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## ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 4, 2026

**The Epiphany of the Lord (A)**

**Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12**

**"We saw his star at its rising and  
have come to do him homage."**

**MATTHEW 2:2**

# Following Jesus Without a Star to Guide Us

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

**W**e saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage" (Matthew 2:2) describes the spark that sent the Magi on their journey. Something unusual in the sky, interpreted as a sign of something wonderful—in response, they changed direction in their lives and devoted themselves to a completely different path. As wonderful as it might well be, a special star in the heavens is not the ordinary experience of how we learn to follow the Lord or discern his will. If only there could be a sign in God's universe for each of us, beckoning us forward, clarifying what we need to do, setting down the path that needs to be followed. Perhaps life would be much simpler. Or perhaps not?

Would it truly be less complicated if everything were made clear and certain? Is the manifestation of God's grace and blessings confined to the straight and narrow, or can we also experience God in the chaos—"in the weeds," so to speak. Human experience seems to suggest that life is more "gray" than "black and white." There is real grace in the journey, in making mistakes, even in choosing something that is incomplete. Thankfully, God's grace does not need perfection to be powerful. We can know and follow God's will for us in the ordinary moments of day-to-day living. We do not need the extraordinary or the dramatic. ●



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

### Reflect

**How can I resolve to look for God in the unplanned, the unexpected, the interruptions?**

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One Family In Faith

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Sanctuary Lamp  
**January 4, 2026**  
LuminaryTo make a memorial gift for a luminary,  
scan the QR code.St Boniface Parish +*Deceased Members of The 1847 Society*  
St. Meinrad Parish +*Charles "Charlie" Robert Ruxer*

## ORDO (Order of Prayer)

Liturgy of the Hours	II
Lectionary	20
Eucharistic Prayer	IV
Mystery of Faith	C

## DATE / TIME

## CALENDAR EVENT

## LOCATION

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00 a.m.  
12:15 to 1:00 p.m.  
3:15 to 3:45 p.m.  
3:35 p.m.  
4:00 p.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 at glass chapel located at the main entrance)  
**Confession** (confessional at glass chapel located at the south entrance)  
 Rosary (For an increase of vocations to the single chaste life and marriage)  
**Mass Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People"**

**Monte Cassino Shrine**

**Church (SM)**  
**Historic Church (SB)**  
 Historic Church (SB)  
 Historic Church (SB)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

6:00 a.m.  
8:05 a.m.  
8:30 a.m.  
8:40 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
**9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**  
**6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**Mass +Linda Ann Frances Bertke**  
 Rosary (For increased vocations to priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life)  
**Mass Prayers for Health and Healing**  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 Mass (Parishioners, pilgrims and guests welcome)  
**F3 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**  
**Youth Group (CYO) Epiphany Party**

**Historic Church (SB)**  
 Church (SM)  
**Church (SM)**  
 Church (SM)  
 Archabbey Church  
**Church: South Sacristy (SM)**  
**Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)**

## MONDAY, JANUARY 5

3:50 p.m.  
4:15 p.m.

Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)  
**Mass +Eugene "Gene" William Gudorf**  
 • *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*  
 St. Meinrad Parish Annual Fall Picnic Meeting

Historic Church (SB)  
**Historic Church (SB)**  
 Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105  
 Parish Office: Room G

Parish Office: Room G

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

7:15 a.m.  
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**Mass+Bernadette Scholastica Tempel (Anniversary of Birth)**  
 Reserved for Team A  
 Parish Staff Meeting  
 • *First and third Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.*  
 Formation sessions for sacraments and pastoral counseling  
 • *Second and fourth Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.*  
 Parish Commission Meetings  
 Girl Scout Meeting

**Church (SM)**  
 Parish Office: Office C  
 Office: Room G-A  
 Parish Office: Room H

Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105

Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
3:30 p.m.  
4:15 p.m.  
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**6:00 to 7:15 p.m.**  
**6:15 to 7:20 p.m.**  
**6:15 to 7:20 p.m.**

**Eucharistic Adoration** (concludes with litany followed by Benediction)  
**Confession** (confessional at glass chapel located at the main entrance)  
**Mass +Phyllis Kay (Lasher) Bender**  
 Church reserved for liturgical music practice  
**Eucharistic Adoration: Quiet Prayer with Jesus**  
**F3 Programs and Activities for Kindergarten - Grade 6**  
**F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9**

**Church (SM)**  
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**Historic Church (SB)**  
**Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)**  
**Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)**

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
11:40 a.m.  
**12:05 p.m.**  
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Church cleaning  
 Rosary (For increased vocations to priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life)  
**Mass +Henry Lee and +Mildred Frances (Sitzman) Holtzman**  
 Church reserved for liturgical music practice

Church (SM)  
 Church (SB)  
**Historic Church (SB)**  
 Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM)

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

7:15 a.m.

**Mass +James "Jim" Lee and +Kathleen Ann (Seng) Ebert****Church (SM)**

# INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PARISH

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PARISH OFFICE

#### LOCATION

19630 N. 4th St.  
Saint Meinrad, Indiana

**PHONE:** 812-357-5533 (Main Number)  
[info@myparishfamily.church](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

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 Records and Plot Sales	<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](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.**





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



The January "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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## January 'Wish List' for North Spencer Community Action Center



The January "Wish List" for North Spencer Community Action Center is **macaroni and cheese and Hamburger Helper**.

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

### January: For prayer with the Word of God



O Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart that I may hear your Word, and understand and do your will, for I am a sojourner upon the Earth.

Hide not your commandments from me, but open my eyes, that I may perceive the wonders of your Law. Speak unto me the hidden and secret things of your wisdom.

On you do I set my hope, O my God, that you shall enlighten my mind and understanding with the light of your knowledge; not only to cherish those things which are written, but to do them; For you are the enlightenment of those who lie in darkness, and from you comes every good deed and every gift. Amen.

