

**Second Sunday of Advent (A)**

Isaiah 11:1–10 / Romans 15:4–9 / Matthew 3:1–12

# Will You Notice the Shoot?

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**T**oday's first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: "The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low" (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the "mighty" who make great noise when they fall. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees," echoes John the Baptist in today's gospel. If we are looking



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for where God's Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

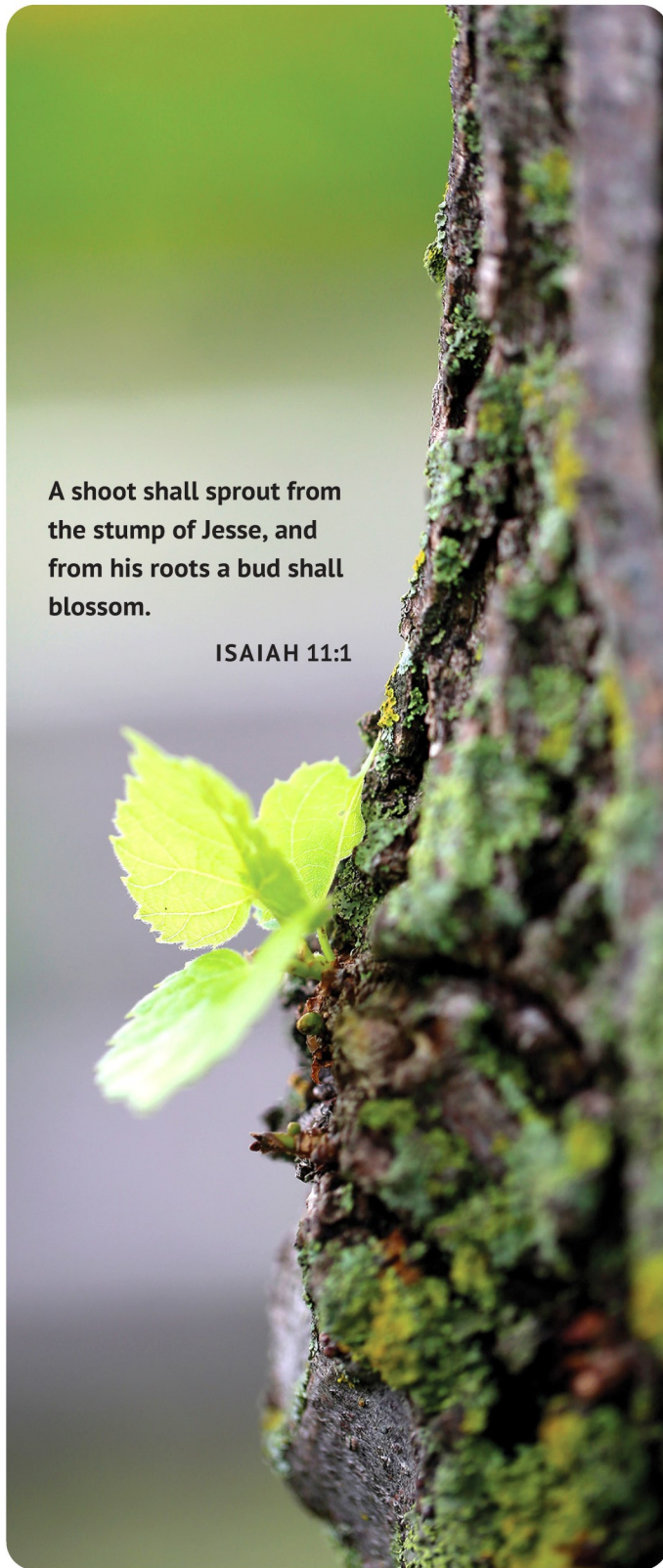
The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. ●

## Reflect

***Are my eyes open to the small signs of God's work  
in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?***

**A shoot shall sprout from  
the stump of Jesse, and  
from his roots a bud shall  
blossom.**

ISAIAH 11:1



## HISTORIC ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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One Family In Faith

# Second Sunday of Advent



Sanctuary Lamp  
**December 7, 2025**  
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)

