



February 22, 2026

**First Sunday of Lent (A)**

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Matthew 4:1-11

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**“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert  
to be tempted by the devil.”**

MATTHEW 4:1



## Jesus for the Win

MIGUEL DULICK

**T**he account of the temptations could be presented as a comical play. Pope Francis insisted, “Don’t talk to the devil!” Indeed, Jesus does not engage in dialogue with Satan, much less any negotiation or any business. Stones become bread? Jesus may have fasted for forty days, but he’s had plenty to eat—“every word that comes forth from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Nor will Jesus “test” his Father by jumping off the “parapet of the temple” (like the bell tower of a gothic church). (See Matthew 5-7.) You don’t play God, and you don’t play *with* God. Satan really beclowns himself with the last temptation—promising the whole world if Jesus would just take a knee? No one would fall for that, would they?

Except—most of us. We’d do the bread; we’d do the jump; we’d definitely do the world! Look at the first reading, from Genesis. Adam and Eve give up paradise for a piece of fruit! It’s a sad story because Eve does chat with the serpent, answering questions, allowing for a different point of view. But, as they say on Facebook, Satan “destroys” her! And Adam, too. If they didn’t sew fig leaves for each other, the whole story would be unbearable. Even as they realize their sin, there is a little tenderness.

Saint Paul explains it clearly. Sin entered the world, but with Jesus Christ, there is an “overflow” of grace for the many. (See Romans 5:15.) And that’s what Lent is about—a flood of grace. ●



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
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### Reflect

**What grace do I pray for this Lent—for myself and for someone who is struggling?**

**HISTORIC ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Listed on National Register of Historic Places  
Parish Founded 1847  
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**ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Parish Founded 1861  
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**One Family In Faith**

**First Sunday of Lent**



Sanctuary Lamp  
**February 22, 2026**  
Luminary

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<b>ORDO (Order of Prayer)</b>	
Liturgy of the Hours	1
Lectionary	22
Eucharistic Prayer	1
Mystery of Faith	A

**St Boniface Parish +Deceased Members of The 1847 Society**  
**St. Meinrad Parish +Sr. Paulette Seng, OSB**

DATE / TIME	CALENDAR EVENT	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21</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>
3:15 to 3:45 p.m.	<b>Confession</b> (confessional located at the south entrance)	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
3:35 p.m.	Rosary (For an increase of vocations to the single chaste life and marriage)	Historic Church (SB)
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> "Mass for the People"</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
6:00 a.m.	<b>Mass +Earl Anthony Peters</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
7:45 to 8:15 a.m.	<b>Confession</b> (confessional located at the main entrance)	<b>Church (SM)</b>
8:05 a.m.	Rosary (For an increase of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life)	Church (SM)
8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass +Lillian "Bebsy" Helen (Fischer) Schwoeppe</b> <b>(Anniversary of Birth)</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 to 10:45 a.m.	<b>F3 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)</b>	<b>Church: South Sacristy (SM)</b>
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23</b>		
3:50 p.m.	Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)	Historic Church (SB)
4:15 p.m.	<b>Mass +Nina Marie (Rothgerber) Mullis (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>	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, FEBRUARY 24</b>		
7:15 a.m.	<b>Mass +John Henry Sr. (Anniversary of Birth) and +Anna Mae (Becher) Kunkler</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Reserved for Team D	Parish Office: Office C
8:15 to 9:00 a.m.	Deacon Mike's Presentation on Face-to-Face Encounters with God	Parish Office: Office G
1:15 to 2:45 p.m.	Parish Staff Meeting	Parish Office: Room G-A Parish Office: Room H
	• <i>First and third Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.</i> Formation sessions for sacraments and pastoral counseling	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105
	• <i>Second and fourth Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.</i> Parish Commission Meetings	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
6:00 p.m.	Fulda 4-H Club Meeting	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25</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 +Pauline Mildred (Bockhold) Schaefer</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Church (SM)
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, FEBRUARY 26</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.	<b>Mass +Eugene "Gene" William Gudorf</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, FEBRUARY 27</b>		
7:15 a.m.	<b>Mass +Phyllis Kay (Lasher) Bender</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
3:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church (SM)

# INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PARISH

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PARISH OFFICE

#### LOCATION

19630 N. 4th St.  
Saint Meinrad, Indiana

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

#### PARISH WEBSITES

[sbcatholic.church](http://sbcatholic.church)  
[smcatholic.church](http://smcatholic.church)

### MAILING ADDRESS FOR PARISH OFFICE AND ALL LOCATIONS

PO Box 8  
Saint Meinrad, IN 47577-0008

### ST. BONIFACE PARISH CENTER

#### LOCATION

11715 E. County Road 1550 N  
Fulda, Indiana

**PHONE:** 812-357-2100

## PARISH STAFF

**Reception/Main Number** Monday-Wednesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 812-357-5533  
Saturday 9 to 11 a.m.

