



Fourth Sunday of  
**LENT**

March 31, 2019



**St. Boniface**  
Catholic Church

“This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again;  
he was lost, and has been found.”

*Luke 15:24*

**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](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.**

# Mass Intentions For The Week



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**Saturday, March 30**  
 5:30 PM—Sheila Clay † Req. by Bogs Family  
 Marge Sportiello † Req. by Camille Dancer

**Sunday, March 31**  
 9:00 AM—Everett Boswell † Req. by Leah Otten  
 Harry Otten † Req. by Leah Otten

**Monday, April 1**  
 8:30 AM—Frances K. Frech † Req. by Lech Family

**Wednesday, April 3**  
 8:30 AM—Malvena Sandrone † Req. by Mary Ridings

**Friday, April 5**  
 3:00 PM—Mary O’Grady † Req. by William O’Grady

**Saturday, April 6**  
 5:30 PM—Christian and Dorothea Krohn † Req. by Paul and Terry Kwiatkowski

**Sunday, April 7**  
 9:00 AM—Dorothy and Jim Fogerty † Req. by Pat Fogerty  
 Frank Corra † Req. by Barb Mitchell

## Eucharistic Ministers

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<b>March 31</b>	<b>April 7</b>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
Mark Otten	Rene Jurack
Rene Jurack	David Schmidt
John Porpora	Marie Schnepf
David Schmidt	Christine Semanovich
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Mark Otten	Phyllis Huske
Joan Parker	Alexis Diaz-Albertini
Karen Przybyla	Celeste Lynch
Paul Przybyla	Marcy Phalen

## Lectors

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<b>March 31</b>	<b>April 7</b>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
James Lehnerer	Tracy Sheehan
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Karen Scrementi	Kathy Short

## Weekly Offering



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**March 24, 2019**

Sunday.....	\$	2190.00
Children’s Envelopes.....		17.00

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

## Altar Servers

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<b>March 31</b>	<b>April 7</b>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
Kelsey Correa	Makenzie Albano
Joey Correa	Ashlin Porpora
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Ava Daly	Adam Swanson
Brooke Hobbs	Kasey Swanson

*The second collection today is for Catholic Relief Services. CRS works to alleviate poverty, hunger and suffering and assist those who suffer from the effects of war, famine and deprivation and work with the poor in over 75 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America.*

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny
Monday:	April Fool’s Day
Tuesday:	St. Francis of Paola
Thursday:	St. Isidore of Seville
Friday:	St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday:	First Saturday



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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 31, 2019**

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

## From the Pastor

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Most people think there's something wrong with the world. Ask almost any of our nation's recent immigrants and they'll tell you that without hesitation. That's because when they came here to find something better they were fleeing something worse, usually violence or poverty. But it's not just immigrants who think so. Ask any born-and-raised American and they'll tell you what's wrong - economy, race relations, education. While almost all of us may agree that there

is something horribly wrong with the world, we may disagree very much on what it is and how to fix it. Many years ago, when I was working at St. Richard Church in Chicago, I was walking through my urban neighborhood when a certain woman asked me for bus money. She was in bad shape, with pants 8 sizes too big and a vague and disjointed story. She claimed to have been attacked the night before by the railroad tracks and was looking for a way to get home. Most noticeably she hadn't showered in weeks. I asked her what she considered to be the biggest need in her life. She replied, "I need to get back home to Tennessee, maybe there I will get back to normal life." Well, I really didn't think so. If we are ever going to find solutions to our problems we are going to have to look deeper. Later I talked about it with my parishioners. Some have pointed the accusing finger at ignorance and prayed to the gods of better education. Many disagreed pointing out that many well educated people in the world are often the most evil. Others have sought solutions in changing the systems and institutions of our society. "If we could achieve fairer laws, we could achieve a better world," they said. But can better systems really make the world better? Most laws don't make people nice to each other. They just punish people when they aren't. Still the rest of them said that they feel helpless and with no definitive solution and offered their prayers. Interesting is however to see whether church-going, ritual prayers, and incense-burning seem to affect any considerable change in the millions who take part. From my perspective I suggest Jesus' diagnosis: It is a problem of the human heart. "*Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.*" (Matt 15:19) - Jesus said. This is a revolutionary idea. Instead of seeing murder as the main issue, for instance, he pointed instead to inward anger. Rather than focusing on sexual promiscuity, he drew attention inward desires that exploit women. With all my mind and heart I agree - we can modify behavior with education, put on a show of goodness with religiosity, and deter evil with improved institutions, but we will be missing the point until we make the humbling confession that the real problem is way down deep inside of each one of us. In my experience, that is an admission that most people are too proud to make. Let us accept wholeheartedly our Lenten Season's calling to go deep inside our souls and answer the call to contrite repentance and fresh faith in Jesus.