Lectionary	4
Eucharistic Prayer	III
Mystery of Faith	A

DATE / TIME	CALENDAR EVENT	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6</b>		
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> (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> <b>Parish Directory Photos</b>	<b>Monte Cassino Shrine</b>
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.		<b>Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)</b> <b>Rooms 102, 106</b>
12:15 to 1:00 p.m.	<b>Confession</b> (confessional at glass chapel located at the main entrance)	<b>Church (SM)</b>
3:15 to 3:45 p.m.	<b>Confession</b> (confessional at glass chapel located at the south entrance)	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
3:35 p.m.	Rosary (For an increase of vocations to the single chaste life and marriage)	Historic Church (SB)
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> "Mass for the People"</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
6:00 a.m.	<b>Mass +Clarence Henry Knust</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
8:05 a.m.	Rosary (For increased vocations to priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life)	Church (SM)
8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass +Arthur Joseph Werne (Anniversary of Death)</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
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.	<b>F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9</b>	<b>Parish Office (SM)</b>
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.	<b>F3 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)</b>	<b>Church: South Sacristy (SM)</b>
11:00 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)
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 8</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Parish Office closed)</b>	
3:50 p.m.	Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)	Historic Church (SB)
4:15 p.m.	<b>Mass Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)</b> • <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>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b> 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.	<b>Mass Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9</b>		
7:15 a.m.	<b>Mass +Xavier Thomas Dawson</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
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	
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10</b>		
3:00 p.m.	<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 +Robert Joseph May (Anniversary of Death)</b>	
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Church (SM)
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 11</b>		
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Church cleaning	Church (SM)
11:40 a.m.	Rosary (For increased vocations to priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life)	Historic Church (SB)
12:05 p.m.	<b>Mass +Earl Anthony Peters</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM)
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12</b>		
7:15 a.m.	<b>Mass +Gerald Erwin Jacob</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>



# 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.**





## 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](http://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

### December: For Christian areas of conflict



Oh God, who through the precious blood of your Son reconciled the world to yourself: today we pray for Christians who live in contexts of war or conflict.

May they be seeds of reconciliation, showing mercy and seeking justice, building bridges between divided communities and always forgiving, as they have been forgiven by you.

May their presence and testimony contribute to reconciliation, to heal wounds and inspire others to build and follow a path towards peace.

Lord Jesus, who called peacemakers blessed, help us to become active instruments of peace in our communities, even when surrounded by violence and division.

Holy Spirit, guarantor of true hope: help Christians to be beacons of hope, keeping an unwavering faith and working tirelessly for a more just and peaceful world, trusting that a future of peace is possible with the Lord's help. Amen.

## Join Us in the Ministry of Prayer

### Recent Prayer Requests Received

*Updated December 1, 2025*

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

- For the repose of the soul of Marilyn Cecelia (Kerstiens) Mullis, St. Meinrad Parish, who died on November 30, 2025. (12/1)
- 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:

- [sbccatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/](http://sbccatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/)
- [smccatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/](http://smccatholic.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.



## 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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## 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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## Mass Schedule Announced for Christmas and New Year's



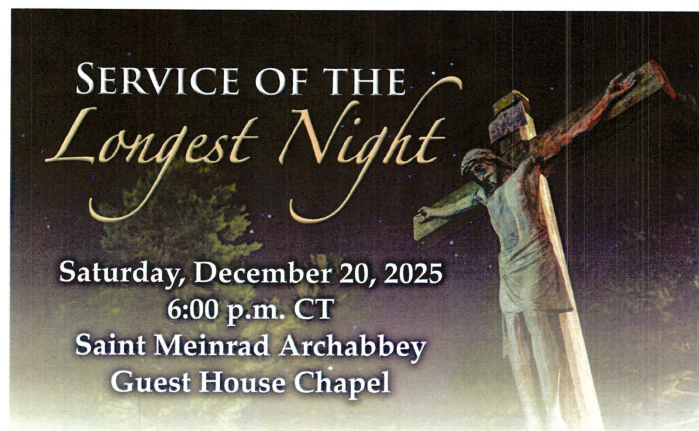
St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish announce the Mass schedule for Christmas and New Year's. On Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, Mass will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m. at St. Meinrad Catholic Church and at 6 p.m. at Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church.

On Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, Mass will be celebrated at midnight at Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church. Hymns and carols will be sung 30 minutes before Mass at the parish churches on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1) will be celebrated Wednesday, December 31, at 4 p.m. at Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church, with the patriotic rosary prayed before Mass at 3:15 p.m.

On New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, Mass will be celebrated for the Solemnity of Mary at 8:30 a.m. at St. Meinrad Catholic Church.

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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](mailto:info@abbeycaskets.com) or call 800.987.7380.

Parking is available in the Guest House Parking Lot.

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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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### Join the Monthly JOY Gathering for 55+ on Thursday, December 18



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

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

age 55+.

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

RSVP is not required. For more information, [email](mailto:romilda.pund@sbccatholic.church) Ms. Romilda Pund, JOY Coordinator.

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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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### 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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### Public Invited to Advent Choir Concert at St. Nicholas Church

Singers from St. Francis of Assisi and surrounding parishes will present a free Advent Choir Concert on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at St. Nicholas Church in Santa Claus, IN. The concert will be from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. The public is invited.

For information, call the St. Francis of Assisi parish office at 812-937-2200.

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### +JMJ+ FAMILY DAY FOR VOCATIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

9:00AM - 12:00PM

CATHOLIC CENTER



Join us for a day of prayer, learning, and FUN! Here's what you can expect:

- ✓ Eucharistic Adoration & Mass
- ✓ Crafts & Activities for ALL ages
- ✓ Meet seminarians, priests, & religious

**Noon: Special Lunch for High School Students**



REGISTRATION: [HTTPS://HEARGODSCALL.COM/FAMILY-DAY-FOR-VOCATIONS](https://heargodscall.com/family-day-for-vocations)



## Chapter 13: Jesus, Our Savior, Is Born

*Jesus, our Savior, was born in Bethlehem.*

### Chapter Summary

In fulfillment of the promise that God made to Adam and Eve, Jesus, our Savior, took on human flesh to save us from our sins and to open the gates of Heaven. Jesus was born in a humble stable and laid in a manger because there was no room for Him at the inn. The angels announced that Jesus would bring peace to people of goodwill. The wise men followed the star to find Jesus, the new King and Savior of the whole world. The Holy Family is the perfect model for all families. We are each called to be holy now and forever in Heaven.

### More for Parents

It is a beautiful truth that the Savior of the world came and entered into *family life*. As God, the Son needed nothing, but as a human, Jesus needed *parents*. The Son of God placed Himself under the obedience of Mary and Joseph. He listened to them, learned from them, did chores for the family, and helped others with their work. God's plan of salvation shows the beauty and dignity of the human family. It is through the family that God chose to save the world.

### Virtue in the Family

Saint John Vianney is attributed with saying, "Humility is to the various virtues what the chain is to a rosary; take away the chain and the beads are scattered; remove humility, and all virtues vanish."<sup>1</sup> Prayer teaches us humility. When we begin practicing prayer, we are quickly humbled by how often we get distracted and how easily we feel like giving up. Embrace humility in your life through prayer, and your virtue will flourish.

### Nurturing Humility in Family Life

- Prayer activity
  - Display your family's crèche for this activity or find a picture or painting of the Nativity.
  - Reflect in prayer as a family on the sight of Christ's humble Birth and on these points:
    - The majesty of Christ, the King of the universe
    - The humility of the infant Christ, still the King of the universe
  - Ask God to increase your humility and the virtue of charity in your lives.
  - End with this prayer together: "Dear God, thank You for this life You give us. We offer it back to You in charity. Amen."
- At a family meal, talk about what you think Jesus was like when He was the age of each of the children in your family.
- Find a family from church or in your community that might benefit from your help.
- Donate resources to a pregnancy support center or bring a meal to a family in need.

### Vocabulary Words for Your Children to Review

- **Good News**
- **Holy Family**
- **humility**
- **Nativity**

Find digital flash cards to help your children review on the parent portal.



