

People will come from the east
and the west and from the north and the south

*and will recline at table
in the kingdom of God*

-Luke 13:29

August 25, 2019 | Twenty-first 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 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)
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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, August 24

5:30 PM—Pat Deckelmann † Req. by Fogerty Family
Elizabeth Stanek † Req. by Camille Dancer

Sunday, August 25

9:00 AM—Alan, Ken and Marcia Vandenberg †
Req. by Family
Melanie Valencia † Req. by Leobardo and
Ana Valencia Martinez

Monday, August 26

8:30 AM—No Mass Communion Service Only

Wednesday, August 28

8:30 AM—Parish Intentions

Friday, August 30

8:30 AM—Parish Intentions

Saturday, August 31

5:30 PM—Forrest Mills † Req. by Joe Mills

Sunday, September 1

9:00 AM—Dan and Dorothy Gryczewski †
Req. by Family
Robert Kuzel † Req. by Janice Blaschek

Weekly Offering



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August 18, 2019

Sunday.....	\$ 2522.00
Children's Envelopes.....	1.00
Assumption.....	412.00

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Monica
- Wednesday: St. Augustine
- Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Eucharistic Ministers

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August 25

5:30 PM
Mark Otten
Rene Jurack
Anita Otten
John Porpora
9:00 AM
Mark Otten
Erwin Bogs
Therese Bogs-Haser
Beth Daly

September 1

5:30 PM
John Blazeovich
Debra Ledford
David Schmidt
Kathy Short
9:00 AM
Mark Otten
Colleen Domke
Donald Domke
Joan Parker

Lectors

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August 25

5:30 PM
Paul Przybyla
9:00 AM
Kathy Short

September 1

5:30 PM
Camille Dancer
9:00 AM
Kathy Dornhecker

Altar Servers

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August 25

5:30 PM
Makenzie Albano
Alison Porpora
9:00 AM
Ava Daly
Grace Lovejoy

September 1

5:30 PM
Joey Correa
Kelsey Correa
9:00 AM
Sebastian Jaculbe
Athena Jaculbe

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.

—St. Rose of Lima



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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2019

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

—Hebrews 12:12-13

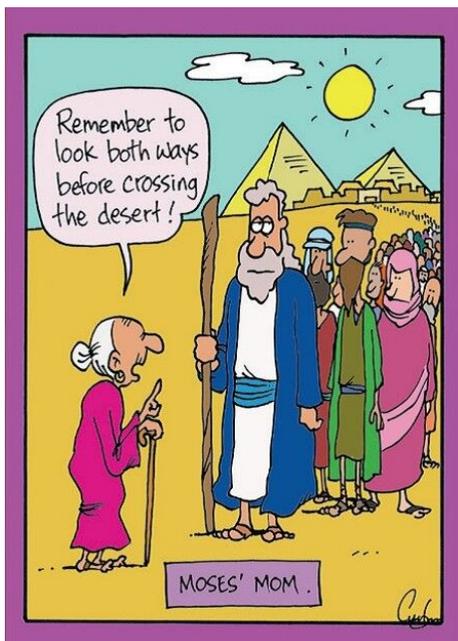
From the Pastor

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I would like to express my profound gratitude for all the help and support you have given me since my mom died last Saturday. Many of you know the pain of losing a parent. Many of you could feel that pain that is now in my heart. Thanks for being with me in prayer in this difficult time. So, I flew to Warsaw. The flight was good, but even though it was overnight I couldn't sleep. Nevertheless after arriving I spent the rest of the day for initial funeral arrangements. Unfortunately it's kind of complicated. My mom was at the funeral home morgue in Warsaw and she needed to be transported from there to a funeral home in Domaradz, Podkarpackie District in southeast Poland (her birthplace) to work on the details of the funeral that was held on Friday, August 23rd at 1pm Polish time. Luckily I have a couple of friends here who helped me with all of this. I am truly overwhelmed because here in Poland things are much different than in the USA and have much changed since I have lived here. Besides the funeral in Domaradz, I am also planning a memorial mass sometime this coming week so others from my mom's parish here in Warsaw, and her friends, can also pay their respects. I am planning to be back sometime before this coming Labor Day weekend.

+ *Father Roger*

Being saved. Here is the truth: many will be saved. Jesus says that the threshold to heaven is a narrow gate. Passing through it is constant striving. Many will come from all directions and places to enter and dine at heaven's table. How will I work hard to be human and Christian? How will I rely on God's power and strength to enter the Kingdom of Heaven? How can I be like God and embrace everyone from everywhere?