+Father Roger



Stewardship  
A Way of Life

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's gospel of the prodigal son (or some call the loving father), we see the younger son is a spendthrift, brazenly demanded his inheritance long in advance, merely abandoning parents at home, and then, as the elder brother reminded the father, "*returns after having gone through your wealth with loose women.*" Most difficult reconciliations are between relatives who been split apart by money, scandal, and wasteful living. Like the loving father, we are to be daily on the lookout for the return of these persons in our lives. Being stewards, we are entrusted with the message of reconciliation. "*This makes us ambassadors for Christ, God, as it were appealing to us.*"

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or* Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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**A Child's Letter to God:** Dear God, I bet you never had to go on a diet. It stinks. Alice

*A Collection of More Children's Letters to God*

### GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The "take-away" for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

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**Totus Tuus teachers needed** this summer! Teaching *Totus Tuus* is a fantastic opportunity to make a lasting difference in the lives of children and teens, grow in faith, develop leadership skills, and make lifelong friendships. Leaders are chosen from amongst faithful, energetic, creative, Catholic young adults and seminarians. To be considered for this position, you must meet the following requirements: Confirmed and practicing Catholic, young adult age 18-22, working knowledge of the Catholic faith, desire to work with youth, and willing to live with your team in host family homes, traveling to six parishes this summer. Training begins May 27<sup>th</sup>. Program runs June 8 – July 26 with a week off June 29 – July 5. Teachers receive a compensation of \$2000. For more information or request an application, please contact Lisa Shannon at [lshannon@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:lshannon@dioceseofjoliet.org) or visit our website at [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ttjoliet/](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ttjoliet/). To view full job description go to: [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/siteimages/ttjoliet/TT2019/TT2019AppInfoDOJ.pdf](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/siteimages/ttjoliet/TT2019/TT2019AppInfoDOJ.pdf).

**St. Boniface Ministry of Care** is asking for donations of any unused rosaries that you might have at home. We use them at Beecher Manor and our inventory is becoming depleted. Rosaries are all that are needed and can be left in the rosary basket at the rear of the church. Thank you.



### LAETARE SUNDAY

This Sunday is currently also known as Mothering Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, mid-Lent Sunday (in French *mi-carême*) and Rose Sunday (either because the golden rose (sent by Popes to Catholic sovereigns) used to be blessed at this time, or because the use of rose-colored (rather than violet) vestments was permitted on this day). Historically, the day was also known as "the Sunday of the Five Loaves," from the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Before the adoption of the modern "common lectionaries", this narrative was the traditional Gospel reading for this Sunday in Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, and Old Catholic churches.

The station church at Rome for this day was Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, one of the seven chief basilicas; the Golden Rose, sent by Popes to Catholic sovereigns, used to be blessed at this time and for this reason the day was sometimes called *Dominica de Rosa*.

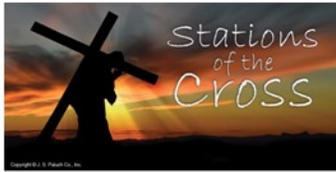
In Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran and Old Catholic churches flowers may appear on the high altar and the organ may be played as a solo instrument. Priests are given the option to wear rose-colored vestments at Mass held on this day in place of the violet vestments normally worn during Lent. The term "rose" is used to describe this lighter shade of the color violet in the Roman Rite.

The Sunday is considered a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigours; a day of hope with Easter at last within sight. Traditionally, weddings (otherwise banned during Lent) could be performed on this day,<sup>[4]</sup> and servants were released from service for the day to visit their mothers (hence 'Mothering Sunday').

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, "Laetare Sunday," breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today's Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning "spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness," and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness. Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the "elect" were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That's you!

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**Do you know the First Station?** Join us this Friday to learn the answer! Mass will be at 3:00pm followed by Stations of the Cross. Come, walk with Jesus through his final moments and reflect on how much love he has for us. Father Roger will be available to hear confessions immediately after the mass, during the Stations.

#### Remember Me: A Seder Meal

Tuesday, April 16 – 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Thursday, April 18 – 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Fr. Bob Colaresi leads us through this Passover Meal, including a lamb dinner, weaving the Jewish roots of our own tradition in a remarkable drama of history, theology, culture and prayer. The celebration of Eucharist with the Seder Meal offers a profound experiences of what it must have been like at the Last Supper where Jesus shared the Passover Meal with his friends the night before he suffered and died. The cost is \$45.00 and registration can be made at [carmelitespiritualcenter.org](http://carmelitespiritualcenter.org) or call 630-969-4141 or 800-431-8720. Deadline to register is April 12th. *Please Note: Arrival no later than 5:45 PM.*

**Please consider remembering St. Boniface Church in your will. For information contact the office.**



**The Ladies Club** is holding their annual Spring Bake Sale next weekend! Be sure to stop in our family center after both masses to purchase some homemade goodies and support these wonderful ladies who do so much for our church.

**April 18th is Holy Thursday** and the evening we gather together to break bread and enjoy a soup dinner at 5:30pm. Do you have a favorite soup you would like to make and share with the parish? Or maybe a favorite bread, cracker, or dessert? All are invited to attend this free dinner. Sign up sheets for anyone planning on attending and/or for soup makers, bread and desserts are posted on the bulletin boards.

**Following the soup dinner** at 7:00pm we will have a Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm. This Mass commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. We will include this in our mass and are asking for 12 volunteers to participate. If you are interested, sign up sheets are available at the back of the church. If you have not experienced the washing of the feet, please consider it. It can be a powerful and humbling experience.

#### NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE!

The current Ministry schedule for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will end April 28, 2019 and we will need any changes to when you serve, vacation dates, etc. for the next schedule which will begin May 4<sup>th</sup> and run until September 1, 2019. If you would like to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server, send us your name and phone number, and the Mass time you would like and this info can be dropped in the collection basket, or call the office during hours. We are in great need of ministers at both weekend Masses, so choose your favorite Mass and what role you would like to take on. Training will be provided. Deadline for any changes (new people, delete your service, etc.) must be in the office no later than April 14, 2019.