## Join Us in the Ministry of Prayer

### Recent Prayer Requests Received

Updated January 2, 2026

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

- Sharon S, St. Meinrad Parish, recovery from recent surgery (1/2)
- Romilda P, St. Boniface Parish, health and healing (1/2)
- Karen K, St. Boniface Parish, health, peace of mind and heart (12/29)
- For the repose of the soul of Tim Waninger, St. Boniface Parish, who died on January 1, 2026. Son of Raymond and Leona (1/2)
- For the repose of the soul of Mary S. (Malott) Bertke, Dale, IN, who died on December 17, 2025; wife of Dan Bertke and sister-in-law of Yvonne Bertke of St. Boniface Parish (12/26)
- For the repose of the soul of Larry Edward Aders, Herrin, IL, who died on November 25, 2025 (12/10)
- Easton K, St. Meinrad Parish, health and healing (12/8)
- Dana S, surgery and healing recovery (12/8)
- For the repose of the soul of Marilyn Cecilia (Kerstiens) Mullis, St. Meinrad Parish, who died on November 30, 2025. (12/1)

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

## 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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## St. Boniface Parish Reinvests Southern Ind. Power Capital Credits



Historic St. Boniface Church and St. Boniface Parish Center recently received \$85.40 in capital credit refunds from Southern Indiana Power, for the year 2000. The funds will be reinvested in the parish's Endowment for Pastoral Ministry.

St. Boniface is proud to be a member of the cooperative, which supplies electric power to over 8,500 homes and businesses in the rural areas of Perry, Spencer, southern Dubois, and eastern Warrick counties. Southern Indiana Power maintains over 1,600 miles of power line and is a valuable member of the community.

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## Mary Bertke of Dale Dies on December 17, 2025



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary S. (Malott) Bertke of Dale, Indiana, who died on December 17, 2025, at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital.

Wife of Dan Bertke of St. Boniface Parish and sister-in-law of Yvonne Bertke, St. Boniface Parish. Becher Funeral Home in Ferdinand, Indiana, is in charge of arrangements.

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## Communal Celebration of Anointing of the Sick will be January 14



Communal Anointing of the Sick will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at the 4:15 p.m. Mass at St. Meinrad Catholic Church.

Those who wish to receive this sacrament should move to the end of the pew on the center aisle.

The infirm and individuals needing assistance seated in the front pews will receive this sacrament first.

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

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### Daily Mass Readings

Visit: <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

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## Fulda Resident Enjoys Time in Alaska as Jesuit Volunteer



Claire Snyder, daughter of Kerry and Vickie Snyder of St. Boniface Parish, is serving another year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest in Bethel, Alaska. JVCNW is a volunteer organization that focuses on values of community, simplicity, social and ecological justice, and spirituality and reflection.

Claire (bottom left in photo) lives in a community of other volunteers and serves as the Teen Empowerment Specialist at Tundra Women's Coalition. TWC has a shelter and outreach programs that provide safe, empowering, and culturally relevant services for victims of violence.

Here, Claire organizes and hosts a teen group, Teens Acting Against Violence, that focuses on domestic violence intervention and prevention. She also participates in community education on similar topics in local schools and nearby villages.

This is her second year of service – she served at L'Arche Tahoma Hope in Tacoma, Washington in '23-24. She stayed in Tacoma and worked at L'Arche in between.

Claire is enjoying getting to know the wider community of Bethel and all the new experiences Alaska has to offer!

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# Christmas Honor Roll 2025

Thank you to those who made gifts for Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones.

## St. Boniface Parish

### In Memory

Teresa Marie (Berg) Beier  
Edwin B. and Susan Lucille (Hassfurther) Berg  
Lee Charles and Mary Teresa (Reutman) Berg  
Victor Andrew and Anna Mary (Schwartz) Berger  
Bernard Louis and Yoneko "Yoko" (Seikama) Bertke  
Linda Ann Frances Bertke  
Mary S (Malott) Bertke  
"Diane" Phyllis Diane (Hoffhaus) Birchler  
Emmanuel Benedict and Margaret Barbara (Koch) Birchler  
Hannibal Alexander Black  
August George and Clara Catharina (Nielander) Boehm  
Nestor George and Joan Margaret (Arnold) Boehm  
Claude August Boehm  
James "Jim" and Verna M. (Gunn) Bolin  
Carl Andrew and Marietta A (Huebschman) Collignon  
Cornelius "Corny" Ray Collignon  
Raymond Joseph and Agnes Philomena (Schaeffer) Collignon  
Rudolph "Pete" Peter Collignon  
William Boniface and Catherina "Katie" Hildenbrand Collignon  
Franklin Delano Cox  
Makayla Rose Cox  
Paul Douglas Cox  
Elmer and Marjorie Ann (Stuterville) Daming  
Thomas Theodore and Bertha Catherine (Mehling) Dilger  
Patrick Michael Edwards  
Rosemary Cummins Edwards  
Mildred "Millie" Lucille (Denning) Jones Faulkenberg  
Joseph "Joe" August and Barbara Ann (Hoffman) Feldpausch Jr.  
Leroy Oscar Fischer  
Oscar Joseph and Clara Lillian (Waninger) Fischer  
Oscar Henry and Viola B. "Vi" (Wright) Gerlach  
"Bryan" Paul Bryan Gerlach  
Andreas "Andy" Michael Gramelspacher  
Michael Joseph Gramelspacher Jr.  
Michael Joseph and Mildred C. Gramelspacher Sr.  
Curt Allen Greulich  
Donald Ray Greulich  
Robert Joseph and Hilda (Weaver) Greulich  
Carl Eugene and Helen Marie (Collignon) Gunn  
Clarence Wesley and Themora Ellen (McLain) Gunn  
Bruno Carl Heckel  
Norma Lee (Fischer) Heeke  
Robert "Bob" Joseph Heeke  
Robert "Bob" Joseph and Barbara (Covey) Hickey Sr.  
Darwin Edward and Alberta Ann (Schaeffer) Keller  
Dennis Herman and Norma Leona (Dilger) Kerstiens  
Ricky "Spot" Thomas Kerstiens  
Clarence "Curly" Emil and Vivian Paulina (Daming) Kleiser  
Edwin John and Antoinetta "Nettie" Philomina (Hess) Kleiser  
Gerald "Jerry" and Eileen Coletta (Olson) Koch  
Leo Michael and Barbara Maria (Waninger) Konerding  
Jerome "Pete" Peter Kunkler