*To email a staff member: Use first name, first initial of last name, @myparishfamily.church*

<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Ms. Judi Brown	812-357-6051
<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>Parish Office Custodial Services</b>	Ms. Sue Wiederkehr	812-357-6053
<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</b> <i>Records and Plot Sales</i>	<i>Actively seeking to fill position</i>	812-357-6050
• <b>St. Boniface Cemetery Commission</b>	<i>Position open</i>	812-357-6050
• <b>St. Meinrad Cemetery Commission</b>	Mr. Brian Greulich, Chair	812-608-0756

## PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

Parishioners seeking sacraments should visit the Sacraments tab on our website to begin enrollment and required preparation. To access this information, enter "sacraments" in the search feature at [sbcatholic.church](http://sbcatholic.church) or [smcatholic.church](http://smcatholic.church).

**Baptism Preparation:** Families seeking baptism should contact Jessica Fischer, Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator, to schedule preparation and formation sessions at least two months before the child's birth.

**Marriage Preparation:** Couples wishing to marry at St. Boniface or St. Meinrad churches must contact Jessica Fischer, Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator, at least six months before their wedding date to arrange marriage preparation and formation sessions. At least one person in the couple must have been a parishioner for one year.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office to request a priest for this sacrament of healing. **If you require a priest due to severe illness or danger of death, please call 812-357-6600.** Be prepared to provide your name, location and contact information. The priest on call will respond as soon as possible.

Families should use this number immediately when a loved one is admitted to an area hospital, long-term care center or hospice. Hospital, long-term care and hospice chaplains do not always contact the Parish Office promptly, which can leave parishioners and families without needed parish-based pastoral care or the [Last Sacraments](#). Communal Anointing of the Sick is celebrated several times throughout the year. Details are available on the website.

## 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 on 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. Fill out the online form and a parish staff member or Facilities and Grounds Commission member will respond as soon as possible. **If the emergency that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or emergency medical personnel, call 911 immediately.**





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



The February "Wish List" for Catholic Charities Tell City is **gloves for men and hand lotion.**

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](#), Service and Outreach Commission Chair.

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## February 'Wish List' for North Spencer Community Action Center



The February "Wish List" for North Spencer Community Action Center is **canned soups and crackers.**

To deliver items, please use the handicap entrance at each church and place the items in the container marked North Spencer Community Action Center at the Marian Altar or in the box in the narthex near the prayer intentions book.

Parish churches are open daily from dawn to dusk. NSCAC will distribute these items to local individuals or families in need.

To learn more about North Spencer Community Action Center, contact Ms. Bobbi Fromme, NSCAC Director, at 812-937-2796 or visit [www.northspencercac.com](http://www.northspencercac.com). For more information, contact [Ms. Sue Kloeck](#), Service and Outreach Commission Chair.

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## How to Contact the Prayer Line

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

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



## Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention

### February: For children with incurable diseases



Lord Jesus,

You came into the world to heal our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. You went about healing all and bringing comfort to those in pain and need.

We come before you now in this time of illness asking that you may be the source of our strength in body, courage

in spirit and patience in pain. May we join ourselves more closely to you on the cross and in your suffering that through them we may draw our patience and hope.

Assist us and restore us to health so that united more closely to your family, the Church, we may give praise and honour to your name. Amen.

## Join Us in the Ministry of Prayer

### Recent Prayer Requests Received

*Updated February 21, 2026*

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

- For the repose of the soul of Kevin Paul Seckinger, St. Boniface Parish (2/14)
- Clarence W, Christ the King Parish, health, peace of mind and heart (2/3)
- Jeff G, St. Meinrad Parish, health and healing (2/3)
- 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)

**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.



The Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson  
Archdiocese of Indianapolis

1400 N. Meridian Street  
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9 February 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your ongoing generous support of the annual **Black and Indian Mission Collection!** The Black and Indian Mission Collection, established as the first National Collection in 1874, has proven itself to be a successful vehicle for sharing the resources of the Church's members to provide for the needs of our African American, Native American, and Alaska Native brothers and sisters.

The **2026 Black and Indian Mission Collection will be taken up February 21-22.** As we embark on another year of evangelization in the African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings.

We all agree that never have the needs for African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities been so great as during this time of economic uncertainty. History tells us that lasting change to a community can all come through faith, hope and charity. Please continue to support this mission of faith and hope by your most generous charity.

Your support provides the presence of missionaries here in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native missions, parishes, schools, religious education programs and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. Your partnership places Bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of priests, consecrated men and women, and lay leaders. Your sacrifice impacts pastoral work across the country and addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations here in many of our neighborhoods and backyards. It is only through this constant generosity that evangelization efforts are multiplied a thousand-fold.

