



January 18, 2026

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Isaiah 49:3, 5–6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1–3 / John 1:29–34

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# Behold the Lamb of God!

ANN M. GARRIDO

**O**f the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20–28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●

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## Reflect

**Which understanding of the "Lamb of God" resonates with me?**

**"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."**

JOHN 1:29



# HISTORIC ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Founded 1847

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# ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sanctuary Lamp  
January 18, 2026  
Luminary

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

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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 (Kloock) Bennet; Godparents: Michael Sonny Bennet and Lauren Elaine (Beyke) Kloock	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>

Upcoming Events In Our Parish Family

Parish News & Community Events



# 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 15, 2026

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

- Rick M, St. Meinrad Parish, health and healing (1/15)
- Katelyn H, St. Meinrad Parish, health and healing (1/14)
- Gary S, St. Meinrad Parish, health, healing and for the Holy Spirit to remain with him and his family (1/14)
- John B, St. Meinrad Parish, health, peace of mind and heart (1/12)
- 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)

**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.







## Job Opening: Administrative Assistant Sought for Parishes



Applicants are being sought for the part-time position of Administrative Assistant for St. Boniface and St. Meinrad parishes. Details are below:

**Position Type:** Part-time, 25 hours weekly | Non-exempt

**About the Role:** Saint Boniface and Saint Meinrad Catholic Parishes seek a Parish Administrative Assistant to provide essential administrative support for two parish communities sharing one location in Spencer County, Indiana. This position serves as a key point of contact for parish staff, parishioners and visitors while managing time-sensitive tasks and maintaining strong service focus.

### Primary Responsibilities:

- Serve as initial point of contact via phone, mail, in person and electronic communications
- Maintain and manage membership registration and database records
- Prepare and transmit official records to ecclesiastical, governmental and approved parties
- Schedule and prepare resources for pastoral council, parish commission and staff meetings
- Support interactive parish media and communication platforms
- Manage office filing systems, supplies inventory and equipment operation
- Prepare accounts payable documentation for finance team processing
- Assist with membership engagement, solicitation letters and special events
- Maintain welcoming and helpful attitude when greeting visitors

### Qualifications:

- Experience as administrative secretary or assistant, or associate degree in business administration or similar field
- Database experience required
- Proficient in Microsoft 365 applications (Excel, OneNote, Outlook, PowerPoint, Word)
- Familiarity with Canva or similar design platforms preferred
- Excellent organizational, time management and communication skills
- Strong attention to detail and ability to follow established procedures
- Ability to work collaboratively with staff, volunteers and visitors
- Pleasant and respectful interpersonal manner
- Reliable attendance and punctuality

- Willingness to support the Church's mission

### Work Environment:

- Parish office located at 19630 North Fourth Street, Saint Meinrad, Indiana
- Regular schedule during parish office hours
- Standard office environment with moderate noise level

**Compensation:** Competitive pay based on experience

**To Apply:** Send resume and cover letter to [communications@myparishfamily.church](mailto:communications@myparishfamily.church) or submit at Parish Office by using the dropbox in the front door.

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## Parishes Receive Capital Credits from PSC Fiber



St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish recently received \$2,483.31 in capital credit refunds from PSC Fiber, for the years 2000-2001.

The funds will be used to furnish an area in the Parish Office that is used for sacramental preparation and pastoral care meetings.

PSC Fiber delivers internet service, streaming local TV, and local and long-distance phone service. The cooperative also provides hosted voice services, managed business service, and phone systems to business clients in the region. Headquartered in Saint Meinrad, Indiana, PSC Fiber has been serving customers for more than 70 years.

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## United Catholic Appeal Update

### St. Boniface Parish (#076)

Parish Goal	\$8,209
Amount Pledged	\$3,350
Percentage to Goal	40.8%
Number of Households	32

### St. Meinrad Parish (#137)

Parish Goal	\$12,535
Amount Pledged	\$6,945
Percentage to Goal	55.4%
Number of Households	29

Archdiocesan UCA Goal Amount	\$6.3 million
Total Amount Pledged Archdiocesan Wide	\$4.7 million
Updated January 2026	

Together, we can make a difference beyond the scope of any individual parish by helping meet the needs of our brothers and sisters in central and southern Indiana. Scan the QR code to make your gift today!