Bernard "Ben" August and Mary "Mamie" Rose (Schaeffer) Lehr  
Paul Allen Linne  
Paul Conrad and Rosalie (Knable) Linne  
Albert James and Edna Clara (Boehm) Meunier  
Alexandre "Alex" Gerald Morrow  
James Delore Morrow  
Dennis Lee and Nina Marie (Rothgerber) Mullis  
Joseph Emil and Mary Alice (Hilgenhold) Mullis  
Michael Joseph Mullis  
Othma George Mullis  
Charles "Charlie" Dennis Peters  
Raymond Joseph Peters  
Ruth Ann Peters  
Frances Ann (Linne) Powers  
Allan George and Eleanor M. (Collignon) Pryde  
Donald "Donnie" Theodore Pund  
Frank Lee Rahman  
Joseph "John" Charles and Caroline "Carrie" Elizabeth (Lindemann) Reutman  
Michael "Mick" Wayne Robinson  
Joann Marie (Boehm) Rothgerber  
Dorothy May (Waninger) Schaefer  
Edward "Jim" Albert and Helen Pearline (Fischer) Schaefer  
Melvin Alvin and Catherine (Armstrong) Schaefer  
Wanda Lee Schaefer  
Paul John and Elenora "Nora" (Schulte) Schaeffer  
Robert "Bob" Louis Schaeffer  
Harold Edward and Diane Therese (Letourneau) Schefdore  
Alayna Marian Schnell  
Jullia Anne Schnell  
John Valentine and Patricia "Pat" Ruth (Messmer) Seckinger  
Lee Ray Seckinger  
Ruth Ann Seckinger  
Jack Louis and Shirley Ann (Vonderheide) Stern  
Walter Martin and Verlee Barbara (Waninger) Troesch  
Harold Alois and Mildred "Millie" Theresa (Humbert) Vaal  
Robert Donald and Agnes Ann Vinson  
Otto John and Bertha Catherine (Bieker) Vonderheide  
Albin Frank and Rose Paulina (Sergeseketter) Waninger  
Anton Aloysius and Rosalie "Rose" Caroline (Wink) Waninger  
Dennis Pius Waninger  
Max John and Frances Emilia (Kleiser) Waninger  
James "Jim" Elmer Weaver  
Mathias "Matt" George Weaver  
Viola Catherine Weaver  
Herbert "Gene" and Anna Marie (Jones) Wesner  
William "Bill" Robert and Clara Rose (Merkley) Wissel  
Leander Claude and Elizabeth "Betty" Louise (Borho) Wollenmann

### In Honor

Maryetta (Berger) Boehm  
Allen Albert and Marlene Ann (Herbig) Merkel  
Anna Mae (Waninger) Peters  
Lee Louis Schaefer

### 1847 Society Members

Edwin "Jody" Berg

+Claude August and Maryetta (Berger) Boehm  
Yvonne Bertke  
Cody and Karla (Kleiser) Burden Family  
+Cornelius "Corney" Raymond and Sandra "Sandy" (Gerlach) Collignon  
Neil and Jackie (Waninger) Deom  
Kathleen Feldpausch Family  
Paul and Sharon (Layman) Gerlach  
+Michael Joseph and Janice (Keller) Gramelspacher, Jr  
+Bruno Carl Heckel and Vernita (Birchler) Heckel  
David "Dave" and Virlee "Reggie" (Riehle) Huffman  
Greg and Brenda (Fischer) Kleiser  
Chris and Debbie (Otto) Konerding  
Michael "Mike" and Vicky (Stein) Linne  
+Dennis Lee and +Nina Marie (Rothgerber) Mullis  
+Donald Theodore and Romilda (Lehr) Pund  
Larry and Regina Gail (Hughes) Pund  
+Michael "Mick" Wayne and Joyce (Farrell) Robinson  
Jerod and Elizabeth (Mislivecek) Schaefer Family  
+Frank Lee and Mary (Schaeffer) Rahman  
Denny and Sherri (Jacob) Rickelman  
Brian and Stacy (Greer) Schaefer  
+Harold Edward and +Diane Therese (Letourneau) Schefdore  
Robert "Bob" and Kathy (Begle) Seckinger  
Julie Stone  
Ronnie Troesch and Lori Prior  
+Walter Martin and +Verlee Barbara (Waninger) Troesch  
Father Anthony Vinson, OSB  
Alan Waninger  
David and Mary (Betz) Waninger  
+Dennis Pius and Carol J. (Vonderheide) Waninger  
Kenny and Joann (Wissel) Waninger  
John and Becky (Waninger) Wesner

## St. Meinrad Parish

### In Memory

Bernard Clarence Aders  
John Joseph Aders  
Kenneth "Kenny" Martin Aders  
Lee Roy and Ollie Christine (Holman) Aders  
Murl Lee Aders  
Russell Edward and Beatrice "Betsy" Ludwina (Werne) Aders  
Margaret "Marge" Elaine (Denning) Angerer  
Harold William Julius and Lucille Theresia (Tretter) Becher  
Jacquelyn "Jackie" Rose Becher  
Bernard "Bernie" T and Mary Frances (Maiden) Becker  
Othmar B. and Alberta C. (Mehling) Begle  
Hannibal Alexander Black  
Frank Mathais and Frances Margarita (Vaeth) Borho  
Ann "Annie" Katherine (Sitzman) Bumm  
David Thomas Colby  
Raymond Joseph and Agnes Philomena (Schaeffer) Collignon  
Franklin Delano Cox  
Paul Douglas Cox  
Makayla Rose Cox  
Alvin "Cotton" Henry and Mary Helen (Gunselman) Denning  
Bernard "Ben" Gerhard and Maria Theresa (Brockman)