To learn more about the Black and Indian Missions and how your donations support religious education programs, Catholic schools and diocesan projects visit the BIMO website, <https://blackandindianmission.org>

Thank you again for your generous support.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson  
Archbishop of Indianapolis

*Make A Difference Today:*

- **Online:** Scan QR code below to make a one-time or recurring gift using debit card or credit card, and ACH (US only).
- **Envelope Packet:** An envelope for the Black and Indian Missions Annual Appeal is included in your monthly packet.
- **Reminder:** Please make your check payable to the parish church, clearly marking in the memo: **Black and Indian Missions #4021.**



## HISTORIC ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Mabel Alice (Greulich) Aders, St. Meinrad Parish, Dies February 7



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mabel Alice (Greulich) Aders, of St. Meinrad Parish, who died peacefully in the Lord on February 7, 2026.

Her husband, Jerry, is also a member of St. Meinrad Parish, along with her brother, Kermit (Cheryle) Greulich. A sister, Earlene (Charlie) Schaefer, is a

member of St. Boniface Parish.

Arrangements are in the care of Becher Funeral Home.

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### Clarence J. Waninger, Ferdinand, Dies on February 7, 2026



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Clarence J. Waninger, who died at Scenic Hills at the Monastery in Ferdinand on February 7, 2026. Brother of Anna Mae Peters and Robert "Bob" Waninger and brother-in-law of Carol J. Waninger, all of St. Boniface Parish.

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### Kevin P. Seckinger, St. Boniface Parish, Dies on February 12



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Kevin P. Seckinger, of St. Boniface Parish, who died at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, IN, on February 12, 2026.

Surviving are a sister, Doris (James) Glenn of Ferdinand, and a brother, Mark, of Dale, both of St. Boniface Parish.

The funeral was held February 19 at St. Boniface Parish. Thanks to all family and friends who came, including Kevin's longtime coworkers at Weyer Electric. Becher Funeral Home handled arrangements.

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### Wondering How to Begin with Online Giving? Here are links to get started:

- [sbcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/](https://sbcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/)
- [smcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/](https://smcatholic.church/sunday-holy-day/)

# KICK UP YOUR LENT

**WHEN**  
Tues 2/24; 3/3;  
3/10  
8:15 am – 9 a.m.

**WHERE**  
St. Meinrad Parish  
Office Conf. Room

**JOIN DEACON MIKE AS WE EXPLORE FACE-TO-FACE ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD**

**RIGHT AFTER THE 7:15 A.M. MASS AT ST. MEINRAD ON TUESDAYS**

**COME TO 1, 2, OR ALL 3 SESSIONS**

**WE WILL EXPLORE (1) CAIN AND ABEL; (2) SAMUEL & SAUL; SARAH & HAGAR; (3) JACOB; (4) ELIJAH & MANY OTHERS**

**THESE PEOPLE HAD FACE-TO-FACE ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD.**

**YOU CAN TOO!**

## United Catholic Appeal Update

### St. Boniface Parish (#076)

Parish Goal	\$8,209
Amount Pledged	\$5,350
Percentage to Goal	65.1%
Number of Households	33

### St. Meinrad Parish (#137)

Parish Goal	\$12,535
Amount Pledged	\$7,020
Percentage to Goal	56%
Number of Households	30

Archdiocesan UCA Goal Amount	\$6.3 million
Total Amount Pledged Archdiocesan Wide	\$5.0 million
Updated February 2026	

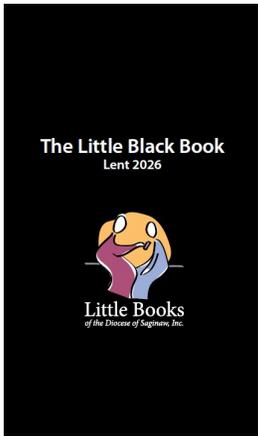
Together, we can make a difference beyond the scope of any individual parish by helping meet the needs of our brothers and sisters in central and southern Indiana. Scan the QR code to make your gift today!



# Lent 2026: Making the Most of 40 Days

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, this year. Below are some resources provided by the parish to help you make the most of your Lenten journey.

## Lenten Prayer Books



Lenten prayer books will be available in both churches on the weekend of February 7-8, 2026. Students in the F3 program will receive their Lenten booklets the previous Wednesday, February 4.

The *Little Black Book for Lent* offers daily reflections from February 16 through Easter Sunday, April 5, based on the Passion according to the Gospel of Mark.

Books are located in pews and on courtesy tables at all entrances. Parishioners in long-term care centers have already received copies.

For more information about the Lenten prayer books, contact [Ms. Jess Fischer](#), Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator.

## Ash Wednesday Services

With Lent beginning on Wednesday, February 18, St. Boniface and St. Meinrad parishes have scheduled various events that are open to parishioners, friends and neighbors.

Here is the **schedule for Ash Wednesday**, February 18:

- Blessing and distribution of ashes only: 6:30 a.m., Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church
- Three Masses, with the distribution of ashes, will be held at:
  - 12:05 p.m., St. Meinrad Catholic Church
  - 4:15 p.m., St. Meinrad Catholic Church
  - 6:15 p.m., Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church

## Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration

Each Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 3 p.m. at St. Meinrad Catholic Church, led by Deacon Mike Fish.

