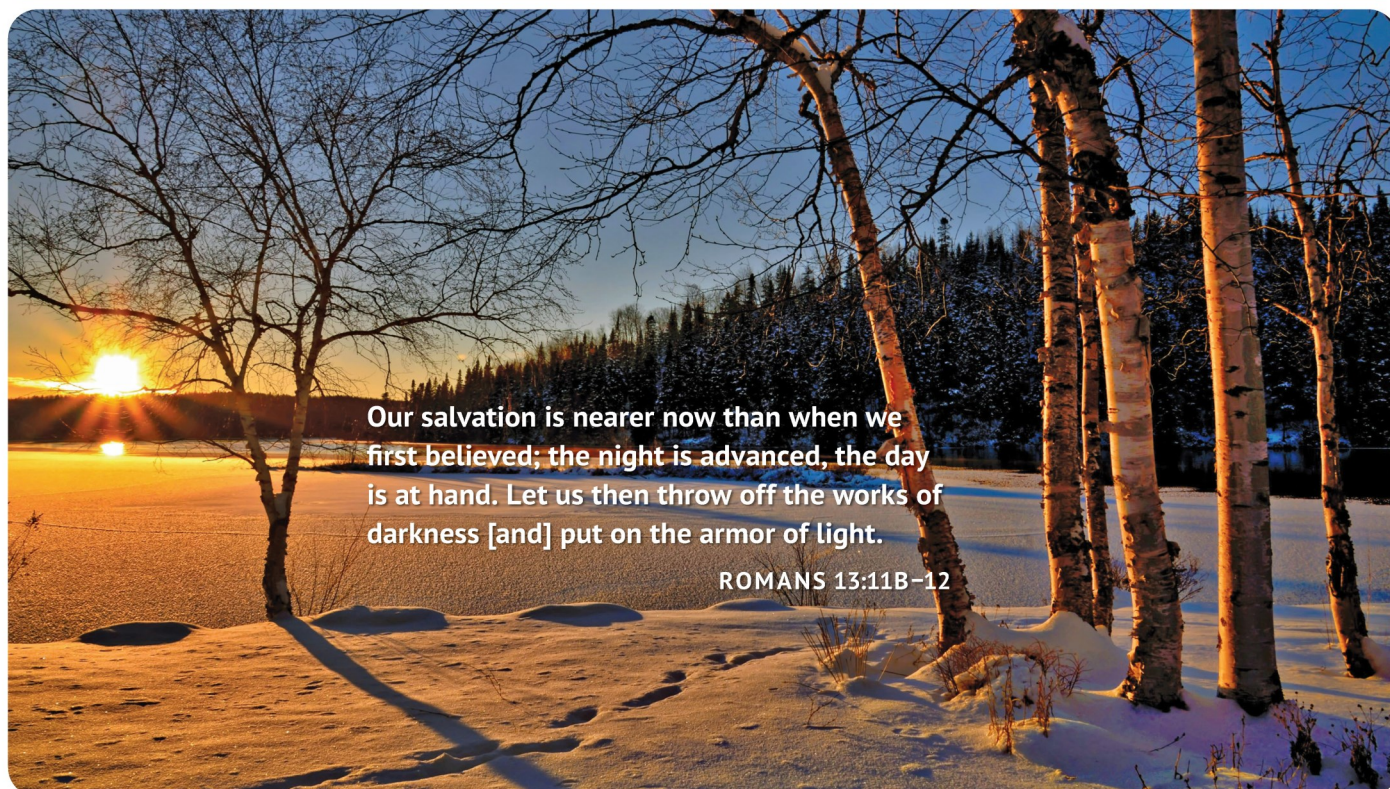
How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the “Merry Christmas!” / “Happy Holidays!” debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there’s no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So let’s keep waiting; let’s hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let’s not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately “anticipate” Christmas. Let’s cheer each other: Merry Advent! ●



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LEARN ABOUT
AUTHOR
MIGUEL
DULICK

Reflect

What can I do to prepare for Christmas mindfully, peacefully, and joyfully?



Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.