Denning  
Brian Christopher Denning  
Clarence Hilbert John and Eleanor A. (Renner) Denning  
Frank Lee Denning  
Linus Jacob and Theresia Anne (Volz) Denning  
Marcelline "Moosie" Joseph Denning  
Dennis Herald Dougan  
James "Jim" Lee and Kathleen Ann (Seng) Ebert  
Donald Leigh Eudy  
Patrick Michael Edwards  
Rosemary Cummins Edwards  
Jason Wayne Faulkenberg  
Kenneth "Kenny" Gervase Faulkenberg  
Mildred "Millie" Lucille (Denning) Jones Faulkenberg  
Patricia "Peggy" A. (Rasche) Faulkenberg  
Vernon K and Marie O (Harbaville) Faulkenberg  
Sylvan Robert and Margaret "Marge" Rose (Luebbehuisen) Fetter  
Elmer "Billy" Dominic and Clarissa Eleanor (Mehling) Fischer  
James "Jim" Bernard Fischer  
Leroy Oscar Fischer  
Oscar Joseph and Clara Lillian (Waninger) Fischer  
Otto George and Adaline Marie (Miller) Fischer  
Dr. Charles and Dolores (Ernst) Flannagan  
Janice Kay (Hagedorn) Flannagan  
Leo Albert and Catherine E. (Heichelbech) Giesler Sr.  
William "Bill" Michael Gilliland  
Lester Raymond Gogel  
Leo J and Edwina Caroline Schipp Gogel  
Hilbert "Hip" Stephen and Alberta "Bert" Mary (Vaal) Graman  
Jerome George and Alvera Josephine "Vera" (Becher) Graman  
Richard "Rick" Donald Graman  
Sarah Elizabeth Graman  
Benno Joseph and Lela F. (Wills) Greulich  
Joseph Greulich  
Leroy and Bettye Lou (Vaal) Greulich  
Raphael Leo Greulich  
Ervin William and Mildred Marie (Vaal) Hagedorn  
Leo Baptist and Eulalia Marie (Fischer) Hagedorn  
Maurice M. and Shirley A. (Marshall) Hall  
Ernest B and Agatha M (Hagedorn) Harpenau  
Dennis Ray Hedinger  
Eugene Phillip Hedinger  
Norma Lee (Fischer) Heeke  
Robert "Bob" Joseph Heeke  
Bradley "Brad" David Hopf  
Harold L and Thelma (Smith) Hunter  
Frank and Joan Marie (Beckman) Jamniczky  
Joseph "Joe" Frank Jamniczky  
Erwin Edwin "Buddy" and Hilda Rose (Kunkler) Jent  
David A. Jones  
Steven Wayne Jones  
Andrew Frank and Pauline Cecilia (Gogel) Kern  
Kathleen Renee Kern  
Alfred Joseph Kloeck  
James Hilary Kloeck  
Thomas "Tom" Maximilian Kloeck  
Xavier Francis and Lorena Cecilia (Rupprecht) Kloeck  
Alice May (Schaefer) Kluesner  
James Herbert "Jim" Knust  
Gerald "Jerry" Joseph and Eileen Coletta (Olson) Koch  
Brandon Michael Kunkler  
John Henry Sr. and Anna Mae (Becher) Kunkler  
Jerome "Pete" Peter Kunkler  
Patrick Harold Kunkler  
Sharon Marie (Rogier) Lange  
Henry G. and Christine Frieda (Polster) Lautner

Robert William and Mary Ann (Hagedorn) Lautner  
Francisco "Cisco" Javier Lloveras  
Alexandre "Alex" Gerald Morrow  
James "Jim" Delore Morrow  
Oscar "Ozzie" Hilbert Joseph and Marilyn Cecelia (Kerstiens) Mullis  
Joyce Ann (Aders) Murphy  
Allen "Jake" Talbot and Rosemary (Hurst) Nahler  
Amil Bernard and Agnes A. (Rasche) Niehaus  
Claude Vincent Nielander  
Paul August Nielander  
Robert Henry Nielander  
Raymond Joseph and Louise Mary (Wagner) Nord  
Anthony John and Susanna Edulina (Denning) Ubehor Paulin  
William Elmer and JoAnn (Shaw) Polster  
August Frank and Clara Marie (Niehaus) Ringeman  
Nancy Lou (Mather) Ringeman  
Othmar Edward and Virginia Elizabeth (Jent) Ringeman  
Cletus Everett and Ruth Elizabeth (Hagerdon) Rogier  
Gilbert "Maxie" Alphonse and Elenora Philomena (Heilers) Rupprecht  
Charles "Charlie" Robert Ruxer  
Francis "Frank" Andrew and Aurelia Catherina (Becher) Ruxer  
Elmer and Marie (Schaefer) Ryan  
Alfred "Al" Bernard and Eileen Philomena (Boehm) Schaefer  
Edward "Jim" Albert and Helen Pearline (Fischer) Schaefer  
Elmer Hugo Schaefer  
Francis "Frank" Joseph and Mary Frances (Hildenbrand) Schaefer  
Harold Bernard and Pauline M (Bockhold) Schaefer  
Melvin Alvin and Catherine Middle (Armstrong) Schaefer  
Wanda Lee Schaefer  
Louis Michael and Irene Agnes (Gaesser) Scherzer  
Paul Edward Scherzer  
Robert L. & Marjorie "Margie" Ann (Harpenau) Scherzer  
Ardella "Ardi Lou" Lucille Schipp  
Eugene "Gene" Raymond and Christina Marie (Faulkenberg) Schwindel  
Gilbert Joseph and Ella Ann (Meiring) Schwindel  
Louis "Louie" William and Lillian "Bebsy" Helen (Fischer) Schwoeppe  
John Valentine and Patricia "Pat" Ruth (Messmer) Seckinger  
Lee Raymond Seckinger  
Ruth Ann Seckinger  
Ralph Raymond Seifrig  
Claude William and Rose Mary (Gogel) Sitzman  
Clayton "Clay" Roman Sitzman  
Roman Nicholas and Dorothy Mae (Pieper) Sitzman  
Dwight Manlo and Mable Minnie (Ermert) Springston  
James "Jim" Allen Troesch  
Lawrence Henry and Elenora Carolina (Nielander) Troesch  
Walter Martin and Virlee Barbara (Waninger) Troesch  
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Roman Edward and Edith Joyce (Lehmkuhler) Ubelhor  
Laura "Laura Ann" Annette Ubelhor  
Oliver "Skinny" Cyril and Cornelia "Connie" Mary (Bettag) Ubelhor  
Scott Terence Ubelhor  
Robert and Agnes Vinson  
Anthony Joseph and Mary Jane (Obert) Wagner  
Albin Frank and Rose Paulina (Sergesketter) Waninger  
Arthur Joseph "Art" and Ruth Oda (Aders) Werne  
Benno "Bing" Edward and Bernitha Elizabeth (Ubelhor) Werne