*Is it Possible to  
Experience God  
Face-to-Face?*

*Many have.*

***So can YOU!***



***Kick Up Your Lent In Just 3 Weeks***

Join Deacon Mike as we look to the Old Testament to see who has experienced God face-to-face and what we can learn from those experiences.

**Dates:** Tue. 2/24, 3/3, 3/10

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

**Place:** Parish Office, St. Meinrad Parish

*Each session covers different encounters. Attend one, two, or all three sessions.*

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### Church in Latin America Annual Appeal Set for January 24-25

**Share YOUR Faith**



Support the Church in Latin America

[usccb.org/latin-america](http://usccb.org/latin-america)

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Join our brothers and sisters throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on the weekend of January 24-25, 2026, by supporting the annual appeal for the Church in Latin America collection. Please offer your prayerful and vocal support.

For more than 50 years, this collection has been a way for Catholics in the

United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Donations support diocesan pastoral, catechetical and family life ministries; seminary studies; and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers.

An envelope for the Church in Latin America Annual Appeal is included in the monthly envelope packet. Please make sure your check is made payable to the parish church, clearly marking in the memo Church in Latin America (4048).

When using online giving, make a one-time or recurring gift with a debit and credit card by using the links at [sbccatholic.church/cla/](http://sbccatholic.church/cla/) or [smccatholic.church/cla/](http://smccatholic.church/cla/).

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### 'Blessed Are You' Lenten Retreat Series Explores the Beatitudes

A Lenten retreat, led by Fr. Kolbe Wolniakowski, OSB, invites participants to journey deeper into the heart of the Gospel through the transforming wisdom of the Beatitudes. The series is designed to guide participants in reflecting on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as a roadmap for authentic discipleship.

Each session will explore one or two Beatitudes in depth, connecting their spiritual richness to daily life. Through Scripture study, prayer, discuss "Blessed Are You," a four-week Lenten retreat, will be offered on Tuesdays, February 24, and March 3, 10, and 17, 2026, at the Saint Meinrad Guest House and Retreat Center.

Prayer, reflection, and practical exercises, participants will discover how poverty of spirit, mercy, peacemaking, and the other blessings can reshape relationships with God, self, and others.

Sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Central Time. The fee for the retreat is \$75 per guest and includes all four sessions.

Fr. Kolbe is a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. He entered the community in 2015, professed solemn vows in 2019, and was ordained to the priesthood in 2022. He is passionate about helping others encounter God through the beauty of monastic life.

To register, visit [www.saintmeinrad.org/retreats](http://www.saintmeinrad.org/retreats) or call the Guest House and Retreat Center at 812-357-6611.

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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



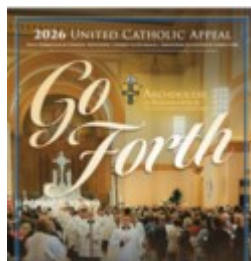
Celebrate with Mary Alice Ruxer and her family on January 16, 2026, as Mary Alice celebrates her 102nd birthday.

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.



Visit the parish website for more

News and Events:

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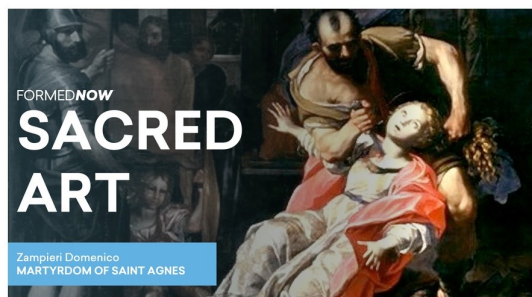
# This Week on Formed

## Week of January 18, 2026



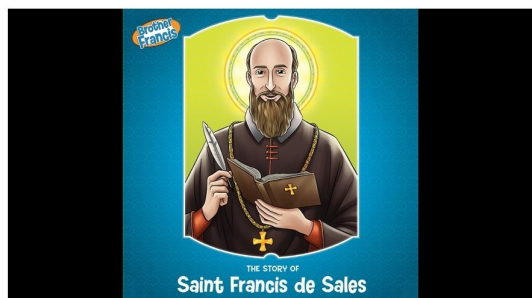
### Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!



