



March 1, 2026

**Second Sunday of Lent (A)**

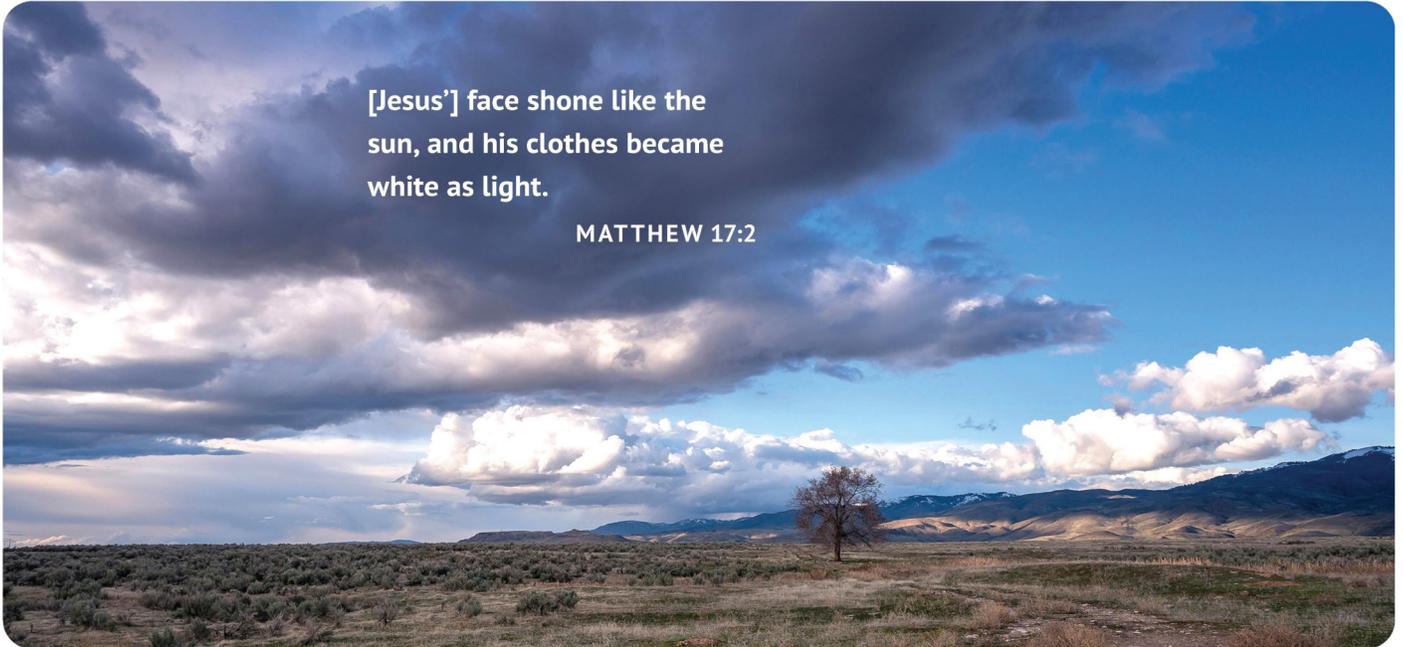
Genesis 12:1-4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-9

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[Jesus'] face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2



## Where Heaven and Earth Meet

ANN M. GARRIDO

**H**ave you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of *his* closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

### Reflect

***What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?***



**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>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Reserved for Team A	Parish Office: Office C
8:15 to 9:00 a.m.	Deacon Mike's Presentation on Face-to-Face Encounters with God	Parish Office: Room G
1:15 to 2:45 p.m.	Parish Staff Meeting	Office: Room G-A
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Meeting	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
	• <i>First and third Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.</i> Formation sessions for sacraments and pastoral counseling	Parish Office: Room H
	• <i>Second and fourth Tuesdays of month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.</i> Parish Commission Meetings	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.	<b>Lenten Fish Fry</b>	<b>Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)</b>

# INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PARISH

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PARISH OFFICE

#### LOCATION

19630 N. 4th St.  
Saint Meinrad, Indiana  
**PHONE:** 812-357-5533 (Main Number)  
[info@myparishfamily.church](mailto:info@myparishfamily.church)

### PARISH WEBSITES

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

### MAILING ADDRESS FOR PARISH OFFICE AND ALL LOCATIONS

PO Box 8  
Saint Meinrad, IN 47577-0008

### ST. BONIFACE PARISH CENTER

#### LOCATION

11715 E. County Road 1550 N  
Fulda, Indiana

**PHONE:** 812-357-2100

## PARISH STAFF

**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.**





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



The March "Wish List" for Catholic Charities Tell City is **pop-top cans of food** such as soup, ravioli, chicken and dumplings, and fruit.

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



The March "Wish List" for North Spencer Community Action Center is **canned tuna and canned chicken**.

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

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, who died on February 12, 2026 (2/21)
- 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  
Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367  
317-236-1403

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

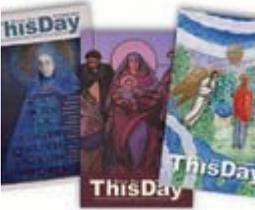
Listed on National Register of Historic Places  
Parish Founded 1847  
sbcatholic.church



## ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Founded 1861  
smcatholic.church

### Monthly Prayer Books Available in Churches on March 10



Copies of the April 2026 edition of *Give Us This Day: Daily Prayer for Today's Catholics* will be available, compliments of the Evangelization Commission, beginning on the second Tuesday of each month, at the courtesy tables near the churches' entrances.

*Give Us This Day* is a great resource to enhance your daily prayer and Catholic

faith. Books include daily Mass readings, highlights from the saint of the day, as well as inspiring stories, art, and writings from contemporary men and women.

For more information, contact [Ms. Jess Fischer](mailto:Ms. Jess Fischer), Evangelization and Discipleship Coordinator, at 812-357-6065 (voicemail).

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**If you require a priest due to severe illness or danger of death, please call: 812-357-6600.**

Be prepared to provide the attendant with your name, location, and contact information. Father Paul or the priest on call will respond as soon as possible.

# 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!**

### Communal Anointing of the Sick Scheduled for Wednesday, March 11

Communal Anointing of the Sick will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at the 4:15 p.m. Mass at St. Meinrad Catholic Church.

Those who wish to receive this sacrament should move to the end of the pew on the center aisle. The infirm and individuals needing assistance seated in the front pews will receive this sacrament first.

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

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### 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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## 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	\$4.7 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!



## HISTORIC ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Listed on National Register of Historic Places

Parish Founded 1847

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



## ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Founded 1861

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

### Spencer County Habitat for Humanity Plans Dinner, Auction



Spencer County Habitat for Humanity is holding its annual pork chop dinner and silent auction on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at the Spencer County Youth and Community Center in Chrisney. The dinner is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Anyone who wishes to donate a dessert for the meal is asking to drop it off anytime after 8 a.m. that morning at

the Youth and Community Center.

For more information, email Executive Director Jenny Thomas at [spencercountyhabitat@gmail.com](mailto:spencercountyhabitat@gmail.com).

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### Join Students at CACD Woodlot for Saint Meinrad Day of Service



The annual Saint Meinrad Day of Service will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026.

This year, volunteers can assist the CACD team in splitting/cutting precut logs on the woodlot. Volunteers can also help stack the chopped firewood

for future use.

Anyone who wishes to participate can meet at Bede Circle at 9 a.m. to sign a safety waiver. Work will conclude about 11:15 a.m., and volunteers are welcome to join the seminarians for lunch.

There is no cost to participate, and each volunteer will receive a free t-shirt (this year in black), courtesy of the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association. Due to production timelines, t-shirts may be distributed to volunteers following the service day. You do not need to be an alumnus of Saint Meinrad to participate. All are welcome.

Volunteers are asked to register by March 7 to ensure an accurate count of volunteers for the site. To register, click "Register Now" at [this link](#), or call the Saint Meinrad Alumni Office at 800-682-0988.

For more information, contact Phil Necessary at [pnecessary@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:pnecessary@saintmeinrad.edu).

