

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# St. Boniface Catholic Church

**MASSES:** Saturday (Sunday Obligation) 5:30 PM, Sunday: 9:00 AM  
**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 AM

**REV. ROGER KUTZNER, PASTOR**  
**PERMANENT DEACON:** Mark Otten (815-469-7165)  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Kathy Short  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR:** Deacon Mark and Anita Otten  
**MINISTRY OF CARE:** Erwin Bogs

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays After 5:30 Mass  
**MARRIAGE:** By appointment only. Normally made 6 months in advance.  
**BAPTISM:** To have a child baptized at Saint Boniface Church, you must be a registered, active, member of the parish and attend a Baptism class. Baptisms are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM (Noon). Call the office to schedule an appointment.

**RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES:** K thru 4th meet on Saturdays from 9:00-10:30 AM  
Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8th meet on Sundays from 10:00-11:30 AM.

**Church:** 5304 W. Main St., Monee, IL 60449  
**Rectory:** 25942 So. Middlepoint Avenue  
**P.O. Box 217, Monee, IL 60449 (534-9682)**  
**Website:** [stbonifacemonee.org](http://stbonifacemonee.org)  
**Church Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:30am—2:00pm

## 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.

The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament,  
and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

~ Daniel 12:3

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# Mass Intentions For The Week



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**Saturday, November 17**

5:30 PM— Pallach Family Intentions Req. by C. Pucik  
Mario Broccardo † Req. by E. Broccardo

**Sunday, November 18**

9:00 AM— Erwin E. Bogs † Req. by Bogs Family  
Alan, Ken and Marcia Vandenberg †  
Req. by Family

**Monday, November 19**

8:30 AM—Sandy Tomczak † Req. by Marianne Farrell

**Wednesday, November 21**

8:30 AM—Joe Egofske † Req. by Family

**Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 AM—Parishioner Intentions

**Friday, November 23 No Mass**

8:30 AM—Office Closed

**Saturday, November 24**

5:30 PM—Eleanore Kurowski † Req. by Bogs Family  
Stanley Sakaski † Req. by Carol Pucik

**Sunday, November 25**

9:00 AM—Harry Parker † Req. by Family  
Melanie Valencia † Req by  
Leobardo and Ana Valencia Martinez

## Weekly Offering



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**November 11, 2018**

Sunday.....\$ 1872.00  
Children's Envelopes..... 11.00

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

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Thursday: St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Day  
Friday: St. Clement I; St. Columban;  
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro  
Saturday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions



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## Eucharistic Ministers

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**November 18**

**5:30 PM**  
Mark Otten  
Debra Ledford  
Karen Przybyla  
Paul Przybyla

**9:00 AM**  
Joan Parker  
Terry Kwiatkowski  
Cindy Marden  
Karen Scrementi

**November 22**

**9:00 AM**  
Mark Otten  
Erwin Bogs  
Therese Bogs-Haser  
Jennifer Duncan

**November 25**

**5:30 PM**  
Mark Otten  
Rene Jurack  
Anita Otten  
Christine Semanovich

**9:00 AM**  
Mark Otten  
Marcy Phalen  
Karen Przybyla  
Paul Przybyla

## Lectors

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**November 18**

**5:30 PM**  
James Lehnerer

**9:00 AM**  
Erwin Bogs

**November 22**

**9:00 AM**  
Barbara Mitchell

**November 25**

**5:30 PM**  
Camille Dancer

**9:00 AM**  
Tracy Sheehan

## Altar Servers

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**November 18**

**5:30 PM**  
Joey Correa  
Kelsey Correa

**9:00 AM**  
Athena Jaculbe  
Sebastian Jaculbe

**November 22**

**9:00 AM**  
Brooke Hobbs  
Grace Lovejoy

**November 25**

**5:30 PM**  
Makenzie Albano  
Ashlin Porpora

**9:00 AM**  
Adam Swanson  
Kasey Swanson

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 18, 2018**

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

## From the Pastor

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Last Monday we celebrated Veterans Day. November 11th 2018 was for me also a very important date - marking a great jubilee of 100 years of Independence of Poland after 150 years of being under the occupation of three monarchies: Russia, Austria and Germany. The topic of freedom and every person's right to it has been on my mind whole week. It's easy for us to understand the plight of any country for its political freedom, but what about religious freedom. Let me shortly elaborate on this subject. On December 7, 1965, the Second Vatican Council approved "Dignitatis Humanae", the Declaration on Religious Liberty. The Declaration addresses a question that comes up in every generation: how do we understand freedom, truth, and the relationship between church and state? Religious freedom includes two important aspects - freedom from and freedom for. "Freedom from" is probably familiar and what most of us think of as freedom. It means that we are to be free from coercion. The state is not an all powerful institution that can force people to act against their consciences. The right to be free from coercion limits the power of the state. But this freedom must be paired with a "freedom for," a positive orientation to seeking and acting in accordance with the truth. People have both a right and a duty to seek religious truth. Freedom from coercion allows the space for the pursuit of religious truth. Religious freedom requires that a society both refrain from preventing people from living out their religion and help to create the conditions for religious expression to flourish. A free society, then, is one where people actively seek religious truth and fully live out that truth in public and private. As Pope Francis recently said in Cuba, the Church must have "the freedom and all the means needed to bring the proclamation of the Kingdom to the existential peripheries of society." Human beings are social creatures. Religious freedom means that not only individuals but also families, communities, and institutions enjoy the space to live out religious convictions. Parents have a fundamental right to teach their children their faith. Companies that seek to contribute to the common good by their responsible business practices should be encouraged. Religious freedom belongs to groups as well as individuals. This social dimension of religious freedom entails that religious freedom includes the freedom to practice our faith in public. In our culture, some tend to think that religious liberty means only that individuals can worship without interference from the government. This understanding is inadequate. Religious schools, hospitals, and charities should be able to operate in accordance with their faith. Indeed, the work of these organizations is part and parcel of their faith. They are expressions of religious mission, and religions must have the space to live out their missions. As the title of the Declaration suggests, human dignity is central. A most precious aspect of being human is the two-fold capacity to exercise reason and to respond to found truth. It is natural to ask, how do I live a good life? Who created this wonderful world, and how should I respond to this Creator? Why is there suffering, and how should I alleviate it? Religious traditions offer answers to these deeply human questions. It is imperative for the sake of human dignity that people are free to pursue these questions. The pursuit of truth involves an ability to listen, for God has made us with a capacity to hear his Word. Religious freedom is the cornerstone of a society that promotes human dignity. It is a fundamental human right, for it follows on the duty of all people to seek the truth about God.

