



January 11, 2026

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

Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7 / Acts 10:34–38 / Matthew 3:13–17

# Jesus, Servant Leader

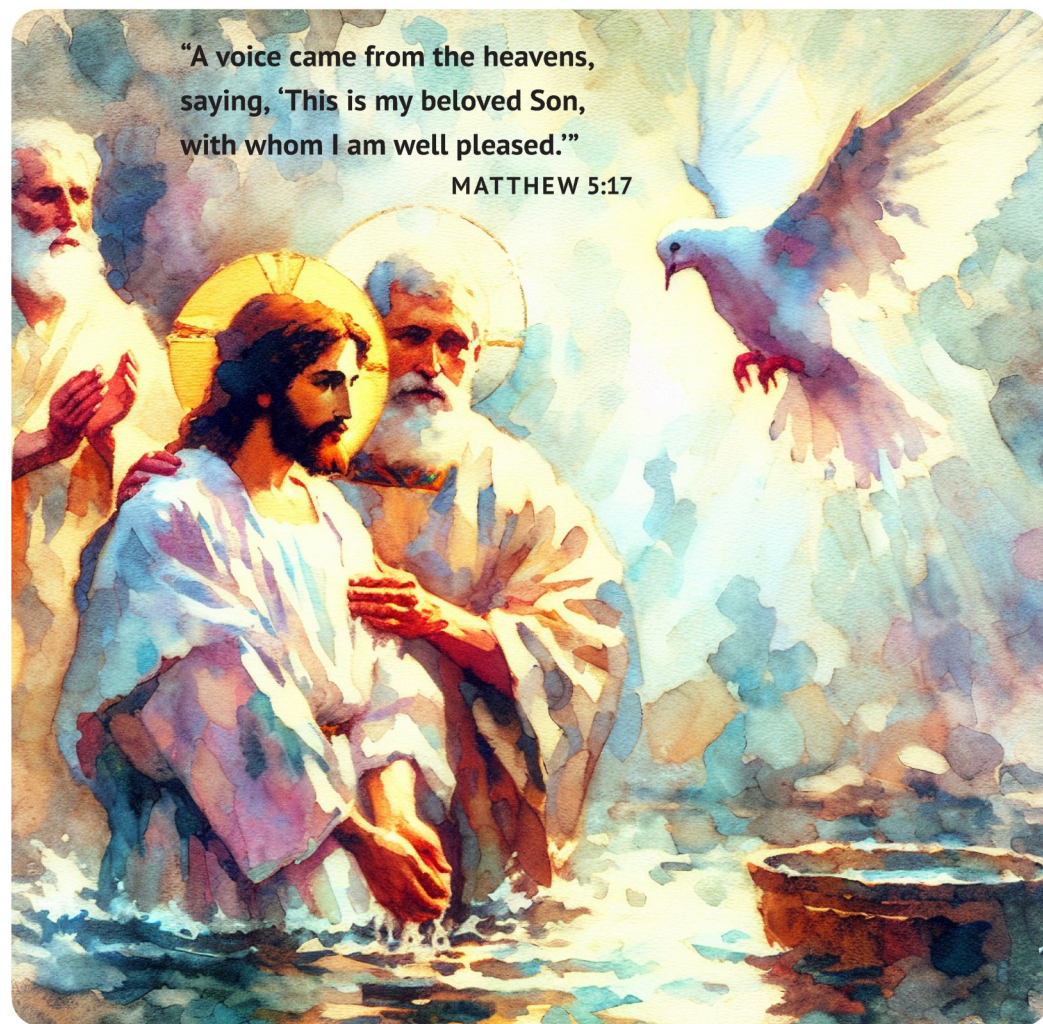
MIGUEL DULICK

**J**ohn, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5–6). ●



“A voice came from the heavens,  
saying, ‘This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased.’”