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#### 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

### Lenten Penance Service Offered on Wednesday, March 4 at St. Boniface



A communal penance service will be held Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. at Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church. F3 (family faith formation) sessions will be not held, as students are to attend the 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.

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### Honor Your Loved Ones with Easter Flower Offering



St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish invite parishioners, friends, and neighbors to remember and honor their loved ones by purchasing flowers to decorate the parish churches during the Easter Season.

Anyone interested in remembering or honoring a loved one at Easter with a memorial gift of flowers may place the

person's name to be recognized, along with a donation, in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Offering." These envelopes should be placed in the offertory collection at any Sunday or Holy Day Mass.

**The deadline is Friday, March 20, 2026.** Gifts may also be dropped off in the parish office at 19630 N. 4th St., Saint Meinrad, IN. The accessible entrance to the parish office is located on Brewery Street, on the north side of the building. Use the door in the carport area, equipped with an after-hours drop box for use when the office is closed.

The monthly envelope packet includes an envelope for the Easter Flower Offering. Please make your check payable to the parish church, clearly marking in the memo Easter Flower Offering (4039).

To make an online gift, use the search feature for "online giving" on the parish website.

On the form, use the dropdown menu to choose "Easter Flower Offering." Loved one's name(s) will be printed on a beautiful placard, displayed in the church throughout the Easter Season, and listed on the website at [www.sbcatholic.church/easter-flower-honor-roll](http://www.sbcatholic.church/easter-flower-honor-roll) or [www.smcatholic.church/easter-flower-honor-roll](http://www.smcatholic.church/easter-flower-honor-roll).

For more information, contact [info@myparishfamily.church](mailto:info@myparishfamily.church) or phone 812-357-5533.

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



Join our brothers and sisters throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on the weekend of February 21-22, 2026, by supporting the Black and Indian Mission Annual Appeal. Please offer your prayerful, vocal and financial support.

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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.

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.

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 Fry on Friday, March 6



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.

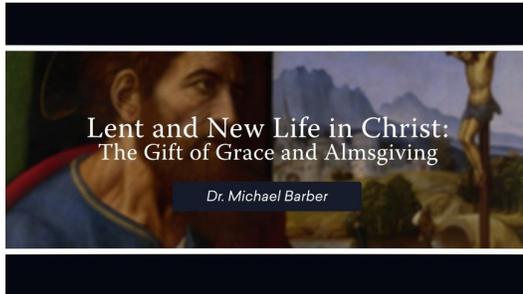
The program is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Guest House and student parking lots. For more details, call Krista Hall during business hours at 812-357-6501.

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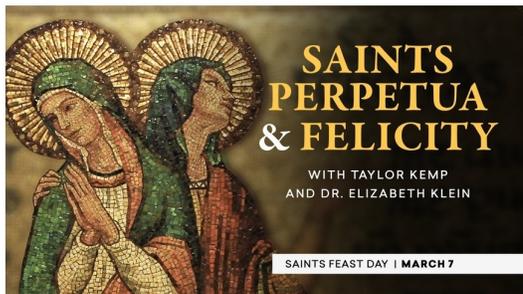
# This Week on Formed

Week of March 01, 2026



## Lent and New Life in Christ

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.



## Sts. Perpetua

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss the life and impact of two female martyrs from the third century, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity. Both were beheaded for refusing to renounce their Christian faith.



## The Total Gift: A Katharine Drexel Story

Saint Katharine Drexel chose a life dedicated entirely to serving marginalized communities. Born into a wealthy Philadelphia family, Katharine Drexel used her fortune to challenge societal norms and dedicate her life to education and racial healing.

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## PASTOR'S LETTER

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

#### Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Response: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Lent Penance Service at St. Boniface Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to receive Christ's forgiveness and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Church asks us to go to confession at least once per year. Going to confession helps us to grow in holiness through Christ's grace in the sacrament. Faith formation (F3) students are required to attend instead of regular F3 classes. Several priests will be present to hear confessions. Everyone is invited.

As the season of Lent continues, 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.