Frank George and Philomena Marie (Rickelman) Werne  
Dolores Theresa Werne  
Robert Michael Werne  
Michael Andrew Ziemianski  
Renus Louis and Verleen "Virlee" Lorene (Schaefer) Zoglman  
Richard "Jeff" Leonard Zoglman  
**In Honor**  
Irene M. (Collignon) Greulich  
Gilbert and Margie Kleaving  
Sister Patty Lasher, OSB  
Rose M. (Hessig) Mullis  
**1861 Society Members**  
Miguel "Mike" and Nancy (Becher) Berumen  
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Robert "Bob" Bumm  
+David Thomas and Mary "Judy" Julia Colby  
Albert "Erle" and Mary A. (Kern) Denning  
Randy and Janice (Hoppenjans) Denning  
Ruth Ann Denning  
+Dennis Herald Dougan  
+James "Jim" Lee and+Kathleen Ann (Seng) Ebert  
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Scott and Rose (Aders) Fischer  
Deacon Mike and Joy (Marino) Fish  
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Brian and Kelly (Coffin) Greulich  
Gregg A. and Sally L. (Edwardson) Greulich  
+Raphael Leo and Irene M. (Collignon) Greulich  
Kevin Hedinger  
Pat W. and Diane (Schaefer Dougan) Hoffman  
Zach and Brianne (Denning) Hopf Family  
Sam and+ Edna Mae (Damron) Jent  
Seth and Kari (Weatherholt) Johannemann Family  
+James "Jim" Herbert and Elizabeth "Betty" (Kloeck) Knust  
+Oscar Hilbert and+Marilyn Cecelia (Kerstiens) Mullis  
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Al and Becky (Ringeman) Polster  
Lee and+Nancy Lou (Mather) Ringeman  
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## Those 55+ Invited to JOY Gathering at St. Boniface Parish on January 15

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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:msromilda.pund@stboniface.org) Ms. Romilda Pund, JOY Coordinator.

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## Monthly Prayer Books Available in Churches on January 13



Copies of the February 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@stboniface.org), Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator, at 812-357-6065 (voicemail).

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## Interested in Learning More about Permanent Deacons?



"Are You Called to Be a Deacon?" Brochures about the formation and ministry of permanent deacons are in the back of each church.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is accepting new applications for the 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.

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## Congratulation on Baptism of Briggs Keith Weiss on November 22



Congratulations on the baptism of Briggs Keith Weiss on November 22, 2025, by Father Paul Nord, OSB, at Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church. Parents are Jeffrey Allen and Kyla Rae (Gogel) Weiss.

Godparents are Cody Michael Weiss and Toshia Nicole (Mosby) Adams.

Also in the photo is their daughter, Breckhett Jo.

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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



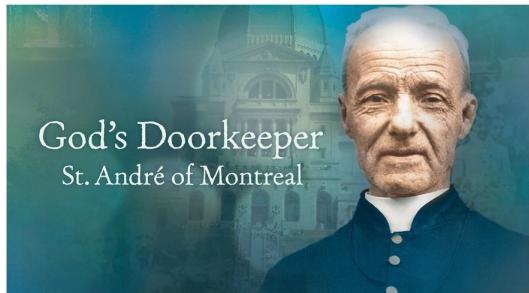
Noon: Special Lunch for High School Students

REGISTRATION: [HTTPS://HEARGODSCALL.COM/FAMILY-DAY-FOR-VOCATIONS](https://HEARGODSCALL.COM/FAMILY-DAY-FOR-VOCATIONS)



# This Week on Formed

## Week of January 04, 2026



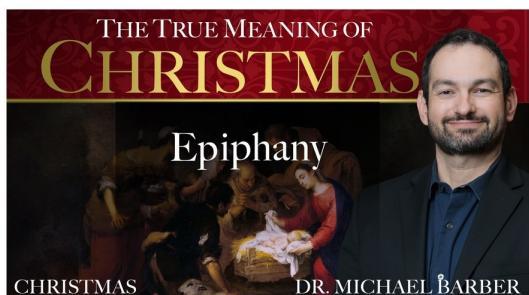
### God's Doorkeeper

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



### The Three Wise Men

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



### Epiphany

Have you ever wondered what the Epiphany is? In this engaging episode of the True Meaning of Christmas, join Dr. Michael Barber to find out what the Epiphany is.

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## PASTOR'S LETTER

## Sunday Scripture Commentary by Father Paul Nord, OSB

### The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Response: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I pray that 2026 may be a blessed year for you and your loved ones. The Christmas season continues this Sunday with the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord. An "epiphany" is a "revealing" or an "appearance." On this feast, we celebrate how Jesus, the Son of God, has revealed Himself to all of humanity, that we might know God and have life in Jesus' name. Today's Gospel describes how the Magi were led by a star to Bethlehem, where Jesus was revealed to them. See below for more commentary on today's Gospel. The Church has also traditionally associated the feast of the Epiphany with two other events in which Jesus' divine nature was "revealed": (1) Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan and (2) Jesus' miracle at the wedding in Cana of Galilee.

Next Sunday will be the Baptism of the Lord, in which God the Father speaks from heaven as Jesus is baptized: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." While Jesus appeared only a man to those around him, God's voice from heaven testified that Jesus is indeed the Son of God in human flesh. This is a revelation, an epiphany.

Similarly, Jesus revealed that He is God's Son by his miracle at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. In the Gospel of John, Jesus' miracles are described as "signs," which invite us to believe. The wedding miracle at Cana is the first of Jesus' signs, which reveal that He is fully man and fully God. Each of Jesus' signs is a revelation, an epiphany.