MATTHEW 5:17

## Reflect

**This week, I’ll think  
about my baptism,  
when I was called to  
serve as Jesus served.**



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

## HISTORIC ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Listed on National Register of Historic Places  
Parish Founded 1847  
sbcatholic.church



## ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Founded 1861  
smcatholic.church

*One Family In Faith*

# The Baptism of the Lord



Sanctuary Lamp  
**January 11, 2026**  
Luminary

To 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
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 10</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Mass (May - October at 7 a.m.; November - April at 8 a.m.) •Mass begins at 8 a.m. through Saturday, April 25, 2026	Monte Cassino Shrine
12:15 to 1:00 p.m.	Confession (confessional located at the main entrance)	Church (SM)
3:15 to 3:45 p.m.	Confession (confessional located at the south entrance)	Historic Church (SB)
3:35 p.m.	Rosary (For an increase of vocations to the single chaste life and marriage)	Historic Church (SB)
4:00 p.m.	Mass <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> "Mass for the People"	Historic Church (SB)
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 11</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	
6:00 a.m.	Mass +Frances Ann (Linne) Powers	Historic Church (SB)
8:05 a.m.	Rosary (For an increase of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life)	Church (SM)
8:30 a.m.	Mass +Frank Mathais and +Frances Margaritha (Vaeth) Borho (Anniversary of Deaths)	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 11:00 a.m.	F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9	Parish Office (SM)
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.	F3 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)	Church: South Sacristy (SM)
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 12</b>		
3:50 p.m.	Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)	Historic Church (SB)
4:15 p.m.	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	Historic Church (SB) Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105 Parish Office: Room G
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 102 Meeting	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 13</b>		
7:15 a.m.	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	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
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.		
9:30 to 11:00 a.m.		
Noon		
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14</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 located at the main entrance)	Church (SM)
4:15 p.m.	Mass +Bernice Frances (Kerstiens) May Brosmer (Anniversary of Birth)	Church (SM)
4:15 p.m.	Communal Anointing of the Sick	Church (SM)
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Church (SM)
6:00 to 7:15 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration: Quiet Prayer with Jesus	Historic Church (SB)
6:15 to 7:20 p.m.	F3 Programs and Activities for Kindergarten - Grade 6	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
6:15 to 7:20 p.m.	F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 15</b>		
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Church cleaning	Church (SM)
12:05 p.m.	Mass +Dennis Pius Waninger (Anniversary of Birth)	Historic Church (SB)
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, JANUARY 16</b>		
7:15 a.m.	Mass +James "Jim" Theodore Mehling	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

<b>Reception/Main Number</b>	Monday-Wednesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday 9 to 11 a. m.	812-357-5533
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*To email a staff member: Use first name, first initial of last name, [@myparishfamily.church](mailto:@myparishfamily.church)*

<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>Cemetery Sexton Records and Plot Sales</b>	Actively seeking to fill position	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.**





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



The January "Wish List" for Catholic Charities Tell City is **size 5 diapers**.

To deliver items, please use the handicap entrance at each church and place items in the container marked Catholic Charities at the Marian Altar or in the box in the narthex near the prayer intentions book.

Parish churches are open daily from dawn to dusk. Catholic Charities will distribute the items to local individuals or families in need.

For information, contact [Ms. Sue Kloeck](mailto:Ms.Sue.Kloeck), Service and Outreach Commission Chair.

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## 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](mailto:Ms.Sue.Kloeck), Service and Outreach Commission Chair.

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## How to Contact the Prayer Line

### Do you have a request or special need?

- Type **PRAYER REQUEST** in the search box on the website to submit an online request
- Call 812-357-6063 or scan the QR Code with your smartphone



## Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention

### 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 Cecelia (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.







# 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 (Stuteville) 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 Pearlina (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 (Sergesketter) 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) Schaeffer  
+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 Margaritha (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 (Luebbehusen) 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 Cecelia (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 Pearlina (Fischer) Schaefer  
 Elmer Hugo Schaefer  
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 Harold Bernard and Pauline M (Bockhold) Schaefer  
 Melvin Alvin and Catherine Middle (Armstrong) Schaefer  
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 Louis Michael and Irene Agnes (Gaesser) Scherzer  
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 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 "Betsy" 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  
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 Roman Edward and Edith Joyce (Lehmkuhler) Ubelhor  
 Laura "Laura Ann" Annette Uebelhor  
 Oliver "Skinny" Cyril and Cornelia "Connie" Mary (Bettag) Uebelhor  
 Scott Terence Uebelhor  
 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 (Uebelhor) 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

