



First Sunday of
LENT

March 10, 2019



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 registered, active, member of the parish and attend a Baptism class. Baptisms are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00PM (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
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.

Jesus said to the devil,
“You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”

Luke 4:12

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday, March 9
 5:30 PM—Jozefa Zaborowska † Req. by Paul and Terry Kwiatkowski
 Jean Kwiatkowski † Req. by Joe Mills

Sunday, March 10
 9:00 AM—Julia Pryzbyla † Req. by Family
 Sheila Clay † Req. by Bogs Family

Monday, March 11
 8:30 AM—Jim Ridings † Req. by Mary Ridings

Wednesday, March 13
 8:30 AM—Nancy Monaghan † Req. by C. Hays

Friday, March 15
 3:00 PM—Intentions of Lontoc Family
 Req. by Clarissa Summa

Saturday, March 16
 5:30 PM—John Thatcher † Req. by Judy Spezio
 Catherine Anderson † Req. by Joe Mills

Sunday, March 17
 9:00 AM—Intentions of Parker Family
 Req. by Joan Parker
 Kathy Kelly † Req. by Barb Mitchell

March 10 5:30 PM Camille Dancer John Porpora Christine Semanovich Kathy Short	March 17 5:30 PM Mark Otten John Blazeovich Rene Jurack Debra Ledford
9:00 AM Mark Otten Nancy Bishop Michele Porpora Tracy Sheehan	9:00 AM Colleen Domke Donald Domke Jennifer Duncan Kathy Short



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March 10 5:30 PM David Schmidt 9:00 AM Barbara Mitchell	March 17 5:30 PM Paul Przybyla 9:00 AM Karen Scrementi
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Sunday.....	\$	2896.00
Children's Envelopes.....		13.00
Maintenance.....		880.00

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Friday: Abstinence



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March 10 5:30 PM Makenzie Albano Ashlin Porpora 9:00 AM Adam Swanson Kasey Swanson	March 17 5:30 PM Ashlin Porpora Alison Porpora 9:00 AM Brooke Hobbs Grace Lovejoy
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**Ill habits gather by unseen degrees—
As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.**
—Ovid



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*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.*
— Romans 10:81

From the Pastor

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For most of us today, I think we all notice, we can hold everything that matters in the palm of our hand. Wherever we are, we have immediate access to everything at every moment. We can say that the world today promotes the "MobileMe" mentality. In today's world everyone feels like we can be the center of the universe; everything revolves around us; everything is at my fingertips, right now. For the "MobileMe" mentality, life is no longer a journey, with a beginning, middle, and end. Rather, life becomes a series of momentary impressions and experiences that blend into each other and keep us focused on our passing feelings and urges. I am not saying that technology is evil. But the mentality that goes along with our consumer society has this tendency to exhaust us, to steal our interior peace, to put us on the roller-coaster of rootless me-centeredness, cutting us off from the bigger picture. During Lent we can target various dangers to the wellness of our souls and consciences by confronting them with the biblical world view. We can challenge our "MobileMe" mentality. I would like to call it "RootedInYou" mentality. It teaches us that we have been created and redeemed by God. He has adopted us into his family, which includes all the saints from past and future ages. He has given each one of us a role to play in the story of salvation. Here on earth we have a chance to store up treasure in heaven by loving God with all our hearts and loving our neighbors as ourselves. This is what the Church wants to remind us of during Lent. We have to keep it in mind to avoid being swept away by the self-indulgent and self-centered "MobileMe" mentality that, unless we are careful, will gradually poison our souls and distance us from God. Let's remember that as it was with the lives of past generations, we are part of a bigger story, the story of God's salvation, a story that had roots in the past and will reach its climax in the future. May we use this Lent to remind ourselves of this bigger context of our lives.

+ *Father Roger*



Stewardship
A Way of Life

First Sunday in of Lent

Jesus begins His mission as Messiah, being tempted by Satan. In Luke's account of the temptation, the third and climactic temptation is placed at the Jerusalem Temple. From the parapet of the Temple, where the Kidron Valley lies far below, the devil says: "*Jump!*" It would be a magnificent spectacle, angels hovering about, supporting Jesus, and the entire Temple crowd bowing in worship! Jesus resists the temptation of a quick messianic victory and proceeds with the slow process of His preaching and instructing, of His miracles of curing the sick, rather than turn attention to Himself, of His praying and offering an example of humble compassion. We must follow a plan that God has for us as well.