### Martyrdom of St. Agnes | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today. This week, they are looking at The Martyrdom of St. Agnes as depicted by Zampieri Domenico.



### The Story of Saint Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales is the patron saint of writers and we celebrate his feast on January 24. Enjoy this short audio reflection for kids.

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## PASTOR'S LETTER

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

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Response: Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Meinrad. Directly after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Meinrad Parish, we will host a breakfast at the St. Meinrad Community Center. All are welcome. My thanks to all who are helping organize, set up, serve, and clean up for this celebratory parish breakfast.



We ask for the intercession of our parish's patron, St. Meinrad, that he may intercede for

both of our parishes. Through our faith in Jesus Christ, may we receive grace to love as Christ loves. May we imitate St. Meinrad in providing loving hospitality for stranger and guest.

The exact feast day of Saint Meinrad is January 21 (Wednesday). You are welcome to join my brother monks for Mass (9:30 a.m.) or Vespers (5 p.m.) in the Archabbey Church on that day – or also 5 p.m.

Vespers on January 20 (Tuesday) eve of the feast.

Within this bulletin (page 6) is information on a job opening for an Administrative Assistant for our two parishes. Please share this information with any family or friends that you think may be interested in the position. The position is open both to candidates who belong to our parishes, and those who do not.

As the bulletin item says, "This position serves as a key point of contact for parish staff, parishioners, and visitors." Our two parishes will greatly benefit from finding good candidates for this position. My

abundant thanks to parish volunteers who have been keeping everything functioning as I've been getting "settled in" as pastor these past few months.

Isaiah 49:1-6 is known as the second (of four) "Suffering Servant Songs" found in Isaiah.

"The LORD said to me: 'You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory.'" We might think that this phrase identifies the "servant" as the people of Israel, but this is contradicted by the following line: "It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel."

Although it is a "lesser" part of the servant's mission, God commissions the "servant" to "restore the survivors of Israel." Thus the "servant" is apparently the prophet (author of this text), not Israel. But the role of Israel in God's plan is closely integrated with the mission of God's "servant" – the prophet.

For example, God promises to "show my glory" through his "servant" the prophet, but God also shows his glory through the people of Israel as a whole. Indeed, God gives the prophet a mission to "raise up" and "restore" the people of Israel for this purpose: that God might show his glory through his people. If Israel returns to faithful obedience in their covenant with God, then God's glory will shine through them.

Isaiah 49:1-6 also emphasizes that the Lord has prepared the servant for his mission since before his birth. Verse 49:1 says this twice in parallel phrases: "Before birth the LORD called me, from my mother's womb he gave me my name." Verse 49:5 says this a third time: "Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb."

God promises his servant: "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." The text describes this as the "greater" part of the servant's mission. In its original context, it is the prophet whom God will make "a light to the nations." But the early Church recognized that followers of Jesus

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### 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



# Family Faith

## Chapter 16

# The Kingdom of God

Jesus invites us to be part of the Kingdom of God.

### Chapter Summary

In the parable of the mustard seed, we learn that the Kingdom of God grew like a mustard seed. The Church is the seed of the Kingdom of God on earth (see CCC 541). All of those in Heaven who have come before us are also part of the Kingdom of God. The Church grew all over the world just from Twelve Apostles. Every time someone is baptized, that person is filled with God's life and the Church continues to grow. As baptized Catholics, we are part of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God also grows in our hearts as we learn to love God and one another more and more.

### More for Parents

We hear a lot about the Kingdom of God in the prayers of the Church and in the Gospels, but many do not know how to bring that into everyday family life. The truth is, there is no better place than the home to teach about and form the Kingdom of God. The home is a school of Christian love where we can daily practice the fundamental ways of living the kingdom: forgiveness, honesty, self-sacrifice, humility, and small, steady growth in virtue. Through daily prayers, regular reading of the Bible—especially the Gospels—and participation in the life of the Church, we can follow the teachings of Christ our King. These may not seem out of the ordinary or heroic, but they are the necessary, daily work that nourishes the seed of faith in our lives and our children's lives. What steps can you take to build the Kingdom of God in your family?

### Our Family Prays Together

Dear God, You have come to tell us Your kingdom is here! You are Christ our King! Help us let the kingdom grow in our hearts. Amen.