Eucharistic Adoration is available each week on Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. at St. Meinrad Catholic Church.

## Confessions and Penance Service

Confession is available at St. Meinrad Catholic Church on Wednesdays, 3:15 to 4 p.m., and Sundays, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. At Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church, confession is available Saturdays at 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

A communal penance service will be held Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. at Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church.

## CRS Rice Bowls

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls will be available in churches

the weekend of February 7-8. Students in the F3 program will receive their Rice Bowls the previous Wednesday.

Rice Bowls will be on courtesy tables after that weekend. Parishioners in long-term care centers have already received them.



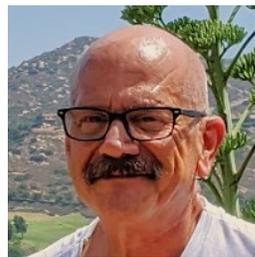
The CRS Rice Bowl program invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the three Lenten pillars of praying, fasting, and almsgiving.

When you give to CRS Rice Bowl, 75% of your donation supports CRS's humanitarian relief programs in nearly 100 countries worldwide. The remaining 25% goes to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts here within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis as part of the Matthew 25: CRS Rice Bowl Grant. Electronic or recurring donations are available. Scan the QR code on the collection container.

Rice bowls and old palm branches may be returned at all church entrances beginning Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026, through Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12. Blessed palms are a sacramental, and they need to be disposed of in a proper manner. It is our custom to take those blessed palms, burn them, and use them for the ashes that, next year, are sprinkled or traced on our heads as a reminder that we "are dust and to dust we shall return."

For information about the CRS Rice Bowls, contact [Sue Kloock](#), chair of the Service and Outreach Commission.

## Special Lenten Series for Adults



Deacon Mike Fish will offer three Lenten sessions for adults, beginning at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Other dates are March 3 and March 10.

At each 45-minute session, participants will look to the Old Testament to see who has experienced God face-to-face and

what can be learned from those experiences.

Each session covers different encounters. Parishioners are welcome to attend one, two or all three sessions. More details on Page 6.

## Important Dates in Lent 2026

- Ash Wednesday: February 18
- Palm Sunday: March 29
- Holy Thursday: April 2
- Good Friday: April 3
- Holy Saturday: April 4
- Easter Sunday: April 5



## Annual Appeal for Black and Indian Missions is February 21-22



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To learn more about the Black and Indian Missions and how your donations support religious education programs, Catholic schools and diocesan projects visit the BIMO website, <https://blackandindianmission.org>

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## Saturday Confession Time Moved to Sunday at St. Meinrad Parish



Beginning on the weekend of January 31 - February 1, the confession time at St. Meinrad Catholic Church will move from Saturday at 12:15 p.m. to Sunday at 7:45 a.m. It is hoped the change will make it more convenient for those who wish to take advantage of the sacrament.

Other confession times remain:

- Saturday, 3:15 p.m., Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church
- Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., St. Meinrad Catholic Church

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## St. Boniface Parish Schedules Fish Fries on Two Fridays During Lent



St. Boniface Parish will hold its annual Lenten fundraiser selling fish dinners on two Fridays, **February 20** and **March 6**. Drive-through and dine-in service will be available at the St. Boniface Parish Center between 3 and 7 p.m., or while supplies last.

Dinners include two half-pound fish filets with sides. Two ordering options are available: Preorders submitted by

noon Monday of the week of the fish fry will be \$15 per dinner; all other orders will be \$16 per dinner.

To preorder dinners, click/tap one of the buttons at the top of this page to submit your order and pay with credit or debit card. To receive the \$15 price, preorders must be received by noon Monday, February 16, and noon Monday, March 2.

The funds raised will be used for parish projects. For more information or to preorder your dinners, visit [sbatholic.church/fish-fry/](http://sbatholic.church/fish-fry/).

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## Organist Gail Archer to Perform at Archabbey on Sunday, March 1



Saint Meinrad Institute for Sacred Music will host a concert by organist Gail Archer titled "*Meditations on the Mystery of the Holy Trinity* by Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)" on Sunday, March 1, 2026, at 3 p.m. Central Time, in the Archabbey Church.

Olivier Messiaen, perhaps the most famous Catholic composer of the 20th

century, wrote the *Meditations on the Mystery of the Holy Trinity* in 1969. The work consists of nine pieces for solo organ that explore the central tenets of the Roman Catholic faith. Archer is an international concert organist, recording artist, choral conductor, and lecturer. She was the first American woman to play the complete works of Olivier Messiaen for the centennial of the composer's birth in 2008.