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

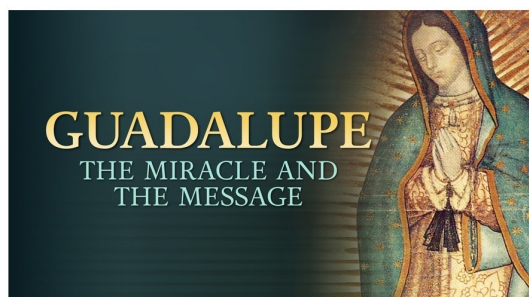
# This Week on Formed

## Week of December 07, 2025



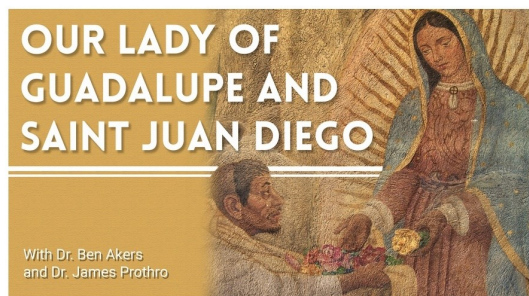
### What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



### Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.



### Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego | Catholic Saints

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro to discuss Mary's apparition to Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac hill under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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## PASTOR'S LETTER

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

#### Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Response: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
This Monday – December 8 – is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means that we are expected to go to Mass, like on Sunday. On Monday, we will have 4:15 p.m. Mass at St. Boniface, and 6:15 p.m. Mass at St. Meinrad.

Honoring the Virgin Mary's Immaculate Conception, we celebrate how God prepared Mary to be the mother of his only Son. Mary was conceived without original sin, before her own birth. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." This prayer is found on the Miraculous Medal, by which we ask for Mary's intercession.

"Are You Called to Be a Deacon?" pamphlets are in the back of church. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is accepting new applications for Permanent Deacon Formation. This is normally done once every five years. A new group of permanent deacon candidates will start their formation in September 2026. If you know of a Catholic man in our parishes whom you think would serve well as a deacon, tell him.

During this Advent season, I encourage you to strengthen your prayer life and to find ways to mark Advent as special in your daily life. Placed in the pews are copies of *The Little Blue Book*, which have Advent reflections on the Sunday Gospels. In the back of church are found *Give Us This Day* and *The Word Among Us* – two publications with Catholic Mass readings and daily meditations. You might include one of these in your daily prayer life.

**T**his Isaiah passage begins with a powerful image: "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse." King David's father was "Jesse."

The image speaks both of destruction ("the stump") and new growth ("a shoot shall sprout"). The new growth image prophesies the future coming of a descendant of King David who will do God's will.

The Church recognizes this prophecy as fulfilled in the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. The text says: "he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted." These are the governing actions of a just king, David's descendant.

This is a "Messianic" prophecy, which foretells the coming of the "Messiah." This title means "anointed one" – that is, he who is anointed as king, like David. "The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon" this righteous king, the Messiah. With this divine assistance, the Messiah will act with wisdom, understanding, [good] counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord – as this text says.

"The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them." Normal animal relationships – predator and prey – will be radically changed when the Messiah comes. Most powerful is the image of a vulnerable "little child" guiding wolf, leopard, and lion. The child has no cause for fear.

Likewise, "the cow and the bear" and "the lion [and] the ox" shall live together in peace. This second series of animals reaches a similar climax to the first animal series: "The baby shall play by the cobra's den." This is a world so peaceful that it strains our imagination. Such will be the kingdom of God.

The final verses envision the Gentiles journeying to God's dwelling place in Jerusalem ("my holy mountain"), because "the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD." "The nations" will "seek out" the place where King David's descendant ("the root of Jesse") will rule with God's justice.



### 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 Kloock, 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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26 November 2025

### *Make A Difference Today:*

- **Online:** Scan QR code below to make a one-time or recurring gift using debit card or credit card, and ACH (US only).
- **Envelope Packet:** An envelope for the Retirement Fund for Religious is included in your monthly packet.
- **Reminder:** Please make your check payable to the parish church, clearly marking in the memo: **RFR Annual Appeal #4030.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Retirement Fund for Religious was established in 1988 to help religious communities provide for senior members' current and future retirement and healthcare needs. Ninety-five percent of the proceeds are distributed to support the direct care of our aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. In 2023 parishioners from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis contributed approximately \$236,154.00 to the collection. Because of your generosity and that of donors from across the United States, the Benedictine Monks of St. Meinrad, the Conventual Franciscan Friars of Mount St. Francis, the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, and the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg received a combined total of over \$2,018,664.00 in financial support.