ROMANS 13:11B-12

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First Sunday of Advent



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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
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29		
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 Confession (confessional located at the main entrance) Confession (confessional located at the south entrance) Rosary (For an increase of vocations to the single chaste life and marriage) Mass +Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council #5599	Monte Cassino Shrine
12:15 to 1:00 p.m.		Church (SM)
3:15 to 3:45 p.m.		Historic Church (SB)
3:35 p.m.		Historic Church (SB)
4:00 p.m.		Historic Church (SB)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
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 +John Frederic Wilson (Anniversary of Birth)	Church (SM)
8:30 a.m.	Sacrament of Baptism: Maelyn Josephine Schlachter [Parents: Matthew Vincent and Morgan May (Hessig) Schlachter; Godparents: Lance Robert Elmer and Sarah Mae (Schlachter) Smith] Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass (parishioners, pilgrims and guests welcome)	Church (SM)
8:40 a.m.		Church (SM)
9:30 a.m.		Church (SM)
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.	F3 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)	Church: South Sacristy (SM)
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED (THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY)	
3:50 p.m.	Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)	Historic Church (SB)
4:15 p.m.	Mass +Ronald "Ron" James Zoglman •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, DECEMBER 2		
7:15 a.m.	Mass +Phyllis Kay (Lasher) Bender	Church (SM)
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Reserved for Team A	Parish Office: Office C
8:15 to 9:00 a.m.	Deacon Mike's Series: "How God's Covenants ... Are Fulfilled in Jesus"	Parish Office: Room G
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Parish Staff Meeting	Parish Office: Room G-A
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts 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	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB) Parish Office: Room H Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3	FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, CO-PATRON OF ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS	
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (concludes with litany followed by Benediction)	Church (SM)
3:30 p.m.	Confession (confessional at glass chapel located at the main entrance)	Church (SM)
4:15 p.m.	Mass +Ruth Oda (Aders) Werne (Anniversary of Birth)	Church (SM)
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Church (SM)
6:00 to 7:15 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration: Quiet Prayer with Jesus	Historic Church (SB)
6:15 to 7:20 p.m.	F3 Programs and Activities for Kindergarten - Grade 6	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
6:15 to 7:20 p.m.	F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4		
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 +Walter Martin Troesch	Historic Church (SB)
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	Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5		
7:15 a.m.	Mass Prayers for Health and Healing	Church (SM)
1:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Parish Directory Photos	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB) Rooms 102, 106

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

PARISH STAFF

Reception/Main Number	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>		
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	<i>Actively seeking to fill position</i>	812-357-6058
Office Assistant	<i>Position open</i>	812-357-6059
Parish Office Custodial Services	Ms. Sue Wiederkehr	812-357-6053
Parish Secretary	<i>Position open</i>	812-357-6051
Pastor	Father Paul Nord, OSB	812-357-6739
Permanent Deacon	Deacon Mike Fish	812-357-6055
Sacramental Assistant	Father Joseph Cox, OSB	812-357-6611
Sacramental Assistant	Father Michael Reyes, OSB	812-357-6611
Seminarian Intern	Seminarian Kris Garlitch	812-357-6611
Cemetery Sexton <i>Records and Plot Sales</i>	<i>Actively seeking to fill position</i>	812-357-6050
• St. Boniface Cemetery Commission	<i>Position open</i>	812-357-6050
• St. Meinrad Cemetery Commission	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 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](#).

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.

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.





December 'Wish List' for Families Served by Catholic Charities Tell City



The December "Wish List" for Catholic Charities Tell City is **canned soups and Vienna sausages in pop-top cans.**

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](#), Service and Outreach Commission Chair.

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December 'Wish List' for North Spencer Community Action Center



The December "Wish List" for North Spencer Community Action Center is **oatmeal, cereal, and dry milk.**

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](#), 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 29, 2025

* Intentions listed for 30 days, unless otherwise requested.

- For the repose of the soul of Michael "Mike" Joseph Gramelspacher, St. Boniface Parish, who died on November 21, 2025. (11/24)
- 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, health and healing (11/29)
- Delores W, St. Meinrad Parish, in thanksgiving for prayers and a return to health (11/12)

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

How to Begin with Online Giving

Here are links to get started:

- sbcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/
- smcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/

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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Red Cross Blood Drive Planned for Monday, December 8



Sign up to donate blood on Monday, December 8, at Saint Meinrad Archabbey. To register, please use this link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive/>. The blood drive will be held in the wellness classroom in Newman Hall. For information, contact Jill Memmer at

812-357-6616.

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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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Monthly Prayer Books Available in Church on December 9



Copies of the January 2026 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 the 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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Bookmobile Stop in Adyeville Will Be Monday, December 8



Perry County Bookmobile stops occur in all areas of the county.

At these stops, a wide range of materials is available, including the newest books for adults and children, current and classic DVDs, magazines, and MiFi's.