Archer is director of the music program at Barnard College (Columbia University), where she conducts the Barnard-Columbia Chorus and Chamber Singers. She is a faculty member of the Harriman Institute at Columbia University and serves as college organist at Vassar College. organists to promote and affirm their work.

The program is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Guest House and student parking lots. For more details, call Krista Hall during business hours at 812-357-6501.

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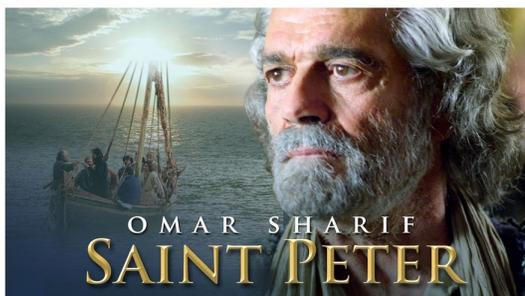
# This Week on Formed

Week of February 22, 2026



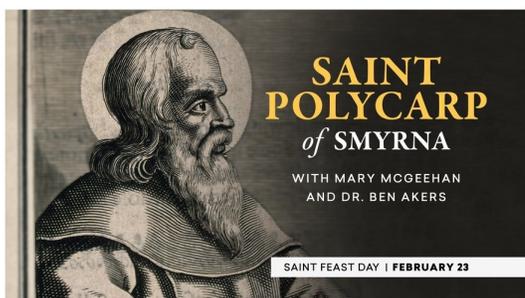
## Foretold

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.



## Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



## St. Polycarp | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of St. Polycarp, a second century bishop and martyr. St. Polycarp was a student of St. John the Apostle, defended the faith against early heresies, and offered his life like Christ as a martyr.

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## PASTOR'S LETTER

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

#### First Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Response: Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I was deeply moved by seeing all of you at our Ash Wednesday services. Receiving ashes on my forehead, and placing ashes on your foreheads reminded me of the gift that I've received in becoming your Pastor. I appreciate Deacon Mike mixing the ashes so well. I found it very moving to place ashes on the foreheads of whole families, young and old. Together we hear: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Or: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

As the season of Lent begins, we commit ourselves to renew our faith in Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Let us take our cross with Christ, loving one another as He has loved us, even unto the cross.

The fish was tender and tasty at our Fish Fry at St. Boniface this Friday, February 20. Don't miss our next Fish Fry on March 6. The good work of our generous volunteers makes everything go smoothly. Join me in thanking them!

Drive-through and dine-in service are available. Search for "Fish Fry" on the parish website for the 2026 page on "Fish Fries." Pre-order on that page to receive a discount. The page is: <https://sb catholic.church/fish-fry>. Or see bulletin (page 8).

"Little black" Lenten prayer booklets and CRS Rice Bowls are still available on the tables at the side and back entrances at both parishes. The Rice Bowls raise funds for Catholic Relief Services, which cares for very poor people throughout the world. The black Lenten Prayer booklets are an assistance in our Lenten practice.

Our reading begins with three verses from Genesis 2, which describe how God

"formed man out of the clay of the ground." The Hebrew words for "man" and "ground" are quite similar. The effect is to emphasize the man's origin as "earthy." Vivid imagery follows: God "blew into [the man's] nostrils the breath of life." Thus, God makes man "a living being."

God is called by the name "YHWH" in Genesis 2-3. English translations indicate this by translating "YHWH" as "LORD" (capital letters). God reveals his name as "YHWH" to Moses in Exodus 3:14. Genesis and Exodus are the first two of the Torah's five books, which the final human editors placed into a unit under divine inspiration. Thus Genesis 2-3 recognizes YHWH, the God of Israel, to be the creator of the heavens and the earth and everything else, including man and woman.

"Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east" (2:8). After God plants a garden, he begins to make "various trees grow," which are both beautiful and fruit-bearing. Two trees are named: "the tree of life" and "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" (2:9).

Later, "the LORD God gave the man this order: You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. From that tree you shall not eat; when you eat from it you shall die" (2:16-17). After man and woman disobey this command (3:1-7), they are expelled from the garden and no longer permitted to eat from the tree of life (Genesis 3:22-24).

Our reading skips ahead to Genesis 3: "Now the serpent was the most cunning...." Through the centuries, this serpent has often been identified with Satan, although the book of Genesis (an early text) does not use the word "Satan" (which means "adversary"). "Satan" is named in later biblical texts such as Job 1-2, Zechariah 3:1-2, and 1 Chronicles 21:1.