### Let's Talk about It as a Family

- **Jesus told us that the Kingdom of God grows like a \_\_\_\_\_.** (Mustard seed.)
- **What is the Kingdom of God on earth?** (The Church.)
- **Does the Church grow when people are baptized?** (Yes.)
- **What are some ways that we can help God's kingdom grow?** (Telling people about Jesus's love, acting like Jesus did, helping those in need, etc.)
- **Who are some of the leaders of the Catholic Church?** (Priests, bishops, the pope.)
- **What grows in our hearts like a mustard seed?** (God's love.)

### Let's Live Our Faith

If we are part of the Kingdom of God on earth, we should take care of all God's people, including the poor, the lonely, and the elderly. When we help the poor, the lonely, and the elderly, we are helping the Kingdom of God grow.

- Discuss with your family the ways that you can show love to the poor, the lonely, and the elderly.

### Family Faith Activities

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

- Nurture the virtue of love in your family through example. Choose any of the above ideas you came up with in the discussion to do as a Sunday family activity.
- Include the poor, the lonely, and the elderly in your family prayers.
- Read and discuss the *Small Wonders* story as a family by going to the parent portal.

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



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Christ had become “a light to the nations.”

For example, Isaiah 49:6 is quoted by Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13 to justify their proclamation of Christ’s Gospel to the Gentiles – all peoples – not just to their own Jewish people. Acts 13:46-47 says: “Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, ‘It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you [fellow Jews] first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, ‘I have made you a light to the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

By following Jesus Christ, Paul and Barnabas have become “a light to the nations.” In Matthew 5:14, Jesus similarly says to his disciples: “You are the light of the world.”

Also, St. Paul quotes Isaiah 49:8 in 2 Corinthians 6:2: “Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: ‘In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.’ Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” Here Paul describes his own ministry, in which Paul announces that Jesus Christ has brought “the day of salvation” through his death and resurrection. Paul teaches the Corinthians that the prophecy of Isaiah 49:1-13 is fulfilled by Jesus Christ.

Our second reading is the beginning of Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians. Paul describes himself as “an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God.” Here Paul defends his authority as an apostle sent by God to proclaim the Gospel. Paul continues this theme in 1 Cor 9:1-6 and in 1 Cor 15:8-9: “Last of all... [Christ] appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”

Paul names “Sosthenes” as his co-sender of this letter. Calling Sosthenes “our brother” indicates that he is a disciple of Christ. This could be the same Sosthenes mentioned in Acts 18:17: “They all seized Sosthenes, the synagogue official, and beat him in full view of the tribunal.” This event is placed in Corinth.

Paul addresses his letter to “the church of God that is in Corinth,” which he describes as “called to be holy.” Later (1 Cor 3:3), Paul

tells the Corinthians: “you are still of the flesh. While there is jealousy and rivalry among you, are you not of the flesh?”

Paul is calling upon the Corinthians to grow in holiness. Paul completes his greeting: “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” This is similar to Paul’s opening greeting in his other letters.

In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus, saying: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” Many commentators connect this to the unblemished lamb slaughtered for the Passover feast.

But John’s words might have additional significances. First, Isaiah 53:7 says: “Though harshly treated, he submitted and did not open his mouth; Like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth.” This comes from the fourth “Suffering Servant Song.”

Early Christians understood this prophecy to be fulfilled by Jesus Christ. For example, in Acts 8:32-33, Philip demonstrates to an Ethiopian eunuch that this exact Isaiah passage refers to Jesus Christ. Second, certain apocalyptic texts (*Testament of Joseph* 19.8; *1 Enoch* 90.38) describe a messianic figure (who appears at the end of this age) as an “apocalyptic lamb.”

John identifies Jesus as “the Lamb of God” because John had witnessed “the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon [Jesus].” John had received a revelation from God that this sign would identify “the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.” God is acting in a new way in Christ – abundantly pouring his Spirit upon men and women.

In Christ Jesus,  
*Father Paul, OSB*

## Handwoven Baskets on Display at Archabbey Library through Feb. 27



Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library Gallery will host an exhibit of woven baskets by Saint Meinrad monk and artist Br. Jean Fish, OSB, from January 10 through February 27.