**The annual collection for 2025 will take place in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, December 13 - 14, 2025.** The escalating costs of prescriptions and healthcare make this collection an important source of funding for religious communities. Out of gratitude for their lives of dedication and service, I urge you to be as generous as you can to ensure the care of our sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support to the Retirement Fund for Religious. The benefits of your generosity cannot be overstated. In this season of gratitude I offer prayers for you and your families, as well as for the blessings the Church enjoys from the hands of men and women religious.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

*+ Charles C. Thompson*

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson  
Archbishop of Indianapolis





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St. Paul writes to the Christians in Rome: "Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction." Paul insists that the Old Testament has enduring value for disciples of Christ Jesus. Paul calls for unity among Christ's disciples: he prays that God "grant you to think in harmony with one another." He envisions them glorifying "with one voice... the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." This may depict the community united in prayer. In unison, they lift their voices – giving glory to God for salvation in Christ.

The final paragraph calls for unity and mutual hospitality between Gentile and Jewish disciples of Christ. Paul tells them: "Welcome one another... as Christ welcomed you." Paul says: "Christ became a minister of the circumcised" – that is, to Jews. But Christ also came for the Gentiles – so that they also "might glorify God."

The Gospel reading recounts the actions of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Christ's coming. During Advent, we also prepare ourselves for Christ's coming. John is "preaching in the desert of Judea." Very little rain falls east of Jerusalem. The Judean desert begins a little east of Jerusalem, and it stretches almost to the Jordan River and the Dead Sea.

John the Baptist calls the people to repentance. This call is made urgent by his announcement: "the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" While Matthew's Gospel usually uses the phrase "the kingdom of heaven," Mark's and Luke's Gospels speak of "the kingdom of God."

Both phrases describe the new reality in which God brings justice. This requires God's judgment on those who commit sin and violence. God gives salvation from all oppression. God's people must repent, so that they might be worthy to belong to God's kingdom of justice. John the Baptist cries out: "Repent!"

## Plan to Attend Advent Penance Service at a Local Church



Advent penance services will be held at the following days and times (all times are Central):

Sunday, December 7, at Christ the King Parish, Ferdinand, 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 14, at St. Mary's, Huntingburg, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 17, St. Boniface Parish, Fulda, 6:30 p.m.**

Thursday, December 18, at St. Joseph, Jasper, 3 p.m.

Confessions are available weekly at these times and locations:

- Wednesday, 3:30 - 4 p.m. at St. Meinrad Catholic Church
- Saturday, 12:15 to 1 p.m. at St. Meinrad Catholic Church
- Saturday, 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. at Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Online December 2, 2025 | Bulletin December 14, 2025

The prophecy of Isaiah 40:3 ("Prepare the way...") is fulfilled by John the Baptist. John's clothing and food demonstrate that he is living a life of repentance, as he calls God's people to do the same.

"The Pharisees and Sadducees coming to [John's] baptism." He rebukes them: "produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." Although they submit to John's baptism, they lack true repentance. Their actions are not producing "good fruit" – evidence of living righteously.

John emphasizes his message with the striking image of a tree being "cut down and thrown into the fire." This will be done to any tree "that does not bear good fruit" – a warning to repent. John points to the coming of Jesus the Christ: "the one who is coming after me is mightier than I... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

John's words indicate that Jesus' baptism purifies us – so that we might belong completely to God. Fire purifies. Christ's baptism also gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit – God's presence which enables us to live in imitation of Christ in a world of sin and death.

In Christ Jesus,

*Father Paul, OSB*

**YOUTH GROUP (CYO) GRADES 7-12**

# CHRISTMAS

# PARTY

**14TH DEC**  
**St. Boniface Parish Center**

**6-7:30PM**  
**INVITE A FRIEND!**



## 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](mailto: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.



## Marilyn (Kerstiens) Mullis, St. Meinrad Parish, Dies November 30



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Marilyn Cecelia (Kerstiens) Mullis of St. Meinrad Parish, who died on November 30, 2025, at Scenic Hills at the Monastery in Ferdinand, Indiana.