The serpent speaks to the woman and deliberately lies. God prohibited the man and woman only from eating of "the tree of knowledge of good and evil." But the serpent depicts God as an oppressor who forbids them to eat "from any of the trees in the garden." Although the woman defends God, the serpent's deliberately

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### February Birthdays

- 1 Mori Nadin, Rich Niehaus, Alex Graman
- 2 Heath Berg, Beth Hoffman, Chris Konerding
- 4 Peggy Hildenbrand, Karen Kern
- 5 Steve Beier, Mariah Luebbehusen
- 6 Kyler Hildenbrand, Addy Vaal, Ralph Troesch
- 7 Susan Ippoliti, Terry Dicus, Owen Bennet
- 8 Ellie Johannemann
- 9 Rylie Kelley, Kermit Greulich
- 10 Tanner Welp
- 11 Becky Wesner
- 12 Brock Schaefer
- 13 Carly Kern, Carol A. Waninger, Thomas Waninger, Emma Gentry
- 14 Janet Drach
- 17 Bryer Vaal
- 18 Francie Borho
- 19 Makenzie Mehringer, Ally Schipp, Randy Zoglman
- 20 Kerry Snyder, Carol Waninger, Nathan Berg
- 21 Rob Gentry, Raymond Beckman
- 22 Justin Forler, Keith Kern
- 23 Dawson Waninger, Sally Gravatte, Spencer Vaal, Dave Peters
- 24 Romilda Pund
- 25 Shelby Roos
- 26 Brody Ficker
- 27 Sandy Wilson
- 28 Adam Gogel, Leo Haake, Joyce Scherzer, Lance Fischer

*Please note:* If your name is missing, incorrect or misspelled, email [communications@myparishfamily.church](mailto:communications@myparishfamily.church).

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News and Events:

[sb catholic.church](http://sb catholic.church) or

[sm catholic.church](http://sm catholic.church)

## Liturgical Year: Lent

*During Lent, we turn from sin and prepare to follow Jesus.*

### Chapter Summary

During Lent, we turn from sin through our penances of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. God is a merciful Father who will forgive us and strengthen us so we can overcome sin. Lent also prepares us for the high point in the liturgical year: Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday evening and concludes on the evening of Easter Sunday. During the liturgies of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, we are united with Jesus in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

### Following Jesus

**Holy Week, as its title indicates, is the holiest week of the liturgical year, with the Easter Triduum serving as the grand crescendo.** It is normal in the life of a Christian to have dry spells in prayer and, perhaps, a lack of fervor. The Masses of the Triduum, with their rich liturgies, can be a catalyst to rekindle your prayer life and that of your family.

- **Take time to attend all the liturgies of the Triduum with your children.** This could pose a challenge of keeping them engaged since the liturgies are longer than usual. It's crucial, then, to review the Mass readings and the meaning of the day together prior to attending so they can follow along better. For example, discuss why the priest washes the feet of parishioners during Mass on Holy Thursday.
- **Find out how your family can assist with the liturgies.** Since there are many moving parts to the Triduum, many parishes need extra ushers, readers, or altar servers to help. Assisting in the liturgy is a great way to stay present and engaged.
- **Find the Mass time that works best with your family.** Most parishes have multiple opportunities to attend the Triduum and Easter liturgies. Perhaps this means one parent takes the older children to the Easter Vigil since it is longer and later, while another parent takes the younger ones to the Mass on Easter day. This ensures your family is taking part in all the richness of the Triduum.



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

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## ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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false statement causes the woman to question God's command about "the tree of knowledge of good and evil."

The woman tells the serpent: "God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" While the woman corrects the serpent's lie, this only gives the serpent an opportunity to lie again, and to contradict what God had told man and woman: "You certainly will not die! No ... your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods."

The serpent lies because death will indeed be the result of their sin. Also, the serpent foments pride in the woman – the desire to be like God rather than to accept the limits of human nature. So, both man and woman eat the forbidden fruit of the tree, and their eyes are opened to recognize their own nakedness.

The Responsorial is Psalm 51, a well-known "penitential psalm." It begins: "Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness." Here "goodness" is a translation for the Hebrew "*Hesed*," which describes God's faithfulness to his covenantal relationship with the people of Israel.

The psalmist repeatedly acknowledges his sins before God. He begs God to cleanse him of his sins: "wipe out my offense... A clean heart create for me, O God... a steadfast spirit renew within me." Verse 9 continues: "wash me, and I will be whiter than snow."

In today's passage from Romans, Paul directly contrasts the first man (Adam) versus Jesus Christ. Through Adam, "sin entered the world, and through sin, death." By contrast, Jesus Christ has brought a "gracious gift" – acquittal from transgressions and "the gift of justification" – "life through the one Jesus Christ." Paul concludes by contrasting Adam's "transgression" versus Jesus' "righteous act" of crucifixion and resurrection. Paul contrasts Adam's disobedience versus Jesus' obedience, which makes Jesus' followers "righteous."

Matthew's Gospel notes: Jesus "was led by the Spirit into the desert." There are parallels between Jesus' forty days in the desert and the Israelites' forty years in the desert after God freed them from Egypt. The Israelites are tested by hunger in the desert. Thus, they learn obedience and dependence on God, who provides them with "bread from heaven."