Br. Jean works primarily with sculptural basket weaving. He describes his work as contemplative and a form of prayer.

Weaving yarn around jute cords to form a rigid basket, the creative process focuses the spirit.

Originally from Southern California, Br. Jean made his solemn vows at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in 2019. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology from Sonoma State University, a Master of Arts in Theology from Saint Meinrad School of Theology, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from University of Alabama, Birmingham.

For library hours, call 812-357-6401 or 800-987-7311, or visit the Archabbey Library’s website: <https://www.saintmeinrad.edu/library/library-hours/>. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Online January 12, 2025 | Bulletin February 22, 2026

## 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.


Online December 18, 2025 | Bulletin January 18, 2026

**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 17 at 4 p.m.</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	<b>Sunday, January 18 at 6 a.m.</b> <b>Mass for Sunday</b> Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	<b>Sunday, January 18 at 8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Mass for Sunday</b> St. Meinrad Catholic Church
Porter	Ryan Hildenbrand Kyler Hildenbrand	LeeRay Tempel	Alex Graman Jeff Graman
Sacristan	Diane Gruber Lilly Gruber	LeeRay Tempel Clara Tempel	Janelle Brentlinger Mike Brentlinger
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 LeeRay Tempel - Tower Bell #3	
Livestream for Rosary	NOT FILLED		Sally Gravatte
Rosary Leader	Yvonne Weaver		Sally Gravatte
Livestream for Mass	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Hospitality (Greeters)	NOT FILLED - Main Door	NOT FILLED - Main Door	Susan Ippoliti and Karen Springston - Main Door
Priest	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant
Deacon	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Acolyte of the Altar	Aidan Haeffling	Michael Blalock	J.D. Brentlinger
Acolyte of the Word	Kade Hildenbrand	Emerson Schaefer	Jayden Gray
Crucifer (Cross Bearer)	Charlotte Sitzman	Axl Schroer	Lyla Kate Gray
Candle Bearer	Edmund Sitzman Livy Schaefer	Liam Kress Ayla Schroer	Avery Beier Eli Gentry
Proclamation of the Word	Pam Davis - First Reading Adele Harper - Second Reading Michelle Blalock - Prayer of the Faithful	Vickie Snyder - First Reading Michelle Blalock - Second Reading Lily Hubert - Prayer of the Faithful	Karen Springston - First Reading Leah Brentlinger - Second Reading Karen Springston - 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 Michael Gudorf	Pat Berg Denny Rickelman Clara Tempel NOT FILLED	Jeff Ebert Peyton Gray Hunter Gray Mark Ruxer
Signal Bell at Consecration (At the time of the <i>Epiclesis</i> , when the acolytes kneel at the altar, ring the tower bell until the acolytes again stand following the proclamation of the mystery of faith.)	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)	Courtney Blalock - Paten Maddie Gudorf - Paten Michael Gudorf - Paten Michelle Blalock - Chalice Amanda Gudorf - Chalice Karen Peters - Chalice Becky Wesner - Chalice Courtney Blalock - Pyx (loft) Amanda Gudorf - Chalice (loft)	Faith Schaefer - Paten Alison Collignon - Chalice Kerry Snyder - Chalice Faith Schaefer - Pyx (loft) Kerry Snyder - Chalice (loft)	David Fromme - Paten Kathy Ruxer - Paten Cindy Sitzman - Paten Brittany Forler - Chalice Caleb Mohr - Chalice Jerry Sitzman - Chalice Martha Sitzman - Chalice David Fromme - Pyx (loft) Brittany Forler - 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)	Rena Harper	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED

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### AREA AGENCIES

#### Catholic Charities Tell City

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

#### Knights of Columbus #5599 (SM)

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

#### Martin's Cloak Food Pantry

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

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

#### OFFICERS

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

#### COMMISSION CHAIRS

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

### PARISH LEADERSHIP

#### Bereavement Luncheon Ministry (SB)

Mary Wagner, coordinator 812-357-2002 (h)

#### Bereavement Luncheon Ministry (SM)

Dolores Scherzer, coordinator 812-357-2571 (h)