You can also pick up books that were put on hold, return books, get a library card, and ask questions of the staff.

The [Perry County Bookmobile](#) will visit Adyeville from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Monday, December 8. For more information, call the library at 812-547-2661.

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Join us for prayers, scripture and music that acknowledge God's presence for those who mourn and struggle with loss during the holidays. Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB, will offer a message of God's hope to shine light into the darkness.

Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will follow.

For planning purposes, RSVP requested, but not required, to info@abbeycaskets.com or call 800.987.7380.

Parking is available in the Guest House Parking Lot.

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Michael Gramelspacher Jr., St. Boniface Parish, Dies November 21



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael "Mike" Joseph Gramelspacher Jr., St. Boniface Parish, who died on Friday, November 21, 2025, at Deaconess Hospital, Evansville, IN.

Becher Funeral Home in Ferdinand, IN, was in charge of arrangements.

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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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Weekly Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

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

Wednesday: 6 to 7:15 p.m. Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church (only when F3 sessions are scheduled)

For more information, type "adoration" in the search feature of the parish website.

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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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.

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Mass Schedule Announced for Immaculate Conception Solemnity



The Mass schedule for the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, December 8, 2025, will be:

- 4:15 p.m. Mass, Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church
- 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Meinrad Catholic Church

The solemnity is a holy day of obligation, declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854 that Mary was conceived without original sin.

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Family Faith

Liturgical Year

Advent

Kindergarten

During Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come into our hearts.

Chapter Summary

In the Old Testament, God promised to send a Savior, and He prepared His people for the Savior to come. The New Testament shows us that God kept His promise. Each year during Advent, we wait and do many things to prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, at Christmas.

More for Parents

The best gift you can give your children this Christmas season is the gift of their faith. During Advent, spend time praying as well as reading the Bible and reading about the lives of the saints. Most of all, be a witness to the faith in everything you do. Teach by example, especially in small acts of kindness and forgiveness.

Our Family Prays Together

Dear God, thank You for Your love. Help us prepare our hearts for Jesus this Advent season. Amen.

Let's Talk about It as a Family

- *Did God's people have to wait a long time for the coming of the Savior?* (Yes.)
- *What do we call the four weeks of preparation for Christmas?* (Advent.)
- *What color do we use during Advent to remind us to be sorry?* (Purple.)
- *What do we use to count the weeks of Advent?* (Advent wreath.)

Let's Live Our Faith

Choose one or more of the following:

- Prepare for Christmas by having each family member tell that he is sorry for the wrongs he has done and asking for forgiveness. Talk about how God forgives us and how we should forgive those who have hurt us.
- Discuss some other things that your family can do during Advent to prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus.

Family Faith Activities

Choose one or more of the following to do as a family:

- As parents, nurture the virtue of love in your family this Advent season. Have everyone in the family take turns doing random acts of kindness for one another. Each time someone makes an act of kindness, add a piece of straw to the empty manger (made out of a small paper lunch sack) to prepare for the coming of Jesus on Christmas.
- Make an Advent wreath for your kitchen table. (Instructions can be found on the parent portal.) Light the candles each night at dinnertime. Say a prayer asking Jesus to help your family prepare for His coming at Christmas.
- Help others who are less fortunate by adopting a family for Christmas through your parish. Let your children help pick out the gifts or food so that they can appreciate the gift of giving of themselves.

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

This Week on Formed

Week of November 30, 2025



Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent | Trailer

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.



Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week one: watchfulness.



Week One | Encountering Emmanuel with Heather Khym

In week one, Heather speaks about the first reason for the Incarnation—Jesus saves us. Heather helps us to give our sorrows to Jesus, and open our hearts to the saving power of Christ.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Sunday Scripture Commentary by Father Paul Nord, OSB

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Response: Psalm 122:1-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Sign up to have your photo taken for the Parish Photo Directory this Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (December 4, 5, or 6). See this link: <https://sbcatholic.church/news/new-dates-added-for-photo-appointments-for-parish-directory>

You could instead search the parish website for "directory photo." Or call the Parish Office. I hope that you will find time to have your photo taken. This is our first Parish Photo Directory since 2015. Thank you!

Today begins the season of Advent, in which we prepare our lives for the coming of Jesus Christ, our savior. Advent is a time to recommit ourselves to a life of prayer and Christian discipleship. During Advent, the daily and Sunday Mass readings emphasize our anticipation of Christ's coming. Celebrating Christmas without Advent is like having a wedding without an engagement. We need focused time to prepare our hearts for receiving God's greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ.