So Jesus also demonstrates his obedience to God the Father. In

## Grade 2 Catechesis Session for Holy Communion Planned for March 7



The Family Catechesis Session #2 and Carry-In Dinner for First Holy Communion for Grade 2 candidates and their parents or guardians will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at St. Boniface Parish Center in Room 106 from 5:15 to 7:00 p.m.

Families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert, meat and drinks will be

provided. Banner kits will be distributed at this session. For more information, contact Jess Fischer, Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator, at [jessicaf@myparishfamily.church](mailto:jessicaf@myparishfamily.church).

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these first two "temptations," the devil begins by saying "if you are the Son of God..." The devil thus points to Jesus' power as God's Son. But Jesus instead emphasizes his obedience as a faithful Son to God the Father.

After Jesus "fasted" for forty days and nights, the devil tempts Jesus in his human hunger by saying: "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." But in his Incarnation, Jesus chooses to share our human weakness of hunger and pain, and He refuses to use his divine power to avoid human suffering.

Next the devil urges Jesus to throw himself down from the Jerusalem temple parapet. The devil portrays this as a test of God's protective care for his Son, but Jesus refuses, citing Deuteronomy 6:16: "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

Finally, the devil promises to give Jesus the power and glory of the world's kingdoms – "if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." But by his Incarnation, Jesus models how all humanity should worship the Lord God alone. In his response, Jesus cites Deuteronomy 6:13: "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

The devil tempts Jesus with the world's kingdoms, but Jesus instead proclaims the arrival of God's kingdom. Jesus refuses all earthly power and glory. Instead, Jesus reveals God's glory in his crucifixion – divine love that redeems humanity.

In Christ Jesus,  
*Father Paul, OSB*

**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, February 21 at 4 p.m.</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	<b>Sunday, February 22 at 6 a.m.</b> <b>Mass for Sunday</b> Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	<b>Sunday, February 22 at 8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Mass for Sunday</b> St. Meinrad Catholic Church
Porter	Ryan Hildenbrand Kyler Hildenbrand	Alfred Birchler	Alex Graman Jeff Graman
Sacristan	Diane Gruber Lilly Gruber	Clara Tempel LeeRay Tempel	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Bell Ringer (Five minutes before Mass, three assigned liturgical ministers peal bells for 2 minutes.)	NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #1 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #2 Ryan Hildenbrand - Tower Bell #3	NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #1 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #2 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #3	
Livestream for Rosary	NOT FILLED		Sally Gravatte
Rosary Leader	Carol J. Waninger		Susan Ippoliti
Livestream for Mass	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Hospitality (Greeters)	Karen Peters - Main Door	NOT FILLED - Main Door	Nancy Graman and Gary Graman - Main Door
Priest	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant
Deacon	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Acolyte of the Altar	Aidan Haefling	Marshall Snyder	Brenley Beier
Acolyte of the Word	Parker Feltner	Tanner Wilson	Jayden Gray
Crucifer (Cross Bearer)	Parker Gudorf	Axl Schroer	Lyla Kate Gray
Candle Bearer	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Ayla Schroer NOT FILLED	Penelope Lutz Clay Sitzman
Proclamation of the Word	Karen Peters - First Reading Michelle Blalock - Second Reading Pam Davis - Prayer of the Faithful	Vickie Snyder - First Reading Lily Hubert - Second Reading Kerry Snyder - Prayer of the Faithful	Sara E. Vaal - First Reading Marilyn Becker - Second Reading Julia Lutz - Prayer of the Faithful
Offertory Collection (Review listed Mass Intention. Invite family members to present the offertory gifts at the Offertory Procession.)	Paul Haefling Nick Hildenbrand Kasen Hildenbrand Wyatt Gudorf	Pat Berg Jim Mullis Clara Tempel LeeRay Tempel	Dalton Fetter Tom Kloeck Peyton Gray Hunter Gray
Signal Bell at Consecration (At the time of the <i>Epiclesis</i> , when the acolytes kneel at the altar, ring the tower bell until the acolytes again stand following the proclamation of the mystery of faith.)	Ryan Hildenbrand - Bell #3	NOT FILLED - Bell #3	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Individuals assigned to patens gather near Altar of St. Joseph, chalices near the Altar of Mary)	Courtney Blalock - Paten Amanda Gudorf - Paten Karen Peters - Paten Pam Davis - Chalice Maddie Gudorf - Chalice Michael Gudorf - Chalice Becky Wesner - Chalice Courtney Blalock - Pyx (loft) Maddie Gudorf - Chalice (loft)	Faith Schaefer - Paten Alison Collignon - Chalice Kerry Snyder - Chalice Faith Schaefer - Pyx (loft) Alison Collignon - Chalice (loft)	David Fromme - Paten Benjamin Mangum - Paten Caleb Mohr - Paten Marlin Flaherty - Chalice Karen Mangum - Chalice Jerry Sitzman - Chalice Martha Sitzman - Chalice Caleb Mohr - Pyx (loft) Martha Sitzman - Chalice (loft)
Livestream for <i>Memorare</i> (Camera angle to include statue of Blessed Virgin Mary above BVM altar)	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Angelus Bell (Post-Mass)	Ryan Hildenbrand - Bell #1	NOT FILLED - Bell #1	
Hospitality (Post-Mass)	Joe Harper	NOT FILLED	Anna Vaal