#### Cemetery Commission (SB)

Position Open, chair

#### Cemetery Commission (SM)

[Brian Greulich](#), chair

#### Fall Picnic (SM)

Nancy Graman, chair

#### Men's Society (SB)

Jim Gogel, chair

#### Ladies Sodality (SB)

Brenda Kleiser, chair

#### Summer Picnic (SB)

Position Open, chair

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

### ONLINE GIVING: HOW TO GET STARTED



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

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

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

- Whether a new or lifetime parishioner, a friend or neighbor, or an area business that supports the mission and ministry of St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish in Spencer County, Indiana, Realm Online Giving 24/7 and Realm Mobile Giving will work for all your giving needs.
- With Realm Mobile Giving, giving is never out of reach. Parishioners can give online with their mobile phones by signing into Realm from their mobile browser. Realm also takes advantage of mobile phone cameras. iPhone users can save time by scanning a credit card to quickly enter their payment method.
- Here are links to get started:  
[sbcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/](http://sbcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/)  
[smcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/](http://smcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/)
- If you have questions or need help setting up an account, contact the Parish Office at 812-357-5533 or email [info@myparishfamily.church](mailto:info@myparishfamily.church).

### ST. BONIFACE

### ST. MEINRAD

	PARISH CENSUS	
	FY 2025-2026	
176	# of Households	224
430	# of Souls	456
	MASS COUNT	
In-Person	January 5-11, 2026	Livestream
N/A	Monday	N/A
N/A	Tuesday	N/A
N/A	Wednesday	N/A
N/A	Thursday	N/A
N/A	Friday	N/A
N/A	Saturday (Vigil for Sunday) 4 p.m.	N/A
N/A	Sunday 6 a.m.	N/A
N/A	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	N/A
Church Capacity:	360 (SB) Parish #076; 430 (SM) Parish #137	
	FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP	
Updated:1/14/2026	December 29-January 4	
\$695	Online Giving	\$1,105
\$1,690	Offertory	\$2,002



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*One Family In Faith*

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sanctuary Lamp  
**January 25, 2026**  
Luminary

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



### ORDO (Order of Prayer)

Liturgy of the Hours	III
Lectionary	67
Eucharistic Prayer	IV
Mystery of Faith	C

St Boniface Parish +**Viola F. (Gramelspacher) Zoglman**  
St. Meinrad Parish +**James "Jim" Lee and +Kathleen Ann (Seng) Ebert**

DATE / TIME	CALENDAR EVENT	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 24</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 25</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
6:00 a.m.	Mass +Deceased Members of +Hugo Joseph and +Ardella Marie (Rickelman) Beier Family	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 +Marlene Marie (Gessner) Gehlhausen	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.	<b>F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9</b>	Parish Office (SM)
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.	<b>F3 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)</b>	Church: South Sacristy (SM)
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 26</b>		
3:50 p.m.	Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)	Historic Church (SB)
4:15 p.m.	Mass +Eugene "Gene" Wiliam 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	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 27</b>		
7:15 a.m.	Mass +Pauline M. (Bockhold) Schaefer	Church (SM)
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Reserved for Team D	Parish Office: Office C
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.	Parish Staff Meeting • First and third Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Formation sessions for sacraments and pastoral counseling • Second and fourth Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Parish Commission Meetings	Parish Office: Room G-A Parish Office: Room H  Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105
6:00 p.m.	Fulda 4-H Club Meeting	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28</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 +Phyllis Kay (Lasher) Bender	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.	<b>F3 Programs and Activities for Kindergarten - Grade 6</b>	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
6:15 to 7:20 p.m.	<b>F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9</b>	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 29</b>		
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Church cleaning	Church (SM)
11:40 a.m.	Rosary (For an increase of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life)	Church (SB)
12:05 p.m.	Mass +Ronald "Ron" James Zoglman	Historic Church (SB)
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM)
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 30</b>		
7:15 a.m.	Mass +Phyllis Kay (Lasher) Bender	Church (SM)



# Dear Padre,

*I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.*

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25
Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 15:16–23 Mk 2:18–22	1 Sm 16:1–13 Mk 2:23–28	1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51 Mk 3:1–6	1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7 Mk 3:7–12	1 Sm 24:3–21 Mk 3:13–19	2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27 Mk 3:20–21	Is 8:23–9:3 1 Cor 1:10–13, 17 Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–17



## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today's world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.*

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