In our Isaiah reading, the prophet speaks directly to Jerusalem ("you") – God's chosen people. Jerusalem is redeemed by

God. Light represents God's blessing upon Jerusalem. "The glory of the Lord" is compared to the rising sun shining upon Jerusalem.

The next two phrases are synonymous parallelism – "darkness covers the earth" and "thick clouds cover the peoples."

Describing the same thing, this depicts all "the peoples" of the earth as living in darkness.

Other nations are contrasted with the people of Jerusalem who have God's light. Since the other nations are in darkness, they "shall walk by your light." This message is repeated: "kings by your shining radiance." The people of Jerusalem are told to "raise your eyes" to observe the nations gathering and coming to Jerusalem.

The next verses describe the emotional reaction of Jerusalem seeing the nations streaming toward her in this way. The emotion is a trembling amazement – "your heart shall throb and overflow."

Remember that the prophet is speaking to a Jerusalem that has suffered greatly at the hands of foreign peoples – who have attacked and destroyed Jerusalem, and slaughtered its people. This prophecy promises a reversal of that suffering – now God will bless and protect his people.

This message continues: "the riches of the sea" and "the wealth of nations" will be brought to Jerusalem. This is emphasized by the imagery of "caravans of camels" and "dromedaries" (from afar) who bring "gold and frankincense." Most importantly, the nations will "proclaim the praises of the LORD" as they gather to Jerusalem.

In our Ephesians reading, Paul emphasizes that the Gospel of Christ is a *new* revelation of the Spirit "not made known to people in other [previous] generations." Next Paul emphasizes that the Gentiles are "coheirs" and "copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus." God is acting in a new, decisive way to redeem all humanity in Christ.

The Gospel reading from Matthew 2 recounts the visit of Magi from the east. We commemorate the Magi's visit each year on the Epiphany, today's feast.

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## January Birthdays

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| 1  | Wyatt Wampler, Mark Waninger  |
| 2  | Brandy Welp   |
| 3  | Bev Beier, Michael Waninger   |
| 4  | Mary Schaefer, Clair Tempel, Jennifer Sitzman                                       |
| 5  | Courtney Blalock, Mark Hildenbrand, Rowena Waninger, Lane Vaal                      |
| 6  | Violet Roos, Diana Schaefer, Gene Vaal  |
| 7  | Terry Scherzer, Vic Troesch, Carmen Fischer, Ashley Echelbarger                     |
| 8  | Judy Houghland, Audrey Troth  |
| 11 | Avery Beier   |
| 12 | Joyce Robinson, Janelle Brentlinger, Dalton Fetter                                  |
| 13 | Braelynn Obermeier, Bobby Gogel, Caleb Mohr, Teresa Lynn, Sharon Hedinger           |
| 14 | Vernita Heckel, Jim Dilger, Connie Hildenbrand, Ronnie Troesch                      |
| 15 | Mary Denning, Michelle Vannis-Corbett   |
| 16 | Jared Feltner, Darla Hagedorn, Mary Alice Ruxer, Jasmine Demuth, Sue Kloeck         |
| 17 | Nick Hildenbrand, Jack Fischer, Evan Fischer, Donna Auffart                         |
| 18 | Tracey Meunier, Courtney Moffitt  |
| 19 | Katelyn Cassidy, Sharon Gerlach, Mary Forler, Tim Troesch                           |
| 20 | Raegan Scherzer, Kathy Zoglman  |
| 21 | Jeff Davis, Kaylee Rose Mullis  |
| 22 | Joyce Brahm   |
| 23 | Shirley Feldpausch, Kevin Hoffman, Denise Mehringer, Earlene Schaefer, Jamie Fromme |
| 24 | Joe Nadin, Breckhett Weiss  |
| 25 | Eric Bachman, Jessica Gogel   |
| 26 | Diane Berg, Brent Ficker, Dave Kress, Eileen Gogel, Janet Vaal                      |
| 27 | Brenda Kress, Herbert Peters, Mark Leffert  |
| 28 | Cory Hildenbrand, Jackie Kress, Mary Roos, Carol Schipp, Julia Weyer                |
| 29 | Tim Mullis, Alexandria Masterson  |
| 30 | David Lahee   |



GRADES 7-12  
INVITE A FRIEND!

Epiphany  
SUNDAY



YOUTH GROUP (CYO)  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

6-7:30 P.M. (CENTRAL)

ST. BONIFACE PARISH CENTER

## Need Help Locating a Building?

View the E911 address listing of any of the parish locations by typing "**locations**" in the search feature at the top of the website, [sbcatholic.church](http://sbcatholic.church) or [smcatholic.church](http://smcatholic.church).

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"Epiphany" describes God's "showing" or "appearance" to humanity. God has chosen to reveal Himself to humanity in a new and powerful way through Jesus Christ – God made man. This is the "Epiphany" that we celebrate – that we are privileged to see. The Magi likewise wish to see Jesus, whom they recognize as "the newborn king of the Jews." Since Jesus was born in humble circumstances, the Magi's recognition of Jesus shows their attentiveness to the heavenly sign of "his star."

The Magi "saw [his star]... at its rising" – because the Magi were watching attentively for God's action in our world. Seeing the star, the Magi are ready to follow. Thus the Magi – although not Jewish – receive the great gift of seeing Jesus, the Messiah.

From a distant land, the Magi are led by God to the newborn savior. God reveals to the Magi a gift that He intends for all of humanity – the gift of Christ Jesus. As non-Jews, the arrival of the Magi is a sign that God is revealing Himself to every human person in Christ Jesus – not just to his own Jewish people.

The Magi arrive first in Jerusalem. They understand the star as a sign that there is a "newborn king of the Jews." Hearing this, King Herod is "greatly troubled" – as is "all Jerusalem." Anyone acclaimed as "newborn king of the Jews" is a threat to Herod's rule over the Jewish people.

Herod wishes to destroy this rival. The chief priests and the scribes inform Herod that the Christ is to be born in Bethlehem – according to Micah 5:2 (combined with 2 Samuel 5:2). Our gospel

passage repeats this prophecy in *italics*.

King Herod wishes to deceive the Magi into thinking that he also wants to do homage to the newborn king of the Jews – like them. So Herod sends the Magi to Bethlehem, but he instructs them to report back to him what they find.

