

**Saint Boniface Catholic Church  
Mission Statement**

**Saint Boniface is a welcoming, caring Church community united under one baptism. We encourage participation by all members in promoting and sharing Christian and social values.**



**Saturday, January 20**  
5:30 PM—Melanie Valencia (D) Req. by Ana and Leobardo Valencia Martinez

**Sunday, January 21**  
9:00 AM—Alan, Ken and Marcia Vandenberg (D) Req. by Family  
Bill Stluka (D) Req. by Geri Stluka

**Monday, January 22**  
8:30 AM—Joe Egofske (D) Req. by Golf Vista

**Wednesday, January 24**  
8:30 AM—Kyle Ekstrom Birthday Intentions Req. by Therese Bogs-Haser

**Friday, January 26**  
8:30 AM—Stella, Bernard and Charlotte Kaminski (D) Req. by Camille Dancer

**Saturday, January 27**  
5:30 PM—Intentions of Parishioners In Need of Prayers Req. by Short Family

**Sunday, January 28**  
9:00 AM—Robert Kurowski (D) Req. by Bogs Family  
Dan Scanlan (D) Req. by Patricia Fogerty



**January 14, 2018**  
 Sunday.....\$ 2005.00  
 Children's Envelopes..... 5.00

Many thanks to all of you for your generous donations to our Parish. May God bless all of you!



**January 28**  
 5:30 PM—M. Otten, C. Dancer, R. Jurack, A. Otten  
 9:00 AM—M. Otten, C./D. Domke, K. Scrementi



**January 28**  
 5:30 PM—P. Przybyla  
 9:00 AM—B. Mitchell



**January 28**  
 5:30 PM—A./A. Porpora  
 9:00 AM—A./S. Jaculbe



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Tuesday: St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope
- Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales
- Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Friday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
- Saturday: St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary

**What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.**



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 January 22, 2012**  
 The kingdom of God is at hand.  
 Repent, and believe in the gospel.

— Mark 1:15

### THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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**Welcome Bishop Conlon!** We are honored to welcome Bishop Conlon to St. Boniface this weekend. The Bishop will be celebrating both Masses and will be downstairs in our family center for a Meet & Greet after the masses. Be sure to come say hi and share a cup of coffee with us!

**Mass Intentions for 2018** are available. If you would like a mass said for a deceased family member or friend, or an intention said for a loved one—please stop in the office or give us a call. The cost is \$10.00 per Mass and currently there are many open dates.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS COMING!

The St. Boniface 2018 Confirmation Class is hosting the First Annual Parish Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> right after the 9:00am mass. The cost is FREE. This is an opportunity for the Confronondi to provide service to others without recompense, and to participate in parish life in a way they may not have experienced yet. The kids are extremely excited to be planning this event so please be sure to support them on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> and enjoy a delicious breakfast!

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: Our Lord in the Attic, or as the locals say, "Ons Lieve Heer op Solder." What looks like a beautiful narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seventeenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and "de-Catholicized" them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed "Old Church" by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work "hiding" St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.

It's a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of mind. Catholicism was at last tolerated in Holland after 1853, but in 1924 when the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Amsterdam, processions of Catholics were still forbidden in the streets. Today, Roman Catholics are about 19 percent of the population, and there's no need for any of them to hide in the attic.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**The Knights of Columbus** is hosting a Pasta Dinner on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids under the age of 12. The Knights will be available after Mass if you are interested in purchasing tickets.



**The Ladies Club Annual Chili Dinner** will be Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> after the evening Mass. This is a free dinner to thank the parishioners for all their love and support of St. Boniface. Please join the ladies this evening and enjoy some homemade chili!

### SECOND COLLECTION

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America this weekend at Mass. This is an opportunity to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please be generous to the collection at Mass and through your prayers!