This Friday, March 6, will be our second (and last) Fish Fry at St. Boniface. The good work of our generous volunteers makes everything go smoothly. Join me in thanking them!

The fish will be tender and tasty! 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://sbcatholic.church/fish-fry/>. Or see bulletin (page 8).

Each month a few of the offering envelopes are special collections for important Church efforts. February's envelopes include: "Church in Central and Eastern Europe Annual Appeal" (Feb 15) and "Black and Indian Missions" (Feb. 22). March's offering envelopes include: "Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa" (March 8), and "St. Nicholas' Helping Hands Assistance for Local Families" (March 22).

From Genesis, this reading marks the beginning of Abram's relationship with the LORD God (YHWH). It begins with the LORD giving Abram a command "go forth" from the land of his family and from his "father's house." Until then, Abram had found his identity in the land and house of his father. But then the LORD God calls Abram to a new identity rooted in Abram's relationship with the LORD. God commands Abram to go "to a land that I will show you" (Gen 12:1). Abram obeys God, he takes with him "his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot" (12:5).

While Abram obeys God's command, God makes Abram several promises. The first promise was already stated – God will give Abram a land. Second, "I will make of you a great nation." The infertility and childlessness of Abram's wife Sarai was stated previously in Genesis 11:30. Thus God's promise requires much trust for Abram to believe. Lastly, God promises: "All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians (3:8-14), Paul cites this promise to Abram as fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

This Genesis passage contains the first promises that God makes with Abram. The first promise – of land – will finally be fulfilled when the Israelites enter the promised land with Joshua after Moses' death. The second promise – that Abram's descendants will become "a great nation" – is fulfilled gradually. They increase in number in Egypt. But only after they enter the promised land do they grow into a great nation, especially later when David becomes King. God's final promise to Abram is fulfilled in an unexpected way – by Christ offering new life to all humanity by his crucifixion. Today's reading ends bluntly – obeying God, "Abram went."

Psalm 33 is a fervent declaration of trust in the LORD God. The last verse of the psalm (Ps. 33:22) is used here as a refrain: "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." Verse 4 declares that God's "word" is "upright" and that God's "works" are "trustworthy." These parallel phrases declare the justice of both God's works and God's words expressed in the Law and the Prophets. Verse 5 uses imagery: "the earth is full" of the Lord's "hesed" (kindness), a word describing God's faithful to his



### March Birthdays

- 1 Rose Fischer, Sharon Schaefer, Judy Sitzman, Tony Friedel
- 3 Linda Greulich
- 4 Randy Schlachter, Callie Fischer, Sara Sitzman, Philip Schipp
- 5 Jeanne Schaefer, Dave Boehm
- 6 Sadie Burden, Caleb Hoffman
- 7 Ian Haefling
- 8 Karen Mangum, Carma Berg
- 9 Gracie Gruber, Rita Hedinger, Chance Zoglman
- 10 Susan Scherzer, Joan Beckman, Lily Hubert, Ayla Schroer
- 11 Karen Kuntz, Waylon Wampler
- 14 John Wesner
- 15 David Schepers, Ava Klem
- 16 Wyatt Greulich
- 17 Larry Forler, Bart Weyer, Megan Broshears, Eric Kress
- 18 Cory Brown, Jessica Fischer, Aaron Vaal, Anna Sermersheim, Sharon Boehm
- 20 Rich Boehm
- 21 Elizabeth Hasenour, Cayli Kern
- 22 J. D. Brockman
- 23 Michelle Blalock, Joshua Haake, Leah Lahee
- 24 Clara Tempel
- 25 Randy Hildenbrand, Brooke Gray, Jill Ebert-Lasher
- 26 Scott Fischer
- 27 Emmitt Gogel, Ashtyn Hagedorn
- 28 Philip Gessner, Anna Springston
- 31 Mary Faulkenberg, Marlin Flaherty, John Schultz

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News and Events:

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# Family Faith

## Liturgical Year

# Lent

Lent is a time to grow in holiness and closer to Jesus.