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### AREA AGENCIES

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

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

#### Martin's Cloak Food Pantry

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

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**and Stewardship (SM)** Position open

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

#### Bereavement Luncheon Ministry (SM)

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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)

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### 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	February 9-15, 2026	Livestream
17	Monday	7
12	Tuesday	7
8	Wednesday	7
9	Thursday	12
23	Friday	7
100	Saturday (Vigil for Sunday) 4 p.m.	21
54	Sunday 6 a.m.	11
140	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	15
Church Capacity:	360 (SB) Parish #076; 430 (SM) Parish #137	
FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP		
Updated: 2/17/2026	February 2-8, 2026	
\$225	Online Giving	\$640
\$1,605	Offertory	\$4,187



**One Family In Faith**

**Second Sunday of Lent**



Sanctuary Lamp  
**March 1, 2026**  
Luminary

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



**St Boniface Parish +Patrick "Pat" Leo Dilger**  
**St. Meinrad Parish +Deceased Members of The 1861 Society**

<b>ORDO (Order of Prayer)</b>	
Liturgy of the Hours	II
Lectionary	25
Eucharistic Prayer	III
Mystery of Faith	B

DATE / TIME	CALENDAR EVENT	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28</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>
3:15 to 3:45 p.m.	<b>Confession</b> (confessional at glass chapel located at the south entrance)	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
3:35 p.m.	Rosary (For an increase of vocations to the single chaste life and marriage)	Historic Church (SB)
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> "Mass for the People"</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 1</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
6:00 a.m.	<b>Mass +Edna Clara (Boehm) Meunier (Anniversary of Death)</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
7:45 to 8:15 a.m.	<b>Confession</b> (confessional at glass chapel located at the main entrance)	<b>Church (SM)</b>
8:05 a.m.	Rosary (For increased vocations to priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life)	Church (SM)
8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass +Larry Edward Aders</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 to 11:00 a.m.	<b>F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9</b>	<b>Parish Office (SM)</b>
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.	<b>F3 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)</b>	<b>Church: South Sacristy (SM)</b>
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 2</b>		
3:50 p.m.	Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)	Historic Church (SB)
4:15 p.m.	<b>Mass +William "Bill" Andrew Waninger</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, MARCH 3</b>		
7:15 a.m.	<b>Mass Priest's Intention</b> Reserved for Team A	<b>Church (SM)</b> Parish Office: Office C
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Deacon Mike's Presentation on Face-to-Face Encounters with God	Parish Office: Room G
8:15 to 9:00 a.m.	Parish Staff Meeting	Office: Room G-A
1:15 to 2:45 p.m.	Girl Scout Meeting	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	• <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 Office: Room H  Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4</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 Prayers for Health and Healing</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Church (SM)
6:30 p.m.	<b>Lenten Penance Service (F3 students are to attend Instead of regular F3 classes)</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 5</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 +Earl Anthony Peters</b>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b>
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Church reserved for liturgical music practice	Historic Church (SB)/Church (SM)
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 6</b>		
7:15 a.m.	<b>Mass +Carl G. Schneider</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
3:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church (SM)
3:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Fish Fry	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)



# Dear Padre,

*I was taught that it is a requirement to fast at least one hour before receiving Communion. However, I've seen donuts out before Mass begins and hear candy wrappers being crumpled around me. This seems disrespectful to me.*



GREGORY SHERITZ

It is important to use the correct words when describing a particular action. In this case, "requirement" does not really capture the full meaning and understanding of what the Church teaches. A better understanding is that it is a discipline and a practice of the Church to ordinarily observe the eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving holy Communion. If you are of a certain age, you may remember that there have been changes regarding the eucharistic fast. A "requirement" might suggest that the fast is integral to the sacrament itself. It is not.

The second part of your question seems to be a matter of perception. Based on your perception, you judge something to be not quite right. But, consider that there are many reasons why hospitality may be set up before Mass. The crumpling of wrappers could be something other than what you identify. Regardless, you are not required to assume the burden of policing what is taking place at Mass. It is much better to participate, celebrate, and be grateful for the sacrament that we gather to experience as a community of faith. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Second Sunday of Lent
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Is 55:10-11	Jon 3:1-10	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Ez 18:21-28	Dt 26:16-19	Gn 2:1-4a
Mt 25:31-46	Mt 6:7-15	Lk 11:29-32	Mt 7:7-12	Mt 5:20-26	Mt 5:43-48	2 Tm 1:8b-10
						Mt 17:1-9

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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JIM WEST

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centers for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work!*

MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, ROME, JUNE 13, 2025



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