

St. Boniface Catholic Church

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

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, November 23
5:30 PM—Eleanore Kurowski † Req. by Bogs Family
Marianna Kutzner † Req. by a Parishioner

Sunday, November 24
9:00 AM—Melanie Valencia † Req. by Leobardo and
Ana Valencia Martinez
Joseph Giannantonio † Req. by Mary Pierce

Monday, November 25
8:30 AM—Deceased Members of Sandrone and Ridings
Families Req. by Mary Ridings

Wednesday, November 27
8:30 AM—Mass of Thanksgiving Req. by Parishioner

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving
9:00 AM—Parish Intentions

Friday, November 29
8:30 AM—TBA

Saturday, November 30
5:30 PM—Betty and Paul Lehnerer † Req. by Lehnerer's
Pamela Camp † Req. by the Shaughnessy's

Sunday, December 1
9:00 AM—Richard and Barbara Schultz †
Req. by Paul and Karen Przybyla
Irene Hauth † by Carlene Kwasigroch

November 17, 2019
Sunday.....\$ 2921.00
Children's Envelopes..... 9.00

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



November 24 5:30 PM Rene Jurack 9:00 AM Barb Mitchell	December 1 5:30 PM Tracy Sheehan 9:00 AM Kathy Short
November 28 Phyllis Huske	

REV. ROGER KUTZNER, PASTOR
DEACON: Mark Otten (815-469-7165)
DEACON: Joe Bishop (708-747-4798)
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.

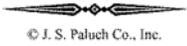


November 24 5:30 PM Deacon Mark Otten Debra Ledford Anita Otten Volunteer Needed 9:00 AM Deacon Mark Otten Colleen Domke Donald Domke Kathy Short	December 1 5:30 PM Deacon Mark Otten Rene Jurack Anita Otten John Porpora 9:00 AM Deacon Joe Bishop Terry Kwiatkowski Cindy Marden Marcy Phalen
November 28 Deacon Mark Otten Celeste Lynch Marcy Phalen Michele Porpora	



November 24 5:30 PM Makenzie Albano Alison Porpora 9:00 AM Ava Daly Grace Lovejoy	December 1 5:30 PM Kelsey Correa Joey Correa 9:00 AM Sebastian Jaculbe Athena Jaculbe
November 28 Volunteers Needed	

From the Pastor



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Some people are naturally optimistic. They seem to find laughter and enjoyment in every situation, even tough and uncomfortable ones. Other people are naturally pessimistic. They seem to find storm clouds on the horizon even on the sunniest days. The peace that Christ offers us goes deeper than natural optimism or pessimism. Because we know with the certainty of faith that God is all-powerful and all-loving, we also know with certainty that he

can use even the most painful tragedies to draw us closer to himself, which is the same as coming closer to lasting happiness. An old farmer's story illustrates this truth.

Once upon a time a farmer's mule fell into a dry well. When the farmer heard the mule's braying and realized what had happened, he decided that neither the mule nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he enlisted his neighbors' help in simply burying the old mule in the well. Initially, the mule was very upset. But as the dirt rained down on his back, the old mule had a thought. He decided that every time a shovel of dirt landed on his back, he would shake it off and step up. And that's what he did. As the dirt cascaded down the well, the old mule kept shaking it off and stepping up. Hours later, the exhausted mule finally stepped over the wall of the well. What was meant to bury him actually helped him!

Because Christ has conquered sin and evil, we, Christians, too, are able to conquer sin and evil - not by being exempt from trials, but by living them in the light of faith. Temptations, sufferings and injustices, when united to the cross of Christ our King, are like those shovelfuls of dirt - the devil wants them to bury us, but God uses them to lift us up.

As I myself try to "shovel" the requirements I need to meet for some legal proceedings here about my mom's inheritance, I also work to clean her apartment: organize stuff in boxes, giving away some to her friends and family, giving some to charities, saving some for safekeeping (too much personal attachment yet), etc. It also requires cleaning the basement - there are too many things that should be going to dumpster - just very old and outdated stuff. Simply a lot of work. I am still waiting for one document to arrive from local authorities so it's good I have something to do right now. Soon I will go to see again my family in South Poland. This time I will bring with me some of my mom's valuable things that should stay with her loved ones she cherished the most. I will be in touch.

+ *Father Roger*



We will have mass on Thanksgiving at 9:00am celebrated by Fr. Mark. Be sure to join us to start off this wonderful holiday by giving thanks and counting your blessings!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).