December 8 (Monday) is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. This means that we are expected to go to Mass, just like on Sunday. On that day, we will have a 4:15 p.m. Mass at St. Boniface, followed by a 6:15 p.m. Mass at St. Meinrad.

In honoring Mary's Immaculate Conception, we celebrate how God prepared Mary to be the mother of his only Son – by causing Mary to be conceived without original sin, before her own birth. If you have ever worn or seen a "Miraculous Medal," you might know the prayer on that medal: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

Isaiah is most prominent among the prophets whose readings are chosen by the Church for the Advent liturgies. Many passages of Isaiah anticipate the coming of Jesus the Messiah, which heralds a new age. This "Messianic age" or "the Kingdom of God" is when all opposed to God will be defeated.

Today we begin a new liturgical year with the first Sunday of Advent. The liturgical season of Advent prepares for Christmas, in which we celebrate the Incarnation – the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who became man. "Advent" means "come to." That is, during Advent we prepare for Christ "coming to" us.

As we begin Advent (Year A), the Responsorial is Psalm 122. It describes pilgrims journeying to Jerusalem for a major feast: "now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem." They would gather around the Temple – "the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122 anticipates entering into God's presence, praising his work of salvation: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord!" In Christ's incarnation, Jesus came to us as a little child, and then as a man, he died for our sins. But instead of us going to "the house of the Lord," God has come to us – Emmanuel. This is God's action, not our own. We respond with rejoicing.

Psalm 122 was used for the Responsorial also last Sunday, the last week of Ordinary Time (Year C). At the end of the liturgical year, we looked forward to Christ's return at the end of this age, when he will destroy sin and death forever. In his second coming, Christ will come to us in glory, re-creating heaven and earth anew.

Advent is a season of hope and preparation. We recall how the people of Israel prayed and waited centuries for God's redemption. The prophets foretold that God would send a "Messiah" (Christ) – one whom God anoints to save his people from oppression. Through the prophets, God prepared his people Israel – and all humanity – for salvation from sin and death.

Isaiah is most prominent among the prophets whose readings are chosen by the Church for the Advent liturgies. Many passages of Isaiah anticipate the coming of Jesus the Messiah, which heralds a new age. This "Messianic age" or "the Kingdom of God" is when all opposed to God will be defeated.

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December Birthdays

- 1 Ben Mangum, Travis Brown, Rich Peters, Luke Rickelman, Pat Scherer, Vickie Snyder
- 2 Amanda Kern, Karen Peters
- 3 Alexis Nadin
- 4 Andy Gray, Tanner Feltner, Maison Ficker
- 5 Crystal Auffart
- 6 Kayla Arnold, Rosie Scott
- 7 Anita Hedinger
- 8 Cinda Schipp
- 9 Jenna Kress
- 10 Vanesa Auffart, Wyatt Haake
- 12 Esther Gehlhausen, Ron Scherzer, Jordan Boehman, Lindsey Hagedorn
- 13 Mark Hagedorn, Tammy Sprinkle, Anna Fischer
- 14 Kara Forler, Luke Mullis
- 15 Jeremy Schipp, Jack Gogel, Rebecca Greulich, Jackie Waninger
- 16 Lyla Kate Gray, Brent Beier, Christopher Kern, Mark Schilling
- 17 Sam Jent, Adrienne Collignon, Adalyn Haeffling, Joe Harper, Jerod Schaefer, Ashley Sitzman
- 18 Jackson Echelbarger, Rachel Berg, Blake Ficker
- 19 Mark Schatz, Hayley Arnold, Adryan Oeding, Sharon Schwindel
- 20 Marja Schatz
- 21 Logan Kloeck, Hayley Waninger, Chris Lutz, Brianne Hopf, Donna Seifrig, Payson Berg, Easton Greulich
- 22 Trenton Zimmerman
- 23 Mary L. Denning, Lacey Schepers
- 24 Ron Boehman, Joe Ficker, Alan Waninger
- 25 Chad Vaal
- 26 Nathan Sitzman
- 27 Brian Schaefer, Luke Ebert, Anna Mae Werne, Linda Mae Dilger, Adele Harper
- 29 Clint Scherzer, Anja Greulich, Daniel Roos
- 30 Danny Fischer
- 31 Cindy Greulich

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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).