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Irene M. (Collignon) Greulich  
 Gilbert and Margie Kleaving  
 Sister Patty Lasher, OSB  
 Rose M. (Hessig) Mullis

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 Elizabeth "Liz" Borho  
 Robert "Bob" Bumm  
 +David Thomas and Mary "Judy" Julia Colby  
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 Randy and Janice (Hoppenjans) Denning  
 Ruth Ann Denning  
 +Dennis Herald Dougan  
 +James "Jim" Lee and+Kathleen Ann (Seng) Ebert  
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 +Eugene "Gene" and Karen Ubelhor  
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## Those 55+ Invited to JOY Gathering at St. Boniface Parish on January 15



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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## 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:jess.fischer@sbccatholic.church), 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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## Timothy 'Tim' John Waninger, St. Boniface Parish, Dies January 1



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Timothy "Tim" John Waninger, St. Boniface Parish, who died peacefully in the Lord, fortified by the sacraments of the Catholic Church, at The Timbers in Jasper, IN, on January 1, 2026.

Arrangements are in the care of Becher Funeral Home, Ferdinand, IN.

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## Card Shower to Celebrate Mary Alice Ruxer's 102nd Birthday



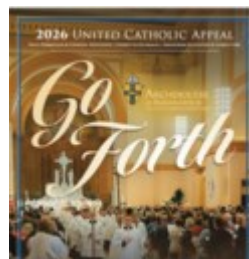
Celebrate with Mary Alice Ruxer and her family on January 16, 2026, as Mary Alice celebrates her 102nd birthday.

Parishioners, friends, and neighbors are encouraged to shower her with cards of care on her special day.

Send greetings to: Mrs. Mary Alice Ruxer, Scenic Hills at the Monastery, 710 Sunrise Drive, Ferdinand, IN 47532-9020.

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## Your Gift to United Catholic Appeal Will Assist Archdiocesan Ministries



The archdiocesan annual United Catholic Appeal (UCA) is now under way for St. Boniface and St. Meinrad parishes.

The archdiocesan goal for this year's appeal is \$6.3 million. The money will be distributed to ministries and organizations throughout central and southern Indiana,

providing help that no single parish or deanery could independently offer.

If you have not yet made a gift, you can learn more by searching for "United Catholic Appeal 2026" on the parish websites.

Or scan the QR code to make your gift now.



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News and Events:

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# This Week on Formed

## Week of January 11, 2026



### Reborn

Reborn explores the deeply personal power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Rendered with a cinematic beauty that's become the hallmark of the Augustine Institute's film productions, Reborn presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.



### The Desert Fathers (Part 1) | Littlest Saints

In this special two-part episode, we follow the stories of three famous desert fathers--St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius, and St. John the Dwarf--as they navigate the perils of the desert in search of its great spiritual riches.



### The Desert Fathers (Part 2) | Littlest Saints

In this special two-part episode, we follow the stories of three famous desert fathers--St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius, and St. John the Dwarf--as they navigate the perils of the desert in search of its great spiritual riches.

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## PASTOR'S LETTER

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

#### The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Response: Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
The calendar notes that we have Communal Anointing of the Sick this coming Wednesday, January 14, during the 4:15 p.m. daily Mass. As always, Wednesday Mass at St. Meinrad Parish is preceded by Eucharistic Adoration starting at 3 p.m. Also, Confession is offered starting at 3:30 p.m. There is also Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. at St. Boniface Parish when youth faith formation is "in session."

This Sunday celebrates "the Baptism of the Lord," in which Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River. As He is baptized, God the Father speaks from heaven, saying: "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.

After this Sunday, the liturgical Christmas season ends, and we resume "Ordinary Time." But the older, traditional end of the Christmas season is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. This ancient feast recounts how Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple on the 40th day after his birth (see Luke 2:22-40). They did this because it was a requirement of the Jewish law that a firstborn son should be presented in the Temple.

Next Sunday, January 18, we will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Meinrad. After the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, there will be a St. Meinrad Parish Feast Day Breakfast at the St. Meinrad Community Center, starting at 9:45 a.m.

