



You are the

light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:14



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
WEEKDAY RECONCILIATION: Monday and Friday after 8:30 AM Mass

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.

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES: All classes meet Sundays from 10:00-11:30 AM

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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.

February 9, 2020
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday, February 8
5:30 PM—Mary Ann Mills † by Joe Mills

Sunday, February 9
9:00 AM—Parish Intentions

Monday, February 10
8:30 AM—Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 12
8:30 AM—Parish Intentions

Friday, February 14
8:30 AM—50 Year Wedding Anniversary of Oscar and Cheryl Trevino

Saturday, February 15
5:30 PM—Christopher Hayes † by Chris Hays

Sunday, February 16
9:00 AM—Lauren Diaz-Albertini Birthday Intentions by Bogs-Haser Family
William and Anastasia Koch † by M. Farrell

February 9	February 16
5:30 PM	5:30 PM
Deacon Mark Otten	Deacon Joe Bishop
Rene Jurack	Rene Jurack
Anita Otten	Debra Ledford
John Porpora	Christine Semanovich
9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Deacon Joe Bishop	Deacon Mark.Otten
Erwin Bogs	Celeste Lynch
Therese Bogs-Haser	Cindy Marden
Kathy Short	Marcy Phalen



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February 9	February 16
5:30 PM	5:30 PM
James Lehnerer	David Schmidt
9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Kathy Dornhecker	Paul Przybyla

February 2, 2020

Sunday.....	\$	2006.00
Children's Envelopes.....		1.00
Maintenance.....		759.00



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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day

Monday: St. Scholastica

Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes;
World Day of the Sick

Wednesday: Lincoln's Birthday

Friday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius;
Valentine's Day

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

February 9	February 16
5:30 PM	5:30 PM
Makenzie Albano	Makenzie Albano
Alison Porpora	Ashlin Porpora
9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Sebastian Jaculbe	Grace Raftery
Athena Jaculbe	Lily Raftery
	Clara Raftery

The heart has its reasons of which reason knows nothing.
—Blaise Pascal



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2020
Light shines through the darkness for the upright.
— Psalm 112:4

From the Pastor



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Christianity is meant to make a unique contribution to society and culture, even for those who do not believe in Christ. For believers, like that salt shaker on the dinner table, it is indispensable and we can accept no substitutes. Salt subtly contributes to many recipes and is only appreciated at times when its absence is noted. It's meant to blend in and contribute, and we have to make sure it receives the credit it is due. A world without Christianity is like a world without salt, flavorless and prone to spoiling. Flavorless Christianity is like putting sand on your french fries: something is different about the taste, but it's not something good. Salt is a staple in many recipes, in many cultures, and it is not easily replaced. Neither pepper nor chili powder, for example, would have the same effect. People want salt to add flavor.

When I think of how we can flavor the world with good Christian lifestyle the example of Mother Teresa of Calcutta comes to mind. She received an inspiration from Our Lord to found the Missionaries of Charity and bring his light to the poor and ailing of Calcutta. In her spiritual diaries Saint Teresa described this invitation by Our Lord as an invitation to come be his light (see *Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light: The Private Writings of the Saint of Calcutta*, by Mother Teresa and Brian Kolodiejchuk). When she saw the squalor in which the poor of India lived, she felt Our Lord asking her to bring his light into the darkness of those dark places of suffering. She once said, "Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness" Even though her spiritual diaries show she experienced an intense spiritual darkness for much of her life, no one who knew her could see it in the way she treated others. She was always a shining beacon of joy, love, and peace.

Some people have already written off Christianity as rather something that robs life of its flavor, but those people have either never experienced it or have only met the flavorless variety of Christian that Jesus is warning us against. Sometimes we have to take stock of whether our Christianity has diminished so much that it no longer "seasons" our life. There are many ways to season your Christianity to taste. It means praying daily. It requires reading and meditating on Scripture. It demands helping people expecting nothing in return. We need to learn a little more about our faith and share it. Let's pray together for the flavorless Christians to put some "spice" back into their Christian life, and also for all those Christians trying to be the light of world while being treated like sand in the fries.

+ *Father Roger*



The Gospel today reminds us that our lives and our deeds must serve as examples to others, pointing the way to the Father.

Not for our own benefit do we labor, but so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

After I die, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow.

—Abraham Lincoln

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

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When I was learning how to ride my bike, God helped me after my Dad let go. Evan, Age 6

Kids Say the Cutest Things About God

GOD'S CALL

The person who has been “saved,” who has “heard the good news of salvation,” still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today’s readings outline how the disciple is present in the world.

The outline begins with Isaiah: “Share your bread . . . shelter the oppressed . . . clothe the naked” (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them not in eloquence or wisdom, but by being with them in the “weakness and fear” of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God’s light shine through their good deeds.

We disciples don’t save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God’s presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others.

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THINGS I ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH, BUT NEVER ASKED.....

Isn’t it amazing that even though most of us have been Catholic our whole lives, well, almost our whole lives, we may have wondered why we genuflect before entering the pew, or dip our finger in Holy Water when we make the Sign of the Cross, or any one of the numerous rituals and practices we experience each time we attend Mass or other religious services.

Even though we, as Catholics, have Ten Commandments and eight Beatitudes just like other Christian churches, our Catechism of the Catholic Church is more than 900 pages long! We do indeed have a deep and complex faith.