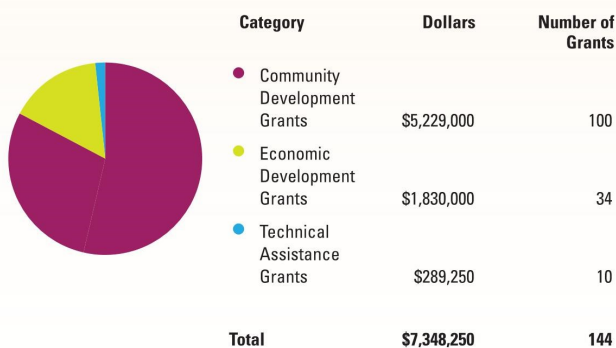
This spirit of cooperation, sustainability, and human dignity animates the work of organizations like La Cosecha Community Supported Agriculture, a cooperative farm network in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which makes

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.

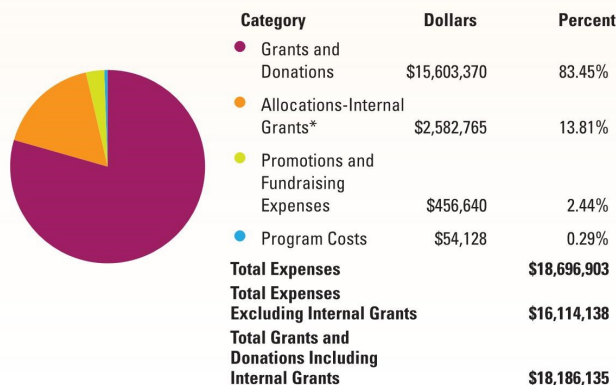
CCHD-funded organizations show how we can care for the environment, address the needs of the poor, and support responsible and sustainable local businesses at the same time. When you participate in the CCHD collection, you help not only other communities but also your own, because 25% of your contribution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

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Isaiah's prophecy begins (Isaiah 1) with a formal introduction of Isaiah as the "son of Amoz," who had a vision. Today's reading (Isaiah 2) has a similar formal introduction, which indicates that the text is a prophetic vision about "days to come." Both introductions describe Isaiah's visions as "concerning Judah and Jerusalem."

The prophecy is this: "the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain... All nations shall stream toward it." This anticipates all earth's peoples seeking salvation from "the God of Jacob." For this reason, "many peoples" shall say "let us climb the LORD's mountain...that he may instruct us in his ways."

The reading takes a new turn: "For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem." The imagery is symmetrical – many peoples *stream towards Jerusalem*, and the word of the Lord "*shall go forth*" – *from Jerusalem* to all the world. God "shall judge between the nations" – imposing peace and justice.

Consequently, these many peoples "shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." These instruments of war shall be converted into tools of food production. The Lord will command that "one nation shall not raise the sword against another" anymore. The present age of violence shall end – replaced by God's justice.

The reading closes with this exhortation: "O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" Reading this prophecy motivates us to repent, that we may live lives that reflect God's holiness. During this Advent season, we anticipate Christ's coming. Together we pray as Christ taught us: "Our Father... thy kingdom come!"

Next, St. Paul writes to the Romans: "You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep." "Our salvation" has now drawn near – "the night is advanced, the day is at hand." This compares the present age of sin and death to the darkness of

night. But dawn will come soon – the coming of Christ is soon.

With this urgency, Paul gives the Christians of Rome this exhortation: "Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day." Again, "light" is associated with living holy lives.

"Darkness" is an image of sin. Paul lists sins to avoid: "not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy."

Paul then says: "But *put on* the Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 14). This is "*clothing*" language. It likely reflects the Christian practice of "putting on" a white garment when we are baptized in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This echoes Paul's earlier exhortation "*put on* the armor of light" (v. 12).

Again, Paul exhorts us to turn away from sin: "make no provision for the desires of the flesh." In baptism, we "*put on*" Christ like a garment. Paul repeatedly uses this language in his letters. Christ covers and transforms us in his image and likeness.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about how "it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." This is about Christ's second coming. As we profess in the Nicene Creed: Jesus Christ "will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead."

Jesus – "the Son of Man" – compares his second coming to "the day that Noah entered the ark." Noah and his family were rescued from the flood, but many others perished. We now await "the coming of the Son of Man."

We are like those people *before the flood*, in "the days of Noah." Like them, we are "eating and drinking," and rejoicing with those newly married. But the joys of our present moment will end. We must be ready for Christ's approaching judgment. Jesus tells his disciples: "stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." This Advent season, may we be ready – indeed eager – for Christ's return.