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself---my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God---is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass ©

One time when I saw a rainbow, God was finger painting. Gideon, Age 6

Kids Say the Cutest Things About God

WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

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Retrouvaille is a program designed to help couples heal and renew their marriages. It focuses on putting the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. Spouses re-establish communication and gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. September 13-15 is the next weekend this program is available. For more information or to make reservations call 815-214-9199 or go to www.helpourmarriage.com

Hey kids! Looking to make mass more interesting? How about becoming an altar server? You get your own reserved seat on the altar and ring the bells. You get to assist the priest and witness the consecration up close. Training is provided. We would love to add you to our list (and are in great need) of altar servers. If interested contact the office or see Deacon Mark for more information.

I never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a great deal about their acts.



We would like to take a moment and thank the parishioners of St. Boniface for your generosity and support of Fr. Roger upon the recent passing of his mother. Your compassion, as always, is overwhelming.



Richard Lujano, Virginia Perozzi, Karen Males, Seldon Ledford, Tabitha Phellps, Pete Crevier, Dr. Patrick Schloss, Father Roger, and those that go unnamed.

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

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall and Museum will be proudly displayed at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside Sept. 26-30. The exhibit will be open 24 hours a day and will host many events and ceremonies to honor the more than 58,000 who lost their lives for our freedom. All are welcome.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

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

Honor Flight Chicago recognizes America's war veterans for their service and sacrifice by flying them to Washington D.C. to see their memorial, at no cost. Currently they are only flying WWII veterans but are now accepting applications for Korean and Vietnam War veterans. All Honor Flight Chicago trips depart and return from Midway Airport. Applications are available at the Monee Township Office or contact the Honor Flight Chicago at 773-227-8387. More information can also be found online: honor-flightchicago.org.

Looking for something fun and interesting to do this weekend? Check out the **Egyptian Festival** at St. George Coptic Church, 4901 W. Pauling Rd, Monee. There will be Egyptian treasures from authentic papyrus scrolls to souvenirs. Indulge in authentic Egyptian cuisine. Learn about the rich history of the Egyptian Coptic culture. Also included are raffles, Egyptian desserts and coffee, fire truck and ambulance tours, and FREE health screenings. Admission and parking are FREE. The festival runs this Saturday and Sunday from 11:00am-7:00pm.


Halfway to St. Patrick's Day

The countdown has begun! We are halfway to St. Patrick's Day and the Knights of Columbus are hosting a dinner! A popular Irish dinner of Corned Beef, Cabbage, and Boiled Potatoes will be served. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for kids 12 and under. Join in an evening of good food, great company, and lots of fun on Sunday, Sept. 29th here at St. Boniface from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

Monee Township now offers senior residents 60 years or over and disable residents, transportation for medical visits, vocational/educational training, and shopping one day a week. There is a \$2 fee per ride within the Township and a \$4 per ride outside the Township. No transportation provided on major holidays. To ride, you must register and have a Dial-A-Ride ID. For more information or to register contact the Monee Township at 708-534-6020.

MINISTERS OF CARE PROGRAM

September 21 & September 28, 2019 9:00AM- 1:00PM
 Carmelite Spiritual Center
 8419 Bailey Rd. Darien, IL. 60561

This program is designed for persons preparing to become Ministers of Care or Visitors of the Sick in the parish setting. After completion of all four sessions, a certificate will be given to each participant. Note: A 5th session covering local policies is held at the parish level. Permission to be a Minister of Care in any parish must be received by the Pastoral Staff. The program will be presented by Sr. Jane Schlosser, RSM, who regularly offers trainings for both the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Joliet Diocesan Office of Divine Worship. Please let Kathy or Erwin in the office know if you are interested in registering for this program.

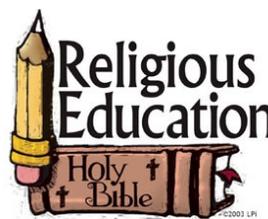


The Ladies Club would like to thank all the parishioners who donated to the Catholic Charities Daybreak Back-To-School collection. \$322.00 was raised which purchased spiral notebooks, pocket folders, pencil sharpeners, index cards, and highlighters. These supplies will help many children this coming school year because of your generosity!

Volunteers needed for Monee Fall Fest taking place September 6-8. Come help out at this great annual event! If interested, contact Dianna Kroll, Parks Director, at 708-534-8302.

Grant us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray as to deserve to be heard.

—Jane Austen



Registration continues this Sunday! Sign ups will be today and next Sunday, Sept. 1st after mass until 10:15am. Classes begin Sept. 7th for grades 1-4 from 9:00am-10:30am. Grades 5-8 begin Sept. 8th from 10:00am-11:30am.