To help our parishioners more fully understand, appreciate, and participate in the Mass and services St. Boniface is offering a Lenten Program to help explain and answer many of the questions you may have about the Catholic faith.

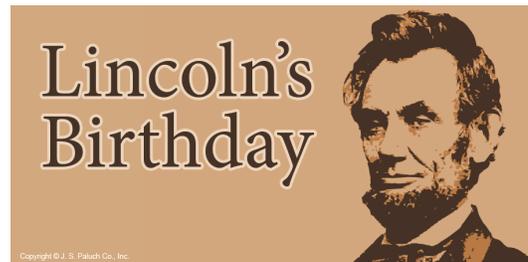
On the weekend of February 15th and 16th at each Mass we will be conducting a survey to discern what topics or areas of the Catholic faith YOU would like to know more about. Then beginning on Ash Wednesday after each service a topic gleaned from that survey will be presented in an interesting and informative manner. Additional presentations will take place each Sunday during Lent through Palm Sunday. All teens, young adults, and adults of all ages are invited to attend.

Deacon Joe



Joane Males, Karen Males, Laura Maggio, Julie Gurriell, Charna Gurriell, Douglas Newbanks, SP4 Austin Wolf, Bishop Conlon, Polly Schloss, Frank Majeski, Sandra Phalen, Melanie Phalen, Ed Matchinske, Loretta Cosman, Carlene Kwasigroch, Jay Johnson, Helen Barrett, 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.*



SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (c. 1869-1947) February 8

“Save Darfur!” That cry echoes around the world and in the heart of the Church, where a child of Darfur is one of our newest saints: Josephine (her baptismal name) Bakhita (“Lucky One,” the slave-traders’ nickname). Kidnapped at nine, sold in Sudan’s slave-markets, flogged daily till covered with scars, Bakhita was finally bought by Italians and taken to Italy. There Bakhita discovered a “Master” who had himself been flogged to redeem her from slavery! “I am truly loved,” she thought, “and awaited by this Love.” Baptized, she often kissed the baptismal font, exclaiming, “Here I became a daughter of God!” For fifty years as a Daughter of Charity, Bakhita provided cheerful hospitality to all who knocked at the convent door. In her final illness, she relived slavery’s horror: “Please, loosen these chains,” she begged the nurse. “They are so heavy!” Her last words were: “Our Lady! Our Lady!” John Paul II canonized her in the Jubilee Year 2000, praising God for leading her “from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and the Bride of Christ.”

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Valentine's Day is coming...and the Queen of Hearts 50/50 weekly raffle is still going on.

Why not stop in at Labas Coffee Shop this week and buy a ticket? They only cost \$1.00. Give your sweetheart the ticket on Valentine's Day and then take them out Monday night to the coffee shop for the drawing at 7:00pm. If your ticket finds the queen you receive 50% of the cash prize and St. Boniface receives the other half! Labas is located at 25646 S. Governors Hwy, Monee. See the bulletin boards for more information.

**Join the Ladies Club for
Movie Night!**

Mon. Feb. 17th at 6:30pm.
Come and enjoy a good
movie, snacks, and friendship!
Movie to be announced...



A Love That Laughs

Do you miss having fun with your spouse? Do you even remember what that was like? What if there was a way to make a connection every day? It's possible and might be easier than you realize! Come hear Ted Cunningham: national speaker, pastor, comedian, author, husband, and father, for an engaging and entertaining morning guaranteed to enrich your marriage. Saturday, March 7th at St. Petronille parish from 9:00am-1:00pm. Cost is \$35 per couple (if register by 2/16/20). Register online at www.imetevents.org or send a check made out to IMET with your name, address, phone, and parish to: Cathy and Phil Gorski, 633 Maywood Lane, Lisle, IL 60532.

The 2020 Mass Intentions book still has many openings—weekends and weekdays. If you have special dates you would like to reserve, stop in or contact the office during the week.

PROCEED WITH PRAYER

We all agree that caring for others is important. Absolutely no one wants to see a child waste away from starvation. And yet, we often fear to donate time, talent, or money to charitable causes. What if recipients use the money poorly? What if donations promote helplessness and long-term dependence? What if my own situation isn't very stable? How can I help others when my daily life is so difficult and the future so uncertain? These are legitimate questions. And God wants us to use our intellect when discerning how best to perform good deeds. But uncertainty must not lead to inaction. If we don't know exactly how to proceed, we must spend a great deal of time in prayer. In prayer, we consider our options and ask the Lord to show us how to be salt and light in the world. As today's psalm reminds us, God calls us to be gracious and merciful. Believing firmly that God will always care for us, we trust with steadfast hearts and share with others—not occasionally, guiltily, or provisionally, but "lavishly."

One who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything.

—Samuel Johnson

The Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner



is this Sunday, Feb. 9th from 4:30pm-7:00pm. If you haven't purchased your ticket see a Knight after mass. There may be tickets still available! *Don't pass up the opportunity to let the Knights do all the cooking and cleaning for you this Sunday!!!*



St. Paul Parish, Peotone is hosting a Lent Mission: Light to the World: When life seems lost and hopeless, Lent reminds us that the darkness of the tomb is not the end of the story. Inspirational storyteller,

John Donahue-Grossman will be featured. Sunday, March 8-Tuesday, March 10. Be sure to mark your calendars!