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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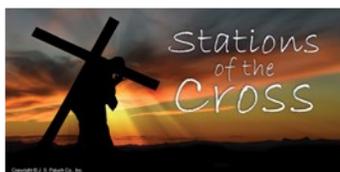
A Child's Letter to God: Dear God, How are you? I am fine. You do good things. I would like to know why you do it. Anyway I'm glad. I hope you enjoyed this letter. Your friend, Terry

A Collection of More Children's Letters to God

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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“Stations of the Cross” will take place immediately following the 3:00PM mass every Friday during Lent. Join us for mass and travel “The Way of the Cross” with us. Confession will be available with Father Roger immediately following Mass.



Arnie Szudarski who was recently hospitalized
Robert Gawrych who passed away March 2nd.
For these and others currently sick or recently deceased...

To have someone added to this list please call the parish office.

Facing temptation. Temptation gets right in our face. It also hides around the corner. From Eden, down to today. Each of us and all of us deal with this allurements – even Jesus, who is like us in all things but sin. We can resist it all, as Jesus did, by faithful adherence to God who is always faithful. What will I do to resist the coaxing allurements of what is tempting me? How can I pray for help this Lent? How will I confess faith in God, and not the evil one, today?

If you would like to watch the recent Parish Mission, all three sessions are on the Parish website stbonifacemonee.org. The sessions are divided into short segments averaging about 15 minutes each.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life’s journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three “pillars” of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death’s darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life’s journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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**SECOND ANNUAL PARISH
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
PRESENTED BY:
THE 2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Join us Sunday, March 17th after the 9:00am Mass for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, bacon, sausage, scramble eggs, coffee, milk, and juice. **YUMMY!** Tickets are \$5.00 and kids age 5 and under are free. This is an opportunity for our Conformondi to provide service to others without recompense, and to participate in parish life, in a way that they may not have experienced yet. Please come join us!

KAIROS

March 29 – March 31st, 2019. A great experience for Juniors and Seniors in High School for more information: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ym/content1.php?secid=52>

There are still many openings in the 2019 Mass Intention book – including many weekend dates! If you would like to have a mass said in honor of a loved one, please contact the office.

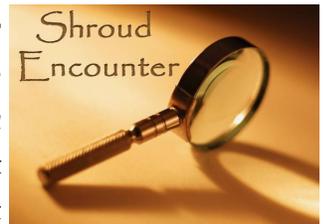
The Ladies Auxiliary Nina Council 3602 Hosts: Women's Lenten Day of Retreat *Taking Your Lenten Prayers Into The World* Sunday, March 10th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church - Ryan Hall, 227 Monee Rd. Park Forest. The speaker is Dr. Donna M. Thiernau, a Spiritual Counselor working for Hospice of the Calumet Area, and a Spiritual Counselor ministering to the public. She has a broad background in Church leadership and was commissioned a Lay Ecclesial Minister, by Francis Cardinal George, at the University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary, in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

No one is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency.

—Theodore Roosevelt

Thank you to everyone who has pledged a gift to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your support will help provide Signs of Hope to so many through the 30 ministries our annual appeal benefits. Our parish's goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$11,800.00. Every gift — large and small — makes a difference! If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year's CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org, or text "Donate" to (815) 205-1949 to link to a donation form from your mobile phone.

The Shroud Encounter will be at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Braidwood next Sunday, March 17, at



2 p.m. Admission is \$10 children under 18 are free. A museum quality life-size replica will be on display. The Shroud Encounter is a presentation on a big-screen experience using over 200 images covering all aspects of Shroud research, history, science, art and theories of how the image may have been formed. Contact Anita Scheer at 815-739-9767 for ticket information.

Free Balance and Dizziness Screenings: Franciscan Health METT Therapy Services, located at 10367 W. Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, has a licensed physical therapist who will perform individualized testing and make recommendations on how to improve your balance and reduce dizziness and risk of falling. Screenings are offered on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00-11:00am. To reserve a spot call 708-679-2940. The next screening will be March 21st.