The prophecy of Isaiah has four poetic passages that are often called "Suffering Servant Songs." These four poetic songs are: Isaiah 42:1-4; Isaiah 49:1-6; Isaiah 50:4-9; and Isaiah 52:13-53:12. Commentaries often give the name "Second Isaiah" to the prophetic author of Isaiah 40-55, based on the belief that this text was added later to Isaiah's original prophecy.

The "servant" in these four passages represents a prophetic figure – in two senses. First, the "servant" is the prophet "Second Isaiah" as he fulfills his mission, given by the Lord. Second, the "servant" is the entire people of Israel – chosen by God to serve as a prophetic witness to all humanity.

The second sense can be seen in Isaiah 41:8-10: "But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen... to whom I have said, You are my servant; I chose you... Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you."

The first sense is present in today's reading from Isaiah 42: "Here is my servant whom I uphold... upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations." The Lord God is commissioning his servant as a prophet to go forth and do his will.

Throughout Israel's history, faithful prophets often suffered as they proclaimed God's word to his people. Today's passage describes how God's faithful prophet responds to suffering: "not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street."

Further, God's servant (the prophet) does not commit violence as retribution for his suffering: "a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench." These two images of "reed" and "wick" represent those who are unimportant and vulnerable.

Thus the "suffering servant songs" embody and typify what it means to be God's servant, as the prophet is. Instead of trying to impose his own justice, God's servant trusts that God will bring justice at his chosen time: "I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice... to open the



### January Birthdays

- 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

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## Chapter 15: God Works through Our Priests

*Jesus reconciles us with the Father and with one another.*

### Chapter Summary

Jesus healed ten lepers who asked for His mercy, but only one returned to express his gratitude. The Bible uses the term “leprosy” to refer to many skin diseases and infections. Leprosy in this sense can be used as a metaphor for sin. While leprosy was not chosen as sin is freely chosen, it wounded and disfigured the body, caused people to be isolated, and stopped the person from worshipping with others among God’s people. Likewise, mortal sin wounds and disfigures our souls, separates us from God and the Church, and inhibits us from receiving the Eucharist. In the Old Testament, the priest had to confirm that a leper was healed, and then the person had to complete a ritual washing. In the New Testament, Catholic priests offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to forgive sins and bring the person back into communion with God and the Church. We should always express our great gratitude for God’s mercy.

### Forgiveness and Reconciliation

*“Being able to forgive others implies the liberating experience of understanding and forgiving ourselves.”*

—Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 107

Family life challenges us with constant experiences to imitate Jesus’ mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus teaches us mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Pope Francis noted, forgiving others is rooted in the “experience of understanding and forgiving ourselves.” All members of families wound one another at some point. Sadly, in God’s family, we wound our loving Father through the sins we freely choose to commit.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus teaches us how to seek forgiveness and gives us new perspectives that help us begin to show mercy and forgiveness to others:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation	Healing in Family Life
Humility to know our sins and faults	Humility to recognize when we have wronged someone or that we are not perfect and should not demand perfection of others
Courage to confess our sins to God through the priest	Courage to ask for forgiveness and to apologize when we hurt others
We receive mercy and forgiveness from God and learn to forgive ourselves.	We show mercy and forgiveness to those who have hurt us and learn to forgive ourselves.
We show sorrow for our sins through acts of penance.	We show sorrow for hurting others through acts of kindness, compassion, and sacrifice.
We experience peace with God and His Church.	We experience peace and love in family life.



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





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eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement.” These “servant songs” witness to how we can live as servants of the Lord God. The prophet is a faithful servant of the Lord, while the people of Israel are sometimes unfaithful. Isaiah’s servant songs present the prophet as a model for what all of Israel ought to be – God’s faithful servant.

Jesus Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of these “Suffering Servant Songs.” Jesus is the perfect embodiment of what it means to be God’s servant, as described in today’s reading and the other servant songs of Isaiah. To be Christ’s disciple is to imitate him in this way. The Virgin Mary gives us a similar witness during this Christmas season. When the angel Gabriel revealed God’s plan to her, Mary responded: “Behold, I am the servant (handmaid) of the Lord” (Luke 1:38).

Our second reading is from Acts 10, in which Peter orders that Cornelius and his household should “be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ” (10:48). For the early Christian community, this was a momentous event because Cornelius and his household were Gentiles. Peter is acting on his recognition that the Holy Spirit had been “poured out” on these Gentiles.