God thwarts Herod's evil plan by warning the Magi in a dream not to obey Herod. The Magi resume following the star, which leads them to the newborn Jesus, with his mother Mary. Read Matthew 2:13-23 for the concluding verses about the Magi, Herod, and the Holy Family. "Magi" is a Persian word for skilled observers of the movement of stars and other heavenly bodies. These celestial movements were believed to reveal (to the expert) the future or hidden knowledge. Such practices were associated with Zoroastrianism, a Persian religion.

Matthew 2:11 notes that the Magi "prostrated themselves and did [Jesus] homage." The Magi's religious practice (star-watching) has led them to worship Jesus – whose star "they had seen at its rising." The description of the Magi as coming "from the east" also suggests a Persian origin.

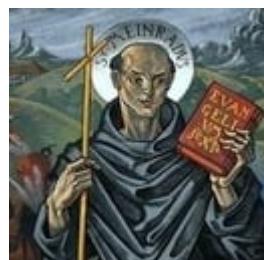
Gold, frankincense, and myrrh are significant gifts for the Magi to bring Jesus. Many Christian commentators (such as Origen of Alexandria) have seen these gifts as symbolic of Jesus' kingship (gold), his divinity (frankincense), and an anticipation of his death on the cross (myrrh). Further, gold and frankincense suggest that the Magi's gifts are a fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 60:6 – today's first reading: "all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense." The three Magi are sometimes called "three kings" – although Matthew's text does not suggest that. This kingly association likely comes from Psalm 72:10-11 – understood as a prophetic anticipation that Jesus would receive the worship of all nations – represented by the kings of many nations. Psalm 72 describes "the king's son" in Jerusalem receiving gifts and tribute from foreign kings (Tarshish, Arabia, Seba).

Psalm 72 is our Responsorial today – likely for its traditional association with our Gospel about the Three Magi. This association led to the Three Magi being called the Three Kings. "The king's son" in Psalm 72 refers to the anticipated Messiah descended from King David, who will rule as king – like David. Jesus fulfills this Messianic prophecy.

In Christ Jesus,

**Father Paul, OSB**

## Join Us to Celebrate the Feast of St. Meinrad on Sunday, January 18



The St. Meinrad Feast Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2026, with a Mass celebrated at 8:30 a.m. at St. Meinrad Catholic Church followed by a free catered breakfast at 9:45 a.m. at the St. Meinrad Community Center.

There will be prizes given away and activities for children. No reservations are needed, and all are welcome. For more information, [email](#) Nancy Graman.

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## Planning Meeting Scheduled for St. Meinrad Parish Annual Fall Picnic



St. Meinrad Parish Fall Picnic leadership and stand chairs will meet with Father Paul Nord, OSB, on Monday, January 5, 2026, at the Parish Office for a fall picnic planning meeting. The meeting time is 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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## Anna Mae Werne of St. Meinrad Parish Celebrates 90th Birthday



Nieces and nephews of Anna Mae Werne hosted a surprise party on December 27, 2025, at the St. Meinrad Community Center for her 90th birthday.

Anyone wishing to send birthday wishes to Anna Mae can send them to Ms. Anna Mae Werne, PO Box 42, Saint Meinrad, IN 47577-0042.

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

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

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

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

<b>Liturgical Ministry Schedule</b>  Ministry Scheduler Pro	<b>Saturday, January 3 at 4 p.m.</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	<b>Sunday, January 4 at 6 a.m.</b> Mass for Sunday Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	<b>Sunday, January 4 at 8:30 a.m.</b> Mass for Sunday St. Meinrad Catholic Church
Porter	Ryan Hildenbrand Kyler Hildenbrand	Alfred Birchler	NOT FILLED
Sacristan	Diane Gruber Lilly Gruber	Courtney Blalock	Ashley Springston Mark Toth
Bell Ringer (Five minutes before Mass, three assigned liturgical ministers peal bells for 2 minutes.)	NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #1 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #2 Ryan Hildenbrand - Tower Bell #3	NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #1 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #2 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #3	
Livestream for Rosary	NOT FILLED		Sally Gravatte
Rosary Leader	Yvonne Weaver		Susan Ippoliti
Livestream for Mass	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Hospitality (Greeters)	Al Polster and Becky Polster - Main Door	NOT FILLED - Main Door	Gary Graman and Nancy Graman - Main Door
Priest	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant
Deacon	Deacon Mike Fish	Deacon Mike Fish	Deacon Mike Fish
Acolyte of the Altar	Wyatt Gudorf	Marshall Snyder	Carson J. Kern
Acolyte of the Word	Kade Hildenbrand	Emerson Schaefer	Anna Springston
Crucifer (Cross Bearer)	Charlotte Sitzman	Axl Schroer	Penelope Lutz
Candle Bearer	Livy Schaefer Lila Schaefer	Liam Kress Ayla Schroer	Nicholas Lutz Thomas Lutz
Proclamation of the Word	Karen Peters - First Reading Lillian Musgrave - Second Reading Deacon Mike Fish - Prayer of the Faithful	Faith Schaefer - First Reading Lily Hubert - Second Reading Deacon Mike Fish - Prayer of the Faithful	Sue Kloeck - First Reading Brenley Beier - Second Reading Deacon Mike Fish - Prayer of the Faithful
Offertory Collection (Review listed Mass Intention. Invite family members to present the offertory gifts at the Offertory Procession.)	Paul Haefling Nick Hildenbrand Kasen Hildenbrand NOT FILLED	Clara Tempel Denny Rickelman LeeRay Tempel Jim Mullis	Alex Graman Tom Kloeck Mark Ruxer Scott Mullis
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 Karen Peters - Paten Deacon Mike Fish - Chalice Michael Gudorf - Chalice Amanda Gudorf - Chalice Maddie Gudorf - Chalice Pam Davis - Pyx (loft) Michael Gudorf - Chalice (loft)	Clara Tempel - Paten Alison Collignon - Chalice Deacon Mike Fish - Chalice Clara Tempel - Pyx (loft) Alison Collignon - Chalice (loft)	Ginger Mullis - Paten Keyan Mullis - Paten Landon Mullis - Paten Mary L. Denning - Chalice Ben Ebert - Chalice Deacon Mike Fish - Chalice Marlin Flaherty - Chalice Keyan Mullis - Pyx (loft) Marlin Flaherty - Chalice (loft)
Livestream for <i>Memorare</i> (Camera angle to include statue of Blessed Virgin Mary above BVM altar)	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Angelus Bell (Post-Mass)	Ryan Hildenbrand - Bell #1	NOT FILLED - Bell #1	
Hospitality (Post-Mass)	Renae Harper	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED

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Parish Founded 1847  
sbcatholic.church



## ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Founded 1861  
smcatholic.church

## 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
<b>COMMISSION CHAIRS</b>	
<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).
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- 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	December 22-28, 2025	Livestream
19	Monday	8
19	Tuesday	7
283	Wednesday	38
142/101	Thursday	25/21
13	Friday	6
131	Saturday (Vigil for Sunday) 4 p.m.	11
68	Sunday 6 a.m.	13
126	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	23
Church Capacity:	360 (SB) Parish #076; 430 (SM) Parish #137	
FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP		
Updated:12/27/2025	December 1-7, 2025	
\$645	Online Giving	\$985
\$1,398.50	Offertory	\$2,194

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One Family In Faith

## The Baptism of the Lord

Sanctuary Lamp  
January 11, 2026  
LuminaryTo make a memorial  
gift for a luminary,  
scan the QR code.St Boniface Parish +Patrick "Pat" Leo Dilger  
St. Meinrad Parish +James Lee VanHoosier

ORDO (Order of Prayer)	
Liturgy of the Hours	II
Lectionary	21
Eucharistic Prayer	II
Mystery of Faith	A

## DATE / TIME

## CALENDAR EVENT

## LOCATION

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 a.m.

12:15 to 1:00 p.m.

3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

3:35 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

6:00 a.m.

8:05 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

8:40 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

9:45 to 11:00 a.m.

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 12

3:50 p.m.

4:15 p.m.

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:15 a.m.

8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Noon

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

4:15 p.m.

4:15 p.m.

5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

6:15 to 7:20 p.m.

6:15 to 7:20 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

12:05 p.m.

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

7:15 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 Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People"****THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD****Mass +Frances Ann (Linne) Powers**

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

**Mass +Frank Mathais and+Frances Margarita (Vaeth) Borho (Anniversary of Deaths)**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Mass (parishioners, pilgrims and guests welcome)

**F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9****F3 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

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

**Mass +Earl Anthony Peters**• *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*

Cub Scout Pack 102 Meeting

**Mass +Aurelia Catharina (Becher) Ruxer and****+Francis "Frank" Andrew Ruxer**

Reserved for Team B

Parish Staff Meeting

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

Formation sessions for sacraments and pastoral counseling

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

Parish Commission Meetings

Monthly Meeting of Priests of Tell City Deanery

**Eucharistic Adoration** (concludes with litany followed by Benediction)**Confession** (confessional at glass chapel located at the main entrance)**Mass +Bernice Frances (Kerstiens) May Brosmer**

(Anniversary of Birth)

**Communal Anointing of the Sick**

Church reserved for liturgical music practice

**Eucharistic Adoration: Quiet Prayer with Jesus****F3 Programs and Activities for Kindergarten - Grade 6****F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9**

Church cleaning

**Mass +Dennis Pius Waninger (Anniversary of Birth)**

JOY—Monthly carry-in luncheon for parishioners 55+ with activities to follow

Church reserved for liturgical music practice

**Mass +James "Jim" Theodore Mehling****Monte Cassino Shrine****Church (SM)****Historic Church (SB)**

Historic Church (SB)

**Historic Church (SB)****Historic Church (SB)**

Church (SM)

Archabbey Church

**Parish Office (SM)****Church: South Sacristy (SM)****Historic Church (SB)****Historic Church (SB)**

Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105

Parish Office: Room G

## Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)

**Church (SM)**

Parish Office: Office C

Parish Office: Room G-A

Parish Office: Room H

Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105

Archabbey Guest House

**Church (SM)****Church (SM)****Church (SM)****Church (SM)**

Church (SM)

**Historic Church (SB)****Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)****Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)****Church (SM)****Historic Church (SB)**

Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)

Room 103

Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM)

**Church (SM)**



Parishioners and guests, scan QR code for giving options.



# Dear Padre,

*I recently lost my husband of sixty years. I prayed for him through his four-year illness. Since he has died, I cannot pray. Any advice for me?*

My heartfelt condolences on your profound loss. When someone we love dies, a part of us dies too. Sometimes, the trauma is so severe that it can even affect our relationship with God.

Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross identified five stages of grief. In the denial stage, some people can't accept the reality of the death. It becomes too much to handle. In the anger stage, some may question their belief in God—especially if their prayer requests (such as, "Please God, if you heal my loved one, I will...") weren't successful in the bargaining stage. People in the depression stage feel overwhelmed by the reality of the loss and may not always feel like connecting with others—even with God in prayer. However, in the acceptance stage, emotions stabilize, and a person comes to terms with their new reality. Nothing makes up for the absence of a loved one, but people manage to cope and live on.

It's because you loved so deeply that the loss feels so deep. God accepts you completely; God understands how you feel. He wants you to be at peace and live life fully. Our compassionate God yearns to help console you and offer assistance in your healing process until you can embrace him again in prayer. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Let us resolve to bring [God's] love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering, who ask us to be thoughtful and compassionate Christians.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### Monday

January 5  
*St. John Neumann, Bishop*  
1 Jn 3:22–4:6  
Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

### Tuesday

January 6  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 4:7–10  
Mk 6:34–44

### Wednesday

January 7  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 4:11–18  
Mk 6:45–52

### Thursday

January 8  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 4:19–5:4  
Lk 4:14–22a

### Friday

January 9  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 5:5–13  
Lk 5:12–16

### Saturday

January 10  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 5:14–21  
Jn 3:22–30

### Sunday

January 11  
*The Baptism of the Lord*  
Is 42:1–4, 6–7  
Acts 10:34–38  
Mt 3:13–17



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