*+Father Roger*



Lord God, May we give thanks for the daily gifts of good food, family and friends. May we never take for granted the comfort of our homes, the blessing of our family, and the knowledge of Your love. Though we sometimes feel the stress of our duties and cares, thank You for the grace You give us to see them through. When we come to the end of this day, and every day thereafter, may our hearts be grateful and full of thanksgiving. Amen.

**St. Boniface wishes all our parishioners a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving! Please remember there will be no morning mass Friday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The office will also be closed that day.**

**A Child's Letter to God:** Dear God, I read the bible. What does begat mean? Nobody will tell me.

Love, Alison

*A Collection of Children's Letters to God*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

**Psalm** — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

**Gospel** — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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### ENCOURAGEMENT

This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection.

The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.

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**The Catholic Campaign for Human Development** has addressed the problem of poverty by attacking its root causes and funding community projects that promote independence as a means of finding a permanent end to poverty. 43 million Americans, including one in five children, live below the poverty line. CCHD projects are helping to lower that number. These projects are funded by Catholic parishioners just like you who graciously donate to the CCHD Collection. 25% of your donations fund local projects, and the remaining 75% goes to the CCHD national office to support anti-poverty initiatives across the United States. CCHD thank you for your generosity!



**November's birth flower recalls the vibrant colors of October's autumn leaves ...**

### **The Chrysanthemum**

*A red chrysanthemum means "I love you."*

*A white one means innocence, purity, pure love.*

*A yellow means slighted love.*

*Both the Chinese and Japanese consider chrysanthemums a powerful emblem of youth.*

*A petal placed in the bottom of a glass of wine is*

*thought to enhance longevity, and prevent gray hair!*

In the spirit of helping others, St. Boniface is once again setting up a Giving Tree to help anyone in need of assistance to purchase food, clothing, or Christmas gifts for the children. If you are in need of help in these areas, tags are now available for you to fill out with your specific needs. These cards will be placed on the tree for assistance. Any items purchased will be brought to the office to be distributed to you in complete privacy. We understand that it can be difficult to ask for help so please be assured no names will be used other than in the office. Just know that there are many generous and kind hearted people in our parish that would love to help. If you would like to fill out a tag to have placed on the tree please call 708-534-9682 or stop in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 10:00am-2:00pm.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once the "dwelling place of the Holy Spirit," and has a destiny of life with God in glory. The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word. This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading.

Every year on their loved one's "birthday to life," the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives were hidden in Christ. Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days. They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb. Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference.

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**ST. JOSEPH  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Open House  
Monday November 19  
9:00-2:00**



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**Write a Letter to Santa!**

Children of Monee can write a letter to Santa with their Christmas wishes. Santa's mailbox will be open until December 14th and is located at the Monee Village

Hall at 5120 W. Court Street. Be sure to include your name and address so Santa can write you back!



**Monee Township** is now accepting new or gently used coats to give to those in need this winter. Coats will be accepted until Dec. 31st. *Coats are not being*

*collected at the church.* Please drop your donations at the township building. Thank you for helping those in need!

*We will have a second collection next weekend for Christmas Flowers. We appreciate all donations as your generosity helps make the altar truly beautiful during the Advent season!*

**One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong with us is worth one thousand thank-yous when things are agreeable to our inclination.**

**Monday, November 26** we will be putting up our Christmas trees after the morning Mass. If you are interested in helping and are available at 9:00am on that day – please join us!

**St. Boniface Women's Club** will meet on Monday, November 19th at 6:30 PM in the Family Center. Come see what the ladies are planning in the future! Join in the fun! Refreshments will be provided.

**Monee Township** is currently holding its annual food drive. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off here at the church the weekends of Nov. 24&25 and Dec. 1&2. Items donated will help fill Christmas baskets and feed local families this holiday season.

**2018 CMAA pledges are now due: The end of the year is rapidly approaching. If you have made a pledge we ask that you remember to fulfill it as soon as possible.**

**Joy to the World!** All children are invited to join in our **Children's Christmas Choir** directed by Mary Pierce. Practices are on Saturdays—December 8th, and December 15th from 10:30am-11:00am. The children's choir will be singing on **Christmas Eve** at the 6:30pm mass so you must be available to attend this mass. Singing in a church choir during the **Christmas season** can create wonderful, lasting memories for the children. Be sure to give your child this opportunity!