### Chapter Summary

Jesus prepared for His mission to be the Savior of the world by praying and fasting in the desert for forty days. In the desert, Jesus was tempted by the Devil to reject His Father's plan for salvation. During Lent, we walk more closely with Jesus for forty days and learn to reject temptations that turn us away from God. If we walk with Jesus, we will grow in holiness and have pure hearts for Easter. During Lent, we think about the ways we do not live as God has called us to live, we are sorry for our sins, and we strive to grow in holiness through prayer, fasting, and doing good works.

### More for Parents

Sacrifice is something all parents are familiar with. Out of your deep love for your children, you sacrifice sleep to take care of a scared or sick child and sacrifice time to be at your child's game, as well as the basic everyday sacrifices of feeding, clothing, and sheltering your children. During Lent, the spotlight is put on sacrifice. We look to Christ as an example of sacrificial love. Children receive their first concrete experience of this through our example. They may not understand or appreciate it, but it is Christlike and grace filled nonetheless. This Lent, try to find ways to invite your whole family to show sacrificial love for one another so that the joy of Easter will be more fully realized.

### Our Family Prays Together

Dear God, help us make small sacrifices during Lent so that we can become more holy and have pure hearts for Easter. Amen.

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

- *How many days did Jesus pray to His Father in the desert? (Forty.)*
- *How many days are in the season of Lent? (Forty.)*
- *What do we do during Lent so that we can become holy and have pure hearts? (Pray, fast, do good works.)*
- *What can we say to Jesus when we are sorry for our sins? ("Jesus, I am sorry; please forgive me.")*

### Let's Live Our Faith

Choose one or more of the following:

- Discuss with your family how each person in the family should say that he is sorry for the times he has done something wrong.
- Discuss with your family what each person can do to change her ways during Lent.

### Family Faith Activities

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

- On Ash Wednesday, take your family to church to receive ashes. Tell your children that the ashes remind us that *without God*, we are dust (nothing) and that we need God to help us become holy.
- Choose a family activity to do for the lonely, the sick, or the elderly during Lent.
- Each night during Lent, allow five to ten minutes for family prayer. Ask God to strengthen your family with His love so that each of you can become holy and have a pure heart for Easter.

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



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covenant relationship with the Israelites.

Psalm 33:18-19 says that the Lord sees and delivers “those who fear him” and place their hope in his “hesed” (faithfulness/ kindness). The Lord “delivers them from death and... famine.” Verse 20 says: “Our soul (*nefesh*) waits for the LORD.” This Hebrew word “nefesh” refers to the whole person with all his emotions and physical life. This phrase shows dependence on God for life. A similar sense is given by this English sentence: “We hold our breath waiting for the LORD.”

The second reading is an exhortation addressed from the apostle Paul to Timothy. Paul recalls Timothy’s sincere faith (2 Tim 1:5), and Paul encourages Timothy to be ardent in his ministry of proclaiming the Gospel. Paul reminds Timothy that he has been commissioned by Paul to participate in this ministry – “through the imposition of my hands” (1:6). Paul notes that he is now “a prisoner for [Christ’s] sake” (1:8a). Paul exhorts Timothy to likewise “bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” (1:8b).

Paul notes that God “saved us and called us to a holy life.” Personal holiness is possible only through the grace believers receive “in Christ.” Paul teaches that Christ’s grace was given to us even “before time began,” but has now been revealed to us through Jesus Christ’s incarnation, death, and resurrection. This is consistent with the beginning of John’s Gospel: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (Jn 1:1).

Our Gospel today recounts “the Transfiguration” of Jesus from Matthew 17. The gospels of Mark and Luke have parallel accounts of this essential event. Jesus takes his Peter, James, and John with him “up a high mountain by themselves” (17:1). Then Jesus “was transfigured before them” and his clothes “became white as light.” Also Jesus’ “face shone like the sun.” In this way, Peter, James, and John are given a glimpse Jesus’ true nature as the Son of God.