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 sbccatholic.church/giving-tuesday or smccatholic.church/giving-tuesday to make an online gift.

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End-of-Year Reminders for Giving, Holiday Schedule, and Bulletins

Still Time to Make a Difference: There is still time to help those who are financially struggling with your regular support of the St. Nicholas' Helping Hands Fund.

Assistance by the Service and Outreach Commission has helped individuals with the co-pay for their medications, provided shoes for some local students, and purchased some regulation sports gear needed for a youth who could not otherwise participate.

While responding to requests is limited by the amount in the fund, anyone with a need can make a request by email; requests must come from the individual in need or a family member.

An envelope for this parish-based ministry is included in the monthly envelope packet. Please make sure your check is made payable to the parish church, clearly marking in the memo:

SNHH Fund #4098. If you would like to support this fund or have questions, contact the Service and Outreach Commission chair, [Sue Kloeck](#).

Christmas Holiday Hours and Bulletin Publication: The Parish Office will be closed December 24 – January 1 for the Christmas Holiday. Father Paul will be in the office by appointment for pastoral care and counseling and sacramental preparation and formation. He will also be available after Masses. Due to the holiday schedule, there will be no bulletin on the weekend of December 27-28.

Share Your Family Milestones: News to share with your parish family! We want to hear from you as it happens. For birth announcements, anniversaries, awards and recognitions and to list upcoming community events and programs, visit the recently updated "News To Share" form from the home page by entering News to Share at the search feature. Learn how to also submit photos and videos when you submit your news.

Financial Gifts: Your Gift Makes a Difference

Your generous support sustains our parish ministries, programs and activities throughout the year. Consider directing your gift to ongoing mission and ministry needs or to one of our permanent endowments that ensure the long-term care of our church buildings, cemeteries and pastoral ministries for generations to come.

Year-End Charitable Giving

Start planning your year-end charitable giving now. When you itemize deductions, charitable gifts are subtracted from the amount subject to tax, providing welcome savings at tax time while supporting your parish community.

Qualified Charitable Distribution

A qualified charitable distribution remains a tax-free way to give to your parish or other qualified 501(c)(3) organizations, including funds managed by the Catholic Community Foundation and the Community Foundation Alliance of Perry and Spencer Counties.

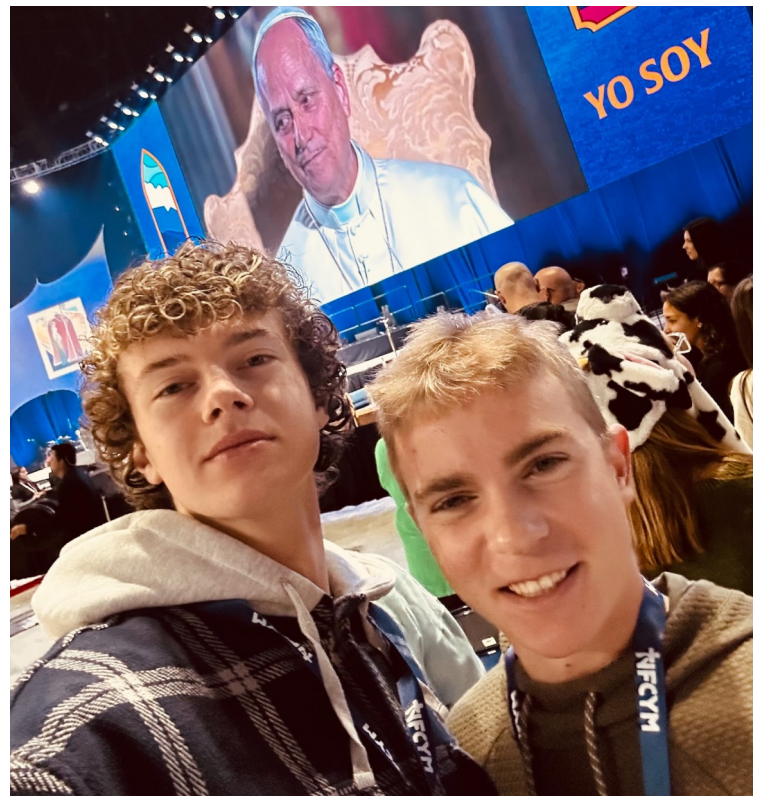
You must be at least age 70½ to use a qualified charitable distribution. Beginning in 2023, Required Minimum Distribution begins at age 73. Check with your financial advisor for guidance.