She was 82. Services are in the care of Becher Funeral Home in Ferdinand.

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## St. Boniface Ladies Sodality to Host Christmas Party on December 7



St. Boniface Ladies Sodality invites all women of the parish to a Christmas celebration and dinner on Sunday, December 7, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Boniface Parish Center, Fulda.

Guests are invited to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Bingo, festive games and social time will follow the meal.

For more information, contact Brenda Kleiser, 812-357-2147.

Online December 3, 2025 | Bulletin December 7, 2025




**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, December 6 at 4 p.m. Vigil Mass for Sunday Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	Sunday, December 7 at 6 a.m. Mass for Sunday Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	Sunday, December 7 at 8:30 a.m. Mass for Sunday St. Meinrad Catholic Church
Porter	Ryan Hildenbrand Kyler Hildenbrand	Alfred Birchler	NOT FILLED
Sacristan	Maddie Gudorf	Courtney Blalock	Ashley Springston Mark Toth
Bell Ringer (Five minutes before Mass, three assigned liturgical ministers peal bells for 2 minutes.)	NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #1 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #2 Ryan Hildenbrand - Tower Bell #3	NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #1 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #2 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #3	
Livestream for Rosary	NOT FILLED		Sally Gravatte
Rosary Leader	Carol J. Waninger		Susan Ippoliti
Livestream for Mass	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	Michael Blalock
Hospitality (Greeters)	Al Polster and Becky Polster - Main Door	NOT FILLED - Main Door	Diane Flaherty and Marlin Flaherty - 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	Michael Blalock	Brenley Beier
Acolyte of the Word	Kade Hildenbrand	Beckett Kress	Jayden Gray
Crucifer (Cross Bearer)	Charlotte Sitzman	Axl Schroer	Lyla Kate Gray
Candle Bearer	Lila Schaefer Edmund Sitzman	Liam Kress Ayla Schroer	Eli Gentry Clay Sitzman
Proclamation of the Word	Carol A. Waninger - First Reading Lillian Musgrave - Second Reading Carol A. Waninger - Prayer of the Faithful	Vickie Snyder - First Reading Lily Hubert - Second Reading Faith Schaefer - Prayer of the Faithful	Cora Lasher - First Reading Kylie Sitzman - Second Reading Carol Schwoeppe - 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 Denny Rickelman LeeRay Tempel Clara Tempel	Gary Graman Peyton Gray Mark Ruxer Hunter Gray
Signal Bell at Consecration (At the time of the <i>Epiclesis</i> , when the acolytes kneel at the altar, ring the tower bell until the acolytes again stand following the proclamation of the mystery of faith.)	Ryan Hildenbrand - Bell #3	NOT FILLED - Bell #3	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Individuals assigned to patens gather near Altar of St. Joseph, chalices near the Altar of Mary)	Michelle Blalock - Paten Courtney Blalock - Paten Amanda Gudorf - Paten Pam Davis - Chalice Maddie Gudorf - Chalice Karen Peters - Chalice Becky Wesner - Chalice Amanda Gudorf - Pyx (loft) Maddie Gudorf - Chalice (loft)	Kerry Snyder - Paten Alison Collignon - Chalice Faith Schaefer - Chalice Kerry Snyder - Pyx (loft) Alison Collignon - Chalice (loft)	Mary L. Denning - Paten Brienne Hopf - Paten Benjamin Mangum - Paten Ben Ebert - Chalice David Fromme - Chalice Kathy Ruxer - Chalice Carol Schwoeppe - Chalice Benjamin Mangum - Pyx (loft) Ginger Mullis - Chalice (loft)
Livestream for <i>Memorare</i> (Camera angle to include statue of Blessed Virgin Mary above BVM altar)	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Angelus Bell (Post-Mass)	Ryan Hildenbrand - Bell #1	NOT FILLED - Bell #1	
Hospitality (Post-Mass)	Joe Harper	NOT FILLED	Anna Vaal

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### AREA AGENCIES

#### 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)

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

#### OFFICERS

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

#### COMMISSION CHAIRS

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

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

### ONLINE GIVING: HOW TO GET STARTED



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

- St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish both use Realm for online giving. It is easy to use and secure.
- With online giving in Realm®, you can make one-time or recurring gifts using debit cards, credit cards, or eChecks (ACH).

