

THE JUDEAN  
DESERT  
WESTERN ISRAEL

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert  
to be tempted by the devil.

MATTHEW 4:1

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2020



# St. Boniface Catholic Church

**MASSSES:** 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**  
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**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

**Church:** 5304 W. Main St., Monee, IL 60449  
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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.

FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT

# Mass Intentions For The Week



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**Saturday, February 29**

5:30 PM—Jim Males † by Camille Dancer

**Sunday, March 1**

9:00 AM—Julia Przybyla † by Przybyla Family

**Monday, March 2**

8:30 AM—Tibor Vass † by Marlene Tengolics

**Wednesday, March 4**

8:30 AM—Kazimierz Iwaniuk † by Chris Hays

**Friday, March 6**

3:00 PM—Richard Nicola † by Mary Ann Nicola

**Saturday, March 7**

5:30 PM—G. B. Dancer Jr. † by Camille Dancer

**Sunday, March 8**

9:00 AM—Sheila Clay † by Bogs Family  
Jozefa Zaborowska † by Kwiatkowski's



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**March 1**

**5:30 PM**

Deacon Joe Bishop  
John Porpora  
Tracy Sheehan  
Christine Semanovich

**9:00 AM**

Deacon Joe Bishop  
Nancy Bishop  
Terry Kwiatkowski  
Kathy Short

**March 8**

**5:30 PM**

Deacon Joe Bishop  
John Porpora  
Christine Semanovich  
Kathy Short

**9:00 AM**

Deacon Mark Otten  
Donald Domke  
Colleen Domke  
Paul Przybyla



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**March 1**

**5:30 PM**

Rene Jurack

**9:00 AM**

Karen Scrementi

**March 8**

**5:30 PM**

James Lehnerer

**9:00 AM**

Tracy Sheehan



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**February 23, 2020**

Sunday.....\$ 2248.00  
Children's Envelopes..... 8.00

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**March 1**

**5:30 PM**

Makenzie Albano  
Alison Porpora

**9:00 AM**

Ava Daly  
Grace Lovejoy

**March 8**

**5:30 PM**

Ashlin Porpora  
Alison Porpora

**9:00 AM**

Grace Raftery  
Lily Raftery  
Clara Raftery

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent  
Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins  
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel  
Wednesday: St. Casimir  
Friday: World Day of Prayer; Abstinence;  
First Friday  
Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity;  
First Saturday

**The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.**  
—William McGill



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**First Sunday of Lent**  
**March 1, 2020**  
"The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."  
— Matthew 4:10

## From the Pastor



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Lent is already on its way. How are you doing so far? Well, there is plenty of things that we can do we usually don't do outside the Season of Lent. And one of them is practice of fasting. I would like to share couple things about it in this letter.

Pope Benedict XVI in his "Lenten Message for 2009" said: "Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by His saving word. Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God... Freely chosen detachment from the pleasure of food and other material goods helps the disciple of Christ to control the appetites of nature, weakened by original sin, whose negative effects impact the entire human person."

This quote reminds me that Lent just more than "giving up a chocolate". Over the years, the real meaning of fasting has been watered down; many people give up or take up something for Lent as a kind of self-improvement activity, which is OK in itself. But fasting goes much deeper than self-help. The kind of fasting the Church recommends is a spiritual discipline. To observe some kind of fasting during Lent, whether something small like only drinking water at lunch, or something bigger, like only having bread and water for dinner on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, whatever the actual fasting looks like, the meaning is always the same: it is an act of repentance and penance.

By freely denying ourselves the good and licit pleasure of food, we are saying something to God. We are acknowledging the strong tendencies of our fallen human nature that often lead us to self-centered and sinful over-indulgence, in whatever form it may take. And we are telling God that we are sorry for doing that, and that in spite of the discomfort it may cause us, we are committed to changing our self-centered, sinful habits into self-giving, Christ-like habits. That's the spiritual meaning of fasting, and that's why the Church encourages all of us to practice it in some way during Lent.