Peter says to Jesus: “Lord... If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Peter seeks to provide human dwellings, but instead “a bright cloud cast a shadow over them.” God’s voice speaks from the cloud, and God says: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen

to him.” This reveals to the disciples that they are encountering God in the person of Jesus, God’s Son. Such a divine encounter is called a “theophany.”

The reaction of Jesus’ disciples is great fear – “they fell prostrate.” But Jesus touches them and says: “Rise, and do not be afraid.” The detail that Jesus touched them is a very human gesture of reassurance. Falling prostrate means the disciples’ faces and eyes were to the ground. When they finally look up, “they saw no one else but Jesus alone.” The vision of Christ’s true nature as God’s Son has passed.

They receive a glimpse, but they are not yet ready to fully encounter Christ’s divine nature. As they are leaving the mountain, Jesus commands them: “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

In Exodus, God leads the Israelites as a “column of cloud” through the desert. God’s presence is visible as a cloud covering the Tabernacle within the Israelites’ camp. The cloud overshadowing Jesus shows that he is God’s new presence among humanity. Also, in Exodus 40:35 the cloud of God’s presence descended upon “the tent of meeting” when God communicated with Moses. In Jesus’ Incarnation, God has chosen to dwell with humanity. This is revealed by his Transfiguration.

In Christ Jesus,  
*Father Paul, OSB*

## 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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**TOTUS TUUS**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
21- 26 June 2026  
St. Boniface Parish Center

**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 28 at 4 p.m.</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	<b>Sunday, March 1 at 6 a.m.</b> <b>Mass for Sunday</b> Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church	<b>Sunday, March 1 at 8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Mass for Sunday</b> St. Meinrad Catholic Church
Porter	Ryan Hildenbrand Kyler Hildenbrand	LeeRay Tempel	Jeff Graman
Sacristan	Diane Gruber Lilly Gruber	Clara Tempel	Ashley Springston Mark Toth
Bell Ringer (Five minutes before Mass, three assigned liturgical ministers peal bells for 2 minutes.)	NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #1 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #2 Ryan Hildenbrand - Tower Bell #3	NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #1 NOT FILLED - Tower Bell #2 LeeRay Tempel - Tower Bell #3	
Livestream for Rosary	NOT FILLED		Sally Gravatte
Rosary Leader	Amanda Gudorf Michael Gudorf		Susan Ippoliti
Livestream for Mass	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Hospitality (Greeters)	Peggy Hildenbrand and Mark Hildenbrand - Main Door	NOT FILLED - Main Door	Nancy Graman and Gary Graman - Main Door
Priest	Father Richard Toboso - Principal Celebrant	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant	Father Paul Nord, OSB - Principal Celebrant
Deacon	Deacon Mike Fish	Deacon Mike Fish	Deacon Mike Fish
Acolyte of the Altar	Wyatt Gudorf	Michael Blalock	NOT FILLED
Acolyte of the Word	Kade Hildenbrand	Emerson Schaefer	Anna Springston
Crucifer (Cross Bearer)	Parker Gudorf	Beckett Kress	Penelope Lutz
Candle Bearer	Lila Schaefer Livy Schaefer	Liam Kress NOT FILLED	Avery Beier Avery Satterfield
Proclamation of the Word	Carsten King - First Reading Lillian Musgrave - Second Reading Deacon Mike Fish - Prayer of the Faithful	Vickie Snyder - First Reading Lily Hubert - Second Reading Deacon Mike Fish - Prayer of the Faithful	Sue Kloeck - First Reading Brenley Beier - Second Reading Deacon Mike Fish - Prayer of the Faithful
Offertory Collection (Review listed Mass Intention. Invite family members to present the offertory gifts at the Offertory Procession.)	Paul Haefling Nick Hildenbrand Kasen Hildenbrand Michael Gudorf	Denny Rickelman Jim Mullis Clara Tempel Eric Tuley	Alex Graman Scott Mullis Mark Ruxer Lane Vaal
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)	Pam Davis - Paten Maddie Gudorf - Paten Karen Peters - Paten Courtney Blalock - Chalice Deacon Mike Fish - Chalice Wyatt Gudorf - Chalice Becky Wesner - Chalice Maddie Gudorf - Pyx (loft) Courtney Blalock - Chalice (loft)	Alison Collignon - Paten Deacon Mike Fish - Chalice Marshall Snyder - Chalice Alison Collignon - Pyx (loft) Marshall Snyder - Chalice (loft)	Keyan Mullis - Paten Carol Schwoeppe - Paten Cindy Sitzman - Paten Ben Ebert - Chalice Deacon Mike Fish - Chalice Ginger Mullis - Chalice Kathy Ruxer - Chalice Cindy Sitzman - Pyx (loft) Ginger Mullis - Chalice (loft)
Livestream for <i>Memorare</i> (Camera angle to include statue of Blessed Virgin Mary above BVM altar)	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Angelus Bell (Post-Mass)	Ryan Hildenbrand - Bell #1	NOT FILLED - Bell #1	
Hospitality (Post-Mass)	Joe Harper	NOT FILLED	Anna Vaal