In recent years, some parishioners have adopted this practice to meet their annual stewardship obligations with a yearly tax-free gift to support parish ministries, programs and activities. Others have designated their qualified charitable distribution as a perpetual gift to one or more parish endowments to support ongoing and future pastoral ministries or the long-term care of church buildings or cemeteries.

For more information or a confidential conversation about qualified charitable distribution, contact the Parish Office at 812-357-6050 or finance@myparishfamily.church.

EOY Deadline: Any contributions for this calendar year will need to be postmarked by December 31, if mailed, or submitted online by midnight on December 31. The drop box on the door of the Parish Office will be checked each day, as well.

For the EIN number for your parish and a complete list of endowments and their fund numbers, which your financial advisor may need, please use the QR code to visit the website page.



Students Attend NCYC in Indy and Hear Video Talk by Pope Leo


Carsten King, left, and Marshall Snyder were among the thousands of students who attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis last weekend. Pope Leo gave a video talk to the group. Here is a link to that talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHSWW-c-fHM/>

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, November 29 at 4 p.m. Vigil Mass for Sunday Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	Sunday, November 30 at 6 a.m. Mass for Sunday Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	Sunday, November 30 at 8:30 a.m. Mass for Sunday St. Meinrad Catholic Church
Porter	NOT FILLED	LeeRay Tempel Clara Tempel	Christopher Kern
Sacristan	Maddie Gudorf	LeeRay Tempel Clara Tempel	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		Sally Gravatte
Rosary Leader	Carol J. Waninger		Sally Gravatte
Livestream for Mass	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Hospitality (Greeters)	NOT FILLED - Main Door	NOT FILLED - Main Door	Amanda Wilmes and Brad Wilmes - Main Door
Priest	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant
Deacon	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Acolyte of the Altar	Aidan Haefling	Marshall Snyder	Carson J. Kern
Acolyte of the Word	Edmund Sitzman	Tanner Wilson	Cayli Kern
Crucifer (Cross Bearer)	Charlotte Sitzman	Axl Schroer	Carly Kern
Candle Bearer	Livy Schaefer Leo Chaney	Liam Kress Ayla Schroer	Nicholas Lutz Thomas Lutz
Proclamation of the Word	Pam Davis - First Reading Dawson Waninger - Second Reading Courtney Blalock - Prayer of the Faithful	Vickie Snyder - First Reading Faith Schaefer - Second Reading Vickie Snyder - Prayer of the Faithful	Cora Lasher - First Reading Melanie Fetter - Second Reading Marilyn Becker - 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	Alfred Birchler Paul Gerlach Denny Rickelman Jim Mullis	Ben Ebert Tom Kloeck Mark Ruxer Larry Waninger
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)	Michelle Blalock - Paten Maddie Gudorf - Paten Michael Gudorf - Paten Courtney Blalock - Chalice Jenny Kunkler - Chalice Karen Peters - Chalice Becky Wesner - Chalice Michelle Blalock - Pyx (loft) Carsten King - Chalice (loft)	Courtney Blalock - Paten Sharon Gerlach - Chalice Marshall Snyder - Chalice Courtney Blalock - Pyx (loft) Sharon Gerlach - Chalice (loft)	Marlin Flaherty - Paten Brianne Hopf - Paten Cindy Sitzman - Paten Mary L. Denning - Chalice Bobby Gogel - Chalice Kathy Ruxer - Chalice Carol Schwoeppe - Chalice Marlin Flaherty - Pyx (loft) Bobby Gogel - 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)	Renae Harper	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED

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Catholic Charities Tell City

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

Knights of Columbus #5599 (SM)

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

Martin's Cloak Food Pantry

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

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

COMMISSION CHAIRS

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
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
Worship	Taylor Blalock

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)

Position Open, 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

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ONLINE GIVING: HOW TO GET STARTED



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

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- Here are links to get started:
sbcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/
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	
176	# of Households	224
430	# of Souls	456
	MASS COUNT	
In-Person	November 17-23, 2025	Livestream
11	Monday	6
16	Tuesday	2
22	Wednesday	10
10	Thursday	8
15	Friday	4
135	Saturday (Vigil for Sunday) 4 p.m.	17
53	Sunday 6 a.m.	13
149	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	9
Church Capacity:	360 (SB) Parish #076; 430 (SM) Parish #137	
	FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP	
Updated: 11/25/2025	November 10-16, 2025	
\$535	Online Giving	\$780
\$1,125	Offertory	\$1,823