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Stewardship
A Way of Life

Christ the King Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for

Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 24, 2019**

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."

— *Psalm 122:1*

OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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What Are You Doing For Advent?

Christmas is approaching; just a wink of an eye after Thanksgiving. Soon we will be wrapped up in all the trimmings of the Christmas season and all the busy-ness that goes with it. It is often difficult to squeeze in *one more thing* in an already busy time. But, somehow as Catholic Christians, we need to find time to prepare ourselves spiritually for the anniversary of the birth of Christ.

There are so many things we can do: pray together with family, or with friends, or a neighbor. Set aside ten or fifteen minutes a day. Pray the Rosary or simply the Lord's Prayer, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be. Pray for world peace. Pray for a sick friend, neighbor or classmate.

We can also do good deeds—Corporal Works of Mercy. Help a senior by raking leaves, shoveling snow, or carry their groceries. We can also help an ailing friend or neighbor with household chores. There are lots of choices and opportunities. So,

So, what ARE you doing for Advent?

Deacon Joe

When you say your prayers, sometimes you should ask God how he's doing. Bailey, Age 9

Kids Say the Cutest Things About God

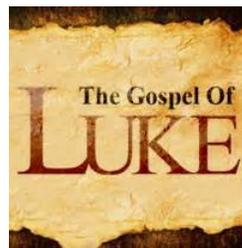


Betty Krcmaric, Erwin Bogs, David Schmidt, Sharon Blazeovich, Peter Levy, Dorothy Ireland, Marilyn Kieler, Mike Kelly, Ed Mackey, Virginia Perozzi, Karen Males, Pete Crevier, Helen Barrett, Father Roger, and those that go unnamed.

Names will remain on the list for one month unless otherwise requested.

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

Looking to really connect with Jesus during the month of December? Beginning December 1st



read one chapter of The Gospel According to Luke in the Bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning ready to celebrate the birth of Christ.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



All are invited to an evening of prayer, reflection, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00pm and again on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00pm we will have an Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament led by the Deacons of our parish. Music, by Mary Pierce, will accompany.

Remember. Honor. Teach. Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will be holding their Wreaths Across America on Saturday, Dec. 14th from 11:00am-2:00pm. If interested, you can participate in placing the wreaths. Sponsors are also needed to purchase wreaths for Veterans graves. If you would like to sponsor a wreath go to: wreathscrossamerica.org or stop in the Will County Farm Bureau at 100 Manhattan Road, Joliet. Wreaths cost \$15.00



Monday, December 2nd we will be putting up our Christmas trees after the morning mass. If you would like to help set up and decorate the trees, please join us for mass at 8:30am and the tree set up immediately following.

The Giving Tree is now up. If you need extra help this year providing gifts for your family—please contact Kathy in the office to fill out a tag for the tree. Tags must be filled out no later than December 7th. This year we have included tags to help families in need within the Monee township as well as our own parishioners. If you would like to help, please take a tag, follow the instructions on the tag, and bring purchased items to Kathy in the office.



Do you love to bake? (Or do you love homemade goodies but don't have time to bake?) Either way—the Ladies Club invites you to

their annual Christmas Bake Sale!! Saturday, Nov 30 and Sunday, Dec 1 after mass come downstairs to purchase some delicious treats and support the Ladies Club. Don't miss out!!

If you would like to donate some baked goods you can drop them off Wednesday, Nov 28 from 8:30am-2:30pm, Saturday, Nov 30th from 3:00pm until mass begins that evening or Sunday, Dec 1st before morning mass starts. *This year we are asking please do not price your items.*

We will be replacing our missals next week and are kindly asking —after mass, please take a moment and carefully remove the plastic cover from a missal in your pew. You can leave the books and the covers in the pews. We will take care of the rest. Thank you for your help!



SANTA IS COMING!!!

A very special guest of the Knights of Columbus will be at St. Boniface on December 1st. Come downstairs after 9am mass to enjoy donuts, coffee and a visit with Santa! Bring your camera and tell Santa all your Christmas wishes! Shop the Women's Club bake sale and take home some goodies!

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

—Henry Van Dyke

Knights of Columbus Raffle Winners:

\$150.00 Nancy Pilotto, \$100.00 Carlos Martinez, \$50.00 Jim Gorz, \$50.00 Wally Fenerick, \$25.00 Ken Yager, \$25.00 Tina O'Leary