## HISTORIC ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Founded 1861

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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)

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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<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
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<b>Worship</b>	Taylor Blalock

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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	February 16--22, 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: 2/17/2026	February 9-15, 2026	
\$530	Online Giving	\$340
\$1,163	Offertory	\$2,035

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**One Family In Faith**

**Third Sunday of Lent**



Sanctuary Lamp  
**March 8, 2026**  
Luminary

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



**ORDO (Order of Prayer)**

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**St Boniface Parish +Living Members of The 1847 Society**  
**St. Meinrad Parish +Louis William and +Lillian "Bebsy" Helen (Fischer) Schwoeppe**

DATE / TIME	CALENDAR EVENT	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 7</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>
5:15 p.m.	Family Catechesis #2 & Carry-In Dinner for First Holy Communion Grade 2 Candidates	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 8</b>		
6:00 a.m.	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>Mass +Rosalie "Rose" Caroline (Wink) Waninger</b> <b>(Anniversary of Death)</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 +Phyllis Kay (Lasher) Bender</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>
9:45 to 11:00 a.m.	<b>F3 Programs and Activities for Grades 7-9</b>	<b>Parish Office (SM)</b>
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 9</b>		
3:50 p.m.	Rosary (For the sanctification of life from womb to tomb)	Historic Church (SB)
4:15 p.m.	<b>Mass +Dennis "Denny" Lee Joseph Mullis (Anniversary of Death)</b> • <i>Third Monday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council</i> • <i>Fourth Monday, 5:15 to 6 p.m. Pastoral Council Officers</i> <i>No meetings in April, July, August, November</i>	<b>Historic Church (SB)</b> Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105 Parish Office: Room G
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 102 Meeting	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
6:00 p.m.	Fulda 4-H Club Meeting	Parish Center/Shelter House (SB)
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 10</b>		
7:15 a.m.	<b>Mass +Donna Ellen (Howe) Gogel (Anniversary of Birth)</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Reserved for Team B	Parish Office: Office C
8:15 to 9:00 a.m.	Deacon Mike's Presentation on Face-to-Face Encounters with God	Parish Office: Office G
12 Noon	Monthly Meeting of Priests of Tell City Deanery	Guest House/Retreat Center
1:15 to 2:45 p.m.	Parish Staff Meeting • <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 G-A Parish Office: Room H  Parish Center/Shelter House (SB): Room 105
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11</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 +August Frank and +Clara Marie (Niehaus) Ringeman</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
4:15 p.m.	<b>Communal Anointing of the Sick (during 4:15 Mass)</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, MARCH 12</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 +Franklin Delano Cox (Anniversary of Death)</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 13</b>		
7:15 a.m.	<b>Mass +James "Jim" Lee and +Kathleen Ann (Seng) Ebert</b>	<b>Church (SM)</b>
3:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church (SM)



# Dear Padre,

*I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?*

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MARCH 2</b>	<b>MARCH 3</b>	<b>MARCH 4</b>	<b>MARCH 5</b>	<b>MARCH 6</b>	<b>MARCH 7</b>	<b>MARCH 8</b>
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, "We want peace in the world!"*

*Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today's world.*

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