



*They opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of  
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

*Matthew 2:11*



# 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 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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2019

# Mass Intentions For The Week



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### Saturday, January 5

5:30 PM—Special Intentions for Pucik Family Req. by Carol Pucik

### Sunday, January 6

9:00 AM—Elaine and Pete Malito † Req. by Janecek’s Ron Mitchell † Req. by Barbara Mitchell

### Monday, January 7

8:30 AM—Dutch and Mary Deckelmann † Req. by Pat Fogerty

### Wednesday, January 9

8:30 AM—Frances Goforth † Req. by Short Family

### Friday, January 11

8:30 AM—Sheila Pollack † Req. by Pat Fogerty

### Saturday, January 12

5:30 PM—John Thatcher † Req. by Judy Spiezio  
Leo Duhowski † Req. by Kwiatkowski Fam.

### Sunday, January 13

9:00 AM—Erwin Bogs Birthday Intentions  
Req. by Bogs-Haser Family  
Agnes and Anthony Pietsch †  
Req. by Marcy Phalen

## Weekly Offering



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### December 23, 2018

Sunday.....\$ 2013.00  
Children’s Envelopes..... 8.00

### December 30, 2018

This collection will be posted in the next bulletin.

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

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;  
Blessing of the Home;  
National Migration Week  
Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;  
Julian Calendar Christmas



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### January 6

#### 5:30 PM

Tracy Sheehan  
Karen Przybyla  
Paul Przybyla  
Marie Schnepf

#### 9:00 AM

Mark Otten  
Nancy Bishop  
Celeste Lynch  
Michele Porpora

### January 13

#### 5:30 PM

Christine Semanovich  
Camille Dancer  
Rene Jurack  
Kathy Short

#### 9:00 AM

Mark Otten  
Erwin Bogs  
Therese Bogs-Haser  
Alexis Diaz-Albertini



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### January 6

#### 5:30 PM

Kathy Short

#### 9:00 AM

Barbara Mitchell

### January 13

#### 5:30 PM

David Schmidt

#### 9:00 AM

Phyllis Huske



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### January 6

#### 5:30 PM

Makenzie Albano  
Alison Porpora

#### 9:00 AM

Abigail Hansen  
Clare Hansen  
Richard Hansen

### January 13

#### 5:30 PM

Kelsey Correa  
Joey Correa

#### 9:00 AM

Sebastian Jaculbe  
Athena Jaculbe

**Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.**

—John Henry Newman



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**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 6, 2019**  
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

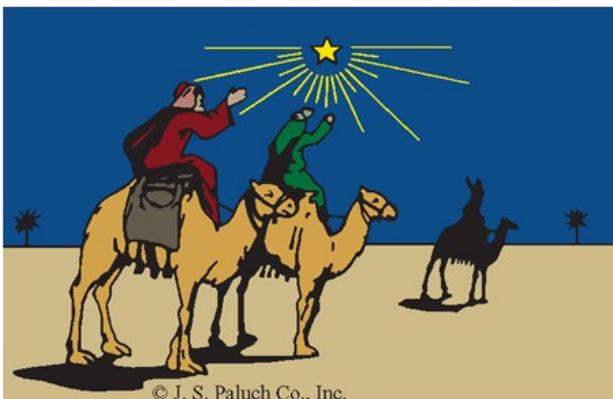
— Isaiah 60:1

## From the Pastor

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As we started New Year I wanted to drop couple thoughts. I have heard people talking about making a New Year's resolution for as long as I can remember. I have even made a few myself--be more organized, exercise more, have a more structured time of devotion and prayer--and each time I tend to start strong and finish...well...with a whimper. However, these efforts have not been a fruitless endeavor. Although my original organizational skills that I meant to keep up with didn't last long; over time I realized that I have become a bit more organized in certain areas of my life. And even though my original fervor in structured prayer collapsed like a house of cards, I have developed some practices that have stuck with me over time. I do believe in goals. Goals are those things you work toward--sometimes with varying degrees of success, but failure only comes when you quit trying. I can handle a goal. Like a goal of incorporating more activity in my life. I can be more active, but structured exercise is not my thing. A new year is a time to get our options clear and to make a significant decision to do what it is that makes us really happy. The real issue here is that we must take each day as a new opportunity to keep moving towards what we want. Let us not look at what will happen in a year but more what will we do each day we awake to change, to move forward, to put into action knowing that each day wasted can never be found again. Each day is a new beginning, the chance to do with it what should be done and not to be seen as simply another day to put in time. May our New Year be one in which we set goals and grow as a persons, because none of us has truly arrived. Yet, many of us have sat on a bench along the journey thinking we have reached our destination. So let's get up and journey onward and blessings for the road ahead! *May we find: **Happiness** - using our abilities to solve problems and challenges; **Hope** - may we always have it, never lose it; **Goals** - to keep our focus on our dreams; and finally, **Success** - may good fortune find us by solving our problems, focusing on our goals, and always having hope.* And most of all - may we have the wisdom of those Three Magis, or Kings who visited Christ because they were open to the signs they had seen and they let the star of Bethlehem lead them to see God and journey with hope. And don't forget to bring gifts - they had gold, myrrh and frankincense - instead, we can have love, commitment to doing good works, and prayer as our way of relationship with the Lord. May we have successful journey through this 2019 year.