• All gifts made online immediately show up in your giving history, along with any other online, text, or offline contributions.

- Whether a new or lifetime parishioner, a friend or neighbor, or an area business that supports the mission and ministry of St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish in Spencer County, Indiana, Realm Online Giving 24/7 and Realm Mobile Giving will work for all your giving needs.
- With Realm Mobile Giving, giving is never out of reach. Parishioners can give online with their mobile phones by signing into Realm from their mobile browser. Realm also takes advantage of mobile phone cameras. iPhone users can save time by scanning a credit card to quickly enter their payment method.
- Here are links to get started:  
[sbcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/](http://sbcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/)  
[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 24-30, 2025	Livestream
15	Monday	7
16	Tuesday	5
125	Wednesday	9
--	Thursday: No Mass	--
13	Friday	7
107	Saturday (Vigil for Sunday) 4 p.m.	20
61	Sunday 6 a.m.	10
137	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	18
Church Capacity:	360 (SB) Parish #076; 430 (SM) Parish #137	
	FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP	
Updated:12/2/2025	November 17-23, 2025	
\$265	Online Giving	\$495
\$982	Offertory	\$2,015



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One Family In Faith

# Third Sunday of Advent



Sanctuary Lamp  
**December 14, 2025**  
Luminary

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



St Boniface Parish **+Ronald "Ron" James Zoglman**  
St. Meinrad Parish **+Robert "Bob" Joseph Heeke**

### ORDO (Order of Prayer)

Lectionary	1
Eucharistic Prayer	IV
Mystery of Faith	C

DATE / TIME	CALENDAR EVENT	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13</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> 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 <b>Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People"</b>	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)
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
6:00 a.m.	Mass <b>+Leo Edward and +Loretta Gertrude (Berger) Seckinger</b> Rosary (For an increase of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life)	Historic Church (SB)
8:05 a.m.		Church (SM)
8:30 a.m.	Mass <b>+Hilda Clara (Weyer) Bertke</b>	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
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.	<b>F3 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)</b>	<b>Church: South Sacristy (SM)</b>
9:45 to 11:00 a.m.	<b>F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9</b>	<b>Parish Office (SM)</b>
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Youth Group (CYO) Grades 7-12 Christmas Party	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 15</b>		
3:50 p.m.	Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)	Historic Church (SB)
4:15 p.m.	Mass <b>+Eugene "Gene" William Gudorf</b> • 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	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b> Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105 Parish Office: Room G
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16</b>		
7:15 a.m.	Mass <b>+Albert A. (Anniversary of Birth) and +Lucille Catherine (Waninger) Miller</b> Reserved for Team C Deacon Mike's Series: "How God's Covenants ... Are Fulfilled in Jesus" Parish Staff Meeting 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	Church (SM) Parish Office: Office C Parish Office: Room G Parish Office: Room G-A Parish Center/Shelter House (SB) Parish Office: Room H Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17</b>		
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 at the main entrance)	Church (SM)
4:15 p.m.	Mass <b>+Eugene "Gene" William Gudorf</b>	Church (SM)
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Church (SM)
6:30 p.m.	<b>Advent Penance Service (F3 students are to attend instead of regular F3 classes)</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18</b>		
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Church cleaning	Church (SM)
11:40 a.m.	Rosary (For increased vocations to priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life)	Church (SB)
12:05 p.m.	Mass <b>+Marie Olivia (Kern) Obermeier</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
12:30 to 2:30 p.m.	JOY—Monthly carry-in luncheon for parishioners 55+ with activities to follow Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB) Room 103 Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM)
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.		
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19</b>		
7:15 a.m.	Mass <b>+Phyllis Kay (Lasher) Bender</b>	Church (SM)



# Dear Padre,

## Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a “golden ticket,” or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the “sin of Adam” and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as “not one of us” simply has no place in the kingdom of God. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



PASCAL HUOT / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38	December 9 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14	December 10 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30	December 11 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 41:13–20 Mt 11:11–15	December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47	December 13 <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13	December 14 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Is 35:1–6a, 10 Jas 5:7–10 Mt 11:2–11

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