“Circumcised believers” (Jewish Christians) accompanying Peter had also witnessed this outpouring of the Spirit on the Gentiles. Neither they nor Peter could deny it. So, Peter commanded that Cornelius and company be baptized – without them first becoming Jewish through circumcision.

This context explains the importance of Peter’s actions in today’s reading. Peter says: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.” Peter is reacting to Cornelius’ retelling of his vision (Acts 10:30-33). Both Cornelius and Peter had received visions (Acts 10:1-24). Through these visions, Peter concludes that God is offering salvation in Christ Jesus also to the Gentiles.

Since Cornelius and company were not required to be circumcised, they did not become subject to the Jewish law. They were baptized in the name of Christ without this. Peter concludes this is God’s will when he sees that “the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening” (10:44). This happened when Peter was recounting Jesus’ public ministry, crucifixion, and

resurrection. When they receive the Holy Spirit, Cornelius and his household glorify God.

Today’s Gospel describes “the Baptism of the Lord” – which gives today’s feast its name. John the Baptist’s main message is this: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matt 3:2)! Calling the people to be baptized in the Jordan River, John explained: “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance” (Matt 3:11).

But when Jesus presented Himself to John for baptism, “John tried to prevent him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?’” John recognizes that Jesus has no need of repentance. Instead, John recognizes Jesus’ authority to forgive sins and to call others to repentance.

Despite this, Jesus replies to John: “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” When John cooperates, Jesus’ identity is revealed by two signs as he is baptized. First, “the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.” Second, “a voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’” These two signs reveal that Jesus is God’s Son, and that God’s Spirit dwells in Him.

Christian baptism is far greater than John’s baptism of repentance and forgiveness of sins. Rather, in Christian baptism, we become adopted sons and daughters of God, who sent his Son to share our weak human nature. Through Christ’s redemptive grace, Christian baptism also gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit – God’s presence within us as we await Christ’s return. Jesus’ baptism by John thus anticipates the graces that Jesus’ followers receive by being baptized in Christ’s name, invoking Father, Son, and Spirit.

In Christ Jesus,  
*Father Paul, OSB*

## 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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## 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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## Weekly Eucharistic Adoration Schedule


**Wednesday:** 3-4 p.m. St. Meinrad Catholic Church  
**Wednesday:** 6 to 7:15 p.m. Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church (only when F3 sessions are scheduled)

**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	Saturday, January 10 at 4 p.m. <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	Sunday, January 11 at 6 a.m. <b>Mass for Sunday</b> Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	Sunday, January 11 at 8:30 a.m. <b>Mass for Sunday</b> St. Meinrad Catholic Church
Porter	Ryan Hildenbrand Kyler Hildenbrand	Paul Gerlach	Christopher Kern
Sacristan	Maddie Gudorf	Sharon Gerlach	Amanda and Keith Kern
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 Clara Tempel - Tower Bell #2 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #3	
Livestream for Rosary	NOT FILLED		Sally Gravatte
Rosary Leader	Carol J. Waninger		Sally Gravatte
Livestream for Mass	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Hospitality (Greeters)	Mark Hildenbrand and Peggy Hildenbrand - Main Door	NOT FILLED - Main Door	Avery Masterson and Aili Masterson - 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	Parker Gudorf	Marshall Snyder	Carson J. Kern
Acolyte of the Word	Waylon J. Wampler Wyatt A. Wampler	Tanner Wilson	Cayli Kern
Crucifer (Cross Bearer)	Charlotte Sitzman	Beckett Kress	Carly Kern
Candle Bearer	Edmund Sitzman NOT FILLED	Liam Kress NOT FILLED	Kylie Sitzman Clay Sitzman
Proclamation of the Word	Michelle Blalock - First Reading Karen Peters - Second Reading Courtney Blalock - Prayer of the Faithful	Vickie Snyder - First Reading Faith Schaefer - Second Reading Kerry Snyder - Prayer of the Faithful	Sara E. Vaal - First Reading Melanie Fetter - Second Reading Jodi Fetter - Prayer of the Faithful
Offertory Collection (Review listed Mass Intention. Invite family members to present the offertory gifts at the Offertory Procession.)	Paul Haeffling Nick Hildenbrand Kasen Hildenbrand Wyatt Gudorf	Pat Berg Alfred Birchler Eric Tuley Jim Mullis	Jeff Ebert Jerry Sitzman Lane Vaal Brad Wilmes
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)	Michael Gudorf - Paten Amanda Gudorf - Paten Yvonne Weaver - Paten Michelle Blalock - Chalice Wyatt Gudorf - Chalice Karen Peters - Chalice Becky Wesner - Chalice Michael Gudorf - Pyx (loft) NOT FILLED - Chalice (loft)	Alison Collignon - Paten Sharon Gerlach - Chalice Kerry Snyder - Chalice Alison Collignon - Pyx (loft) NOT FILLED - Chalice (loft)	Mary L. Denning - Paten Jessica Fischer - Paten Jerry Sitzman - Paten Ben Ebert - Chalice Bobby Gogel - Chalice Brienne Hopf - Chalice Martha Sitzman - Chalice Jerry Sitzman - Pyx (loft) Brienne Hopf - 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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#### 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	December 29 - January 4	Livestream
11	Monday	6
12	Tuesday	4
89	Wednesday	13
67	Thursday	12
14	Friday	4
133	Saturday (Vigil for Sunday) 4 p.m.	28
77	Sunday 6 a.m.	18
149	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	16
Church Capacity:	360 (SB) Parish #076; 430 (SM) Parish #137	
	FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP	
Updated: 1/5/2026	December 22-28, 2025	
\$135	Online Giving	\$310
\$3,810	Offertory	\$1,697