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One Family In Faith

Second Sunday of Advent



Sanctuary Lamp
December 7, 2025
Luminary

To make a memorial
gift for a luminary,
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St Boniface Parish **+Frances Ann (Linne) Powers**
St. Meinrad Parish **+Elmer Dominic and +Clarissa E. (Mehling) Fischer**

ORDO (Order of Prayer)

Liturgy of the Hours	II
Lectionary	4
Eucharistic Prayer	III
Mystery of Faith	A

DATE / TIME	CALENDAR EVENT	LOCATION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6		
8:00 a.m.	Mass (May - October at 7 a.m.; November - April at 8 a.m.) • <i>Mass begins at 8 a.m. through Saturday, April 25, 2026</i> Parish Directory Photos	Monte Cassino Shrine
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.		Parish Center/Shelter House (SB) Rooms 102, 106
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.	Mass <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> "Mass for the People"	Historic Church (SB)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
6:00 a.m.	Mass +Clarence Henry Knust	Historic Church (SB)
8:05 a.m.	Rosary (For increased vocations to priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life)	Church (SM)
8:30 a.m.	Mass +Arthur Joseph Werne (Anniversary of Death)	Church (SM)
8:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church (SM)
9:30 a.m.	Mass (Parishioners, pilgrims and guests welcome)	Archabbey Church
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	St. Boniface Ladies Sodality Christmas Party	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
9:45 to 11:00 a.m.	F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9	Parish Office (SM)
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.	F3 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)	Church: South Sacristy (SM)
10:15 a.m.	Sacrament of Baptism: Mila Jean Broshears [Parents: Andrew Michael and Megan Jean (Ficker) Broshears; Godparents: Maison Andrew Ficker and Paige Shavonne (Taylor) Ambrose]	Historic Church (SB)
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Parish Office closed)	
3:50 p.m.	Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)	Historic Church (SB)
4:15 p.m.	Mass Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) • <i>Third Monday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council</i> • <i>Fourth Monday, 5:15 to 6 p.m. Pastoral Council Officers</i> <i>No meetings in April, July, August, November</i>	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105 Parish Office: Room G
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Pack 102 Cub Scout Meeting	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
6:15 p.m.	Mass Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)	Church (SM)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9		
7:15 a.m.	Mass +Xavier Thomas Dawson	Church (SM)
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Reserved for Team B	Parish Office: Office C
8:15 to 9:00 a.m.	Deacon Mike's Series: "How God's Covenants ... Are Fulfilled in Jesus"	Parish Office: Room G
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Parish Staff Meeting	Office: Room G-A Parish Office: Room H
	• <i>First and third Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.</i> Formation sessions for sacraments and pastoral counseling	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105
	• <i>Second and fourth Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.</i> Parish Commission Meetings	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10		
3:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (concludes with litany followed by Benediction)	Church (SM)
3:30 p.m.	Confession (confessional at glass chapel located at the main entrance)	Church (SM)
4:15 p.m.	Mass +Robert Joseph May (Anniversary of Death)	
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Church (SM)
6:00 to 7:15 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration: Quiet Prayer with Jesus	Historic Church (SB)
6:15 to 7:20 p.m.	F3 Programs and Activities for Kindergarten - Grade 6	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
6:15 to 7:20 p.m.	F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 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)	Historic Church (SB)
12:05 p.m.	Mass +Earl Anthony Peters	Historic Church (SB)
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12		
7:15 a.m.	Mass +Gerald Erwin Jacob	Church (SM)



Dear Padre,

Is Advent a penitential season?

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are “every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent” (*Code of Canon Law*, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. (See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 39.) While Advent is more



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anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.” Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas.

Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord’s coming (*adventus* in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior’s Incarnation. ●

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7
Advent	Advent	St. Francis	Advent	Advent	Advent	Second Sunday
Weekday	Weekday	Xavier, Priest	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	of Advent
Is 4:2–6	Is 11:1–10	Is 25:6–10a	Is 26:1–6	Is 29:17–24	Is 30:19–21,	Is 11:1–10
Mt 8:5–11	Lk 10:21–24	Mt 15:29–37	Mt 7:21, 24–27	Mt 9:27–31	23–26	Rom 15:4–9
					Mt 9:35–10:1,	Mt 3:1–12
					5a, 6–8	



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We are called to offer God’s love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.

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