+ *Father Roger*



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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### FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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**Would you like to bless your home? Epiphany kits are available at the back of the church. Each kit contains chalk, a bottle of holy water, and the prayers to read throughout your home. May we all take a moment to remember all the things God**

### EPIPHANY

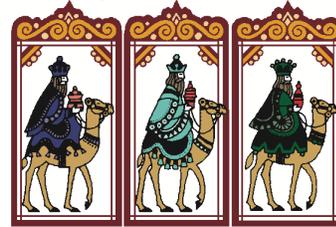
The Greek word "Epiphanias" means "surprise appearance", i.e. appearance of the Lord which was celebrated in the early Christian centuries on January 6. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century this holiday was shifted to December 25, and January 6 obtained the name of The Three Kings (the "Wise Men," the Magi), or simply Twelfth Day. According to an old legend based on a Bible story, these three kings saw, on the night when Christ was born, a bright star, followed it to Bethlehem and found there the Christ child. They presented him with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. On this day, the doorways would be sprinkled with holy water and the initials of the Three Kings – C+M+B (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) – plus the year are inscribed in chalk over doorways on the eve of January 6 to protect house and home. Although historically, the three letters are supposed to come from the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" – "Christ bless this house."

**20+C+M+B+19**

### The Epiphany of the Lord.

The Magi come with gifts, seeking the King of the Jews, and upset Herod and all Jerusalem. Jesus leads strangers into our lives so that we may realize his mysterious plan for us. We are led to recognize the best about ourselves so he can enable us to see the goodness in others. May we be open to receive gifts from others and to receive others into our hearts. Then we will be true stewards who can give from what we have received.

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**Feast of Epiphany**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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**The Monee Historical Society** has undertaken a project to update the history of the village of Monee. You are probably wondering, "how can I help"? Do you or family members have any old Monee photos or other village memorabilia? Have you heard stories about old Monee that you can share? Contact the Historical Society at: [moneehistoricalsociety.com](http://moneehistoricalsociety.com). Help us discover, record and preserve the history of the Village of Monee, Illinois. Also, check out our Facebook Page: [Monee Historical Society](#)

**The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.**

—Woodrow Wilson

**A Striking Appearance.** This is truly a seven-way amazing day. (1) Easterners fix on a star. (2) Those Magi follow yet lose their way. (3) Magi ask for help to get to the right place. (4) They honor God. (5) They give away riches. (6) They pay attention to God speaking in dreams. (7) They go a new way. For what, for whom am I looking? What help do I need? Am I brave enough to ask? What am I willing to give away?

**Navajo Construction Mission** Informational Meeting Partnership in Mission is planning its next Navajo Construction Mission to Chinle, Arizona. People with Construction, Medical, Pastoral, and University talents are needed. Interested persons are invited to attend. Two information meetings will be held. One on January 8th, 2018 from 7-9 pm the other on January 16th, 2018 from 7-9 pm. Further information can be found at <http://bit.ly/missionappl> or call 815-221-6258, email: [misions@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:misions@dioceseofjoliet.org).

**A Child's Letter to God:** Dear God, Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house? Anita

*A Collection of Children's Letters to God*

### Exploring Priesthood Weekend Mundelein Seminary

**When:** Jan 18 – 20, 2019

**Description:** This is a retreat designed to help men Junior in College and older to discern God's call to the diocesan priesthood. To be called by God to serve him as a priest means to have one's soul stirred deep within. Throughout a weekend of prayer, discussion, presentations of diocesan priesthood and group interaction, men begin to better understand God's movement in their life. Exploring Priesthood Weekends are held at Mundelein Seminary, 1000 East Maple Avenue, Mundelein, Illinois, 60060. The Seminary is located about 40 miles north of downtown Chicago and easily accessible by car or train. Transportation is available to and from O'Hare Airport by request. Register at: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/vocations/content.php?pageid=13&secid=5&subsecid=7>

### St. Francis Parish, Bolingbrook

Director of Religious Formation Needed: Responsibilities include all administrative functions for planning, development and execution of Religious Formation programs for public school children in grades 1-8. Coordinate with staff for Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Please send a cover letter, resume and salary requirement to Deacon Gerrie Mempin at [gmempin@stfrancisbb.org](mailto:gmempin@stfrancisbb.org)

### ANNULMENT SUPPORT DAY

Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill, IL  
Saturday, January 26, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Check-in at 8:30 a.m.

This day is designed for divorced persons who have already petitioned the Diocesan tribunal to begin the annulment process, and who need support to complete the long questionnaire. The \$25.00 fee includes morning coffee, lunch, and materials. Pre-registration is required by January 20, 2019. To register please call: the Office of Family Ministry 815-838-5334 or register online: <https://conta.cc/2JqUyBe>

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