# HISTORIC ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Listed on National Register of Historic Places

Parish Founded 1847

sbcatholic.church



# ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Founded 1861

smcatholic.church

One Family In Faith

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sanctuary Lamp  
January 18, 2026  
Luminary

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



St Boniface Parish +**Raymond "Ray" Martin Zoglman**  
St. Meinrad Parish +**James Lee VanHoosier**

ORDO (Order of Prayer)	
Liturgy of the Hours	II
Lectionary	64
Eucharistic Prayer	III
Mystery of Faith	B

DATE / TIME	CALENDAR EVENT	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 17</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>Monte Cassino Shrine</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Baptism for Aubrey Lynn Bennet; Parents: Jason Paul and Megan Lynn (Kloeck) Bennet; Godparents: Michael Sonny Bennet and Lauren Elaine (Beyke) Kloeck	Church (SM)
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</b> <i>Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People"</i>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 18</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
6:00 a.m.	<b>Mass +Macy Lee (Stone) Schmitt (Anniversary of Death)</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 Feast Day of St. Meinrad</b> (transferred from January 21) <b>+Deceased Members of St. Meinrad Parish</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
9:45 a.m. to Noon	St. Meinrad Parish Feast Day Breakfast <b>F3 GRADES 7-9 - NO STUDENT SESSION</b> Session will not be held due to the Feast of St. Meinrad celebration. Students will complete the lesson at home and submit their answers at next session on Sunday, January 25.	St. Meinrad Community Center
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 19</b>	<b>DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (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 +Rosalie (Knable) Linne (Anniversary of Birth)</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
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 20</b>		
7:15 a.m.	<b>Mass +Phyllis Kay (Lasher) Bender</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Reserved for Team C	Parish Office: Office C
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	
	• <i>Second and fourth Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.</i> Parish Commission Meetings	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Meeting	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21</b>		
3:00 to 4:00 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 +Delbert Oscar and +Carol Jean (Lindauer) (Anniversary of Birth and Wedding Anniversary) Fetter</b>	<b>Church (SM)</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, JANUARY 22</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.	<b>Mass For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</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, JANUARY 23</b>		
7:15 a.m.	<b>Mass For the Sanctification of Life from Womb to Tomb</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>



# Dear Padre,

***Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.***

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 1:1-8	1 Sm 1:9-20	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	1 Sm 4:1-11	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a	Is 49:3, 5-6
Mk 1:14-20	Mk 1:21-28	Mk 1:29-39	Mk 1:40-45	Mk 2:1-12	Mk 2:13-17	1 Cor 1:1-3
						Jn 1:29-34

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.*

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025



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