+ *Father Roger*



**Stewardship Thought:** What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh, Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us! See Psalm 51.

### Fridays in Lent

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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God eats bread and fishes—the stuff he makes for everyone else. *Maria, Age 8*

*Kids Say the Cutest Things About God*

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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**Dolly Richmond, Sebastian Blocker, 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.*

**Lent Series Sessions**  
**Sundays at 12:00pm**

- March 1st      The Meaning of the Mass
- March 8th     Sacrament of Reconciliation
- March 15th    The Early Church
- March 22nd    Social Justice
- March 29th    Modern Christian Living
- April 5th      Paschal Mystery / Holy Week

Have you ever stopped and really thought about any of these topics? We invite (and encourage!) you to attend any/all of these sessions Deacon Joe is holding during this Lenten Season. Come ask a question. Come learn something new. Come re-discover these aspects of our faith. Join us!



**STATIONS**  
of the  
**CROSS**

**“Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus”**

**Do you know which station this is?** Find out this Friday at the **Stations of the Cross** which will be said immediately following the 3:00 PM mass. Join us and discover what you may gain by reflecting on The Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Roger will also be available to hear confessions during the reading of the Stations.

We are **still** looking for an additional team of 2 unrelated counters for the 4th Sunday of each month. Counting can be done either Sunday after mass or Monday mornings. If you are interested (and even have a partner in mind) please contact the office.

**SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955)**  
**March 3**

Born into Philadelphia society, Katharine was an infant when she lost her mother. Her father remarried and the couple taught their daughters that their wealth was a “gift on loan” to be shared with the poor, whom they fed and cared for in their home. Invited by priest friends to witness firsthand the destitution on Native American reservations, Katharine resolved to devote her inheritance to this apostolate and enter a contemplative order. When, however, in private audience, she begged Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff the schools she was building, the pope replied, “My child, why not become a missionary yourself?” Katharine renounced a twenty-million-dollar fortune and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Christ present in the Eucharist and ministering to Christ suffering in victims of racial discrimination. Her Sisters established over sixty schools nationwide, including Xavier University, New Orleans, the first dedicated to professional education for African Americans. In 2000, John Paul II canonized “Mother Drexel,” praising her “excellent example of practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate, long the distinguishing mark of American Catholics.”

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The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew’s Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father’s hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.



**What is a CRS Rice Bowl?**

The iconic CRS Rice Bowl is a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country during Lent. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories. They are located at the rear of the church. Please help yourself on the way out.



**Daylight Savings Time** begins March 8. Be sure to set clocks one hour forward!

*Every conquered temptation represents a new fund of moral energy. Every trial endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before.*  
—William Butler Yeats

**Financial Planning from a Catholic Perspective**

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Financial Planning Seminar after mass today. This Seminar is open to all people of the parish whether you are a member of the Knights or not. The Seminar will run for about 45 minutes.

Topics to include: Legacy planning: Avoid stock market risk, Retire in the Zero tax bracket, Long Term Care Check list. Refreshments will be served after the seminar.

*Please consider including St. Boniface Church when creating or updating your personal will. Contact the office for information.*

**“Taste of St. Boniface”**

Want to share a favorite dish from your nationality? Saturday, March 21st after the 5:30pm mass we will be having a **Taste of St. Boniface!** Sign up to bring an appetizer, dish, or dessert! Sign up sheets are on the bulletin boards.

All are invited to attend!! There are also sign up sheets for anyone wishing to attend but not bring a dish.

*This is a FREE event but we will have a donation box available if you can spare a dollar or two... these donations will be used in future social events we are planning!*



**Starting next Sunday! A 3 night event! St. Paul Parish, Peotone is hosting a Lent Mission: Light to the World with John Donahue-Grossman.**

When life seems lost and hopeless, Lent reminds us that the darkness of the tomb is not the end of the story. Sun. March 8—Tues. March 10 at 7:00pm each night. Be sure to mark your calendars!

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.