

A sower went out to sow.  
Some seed fell on the path . . .  
some fell on rocky ground.  
. . . Some seed fell among thorns.  
. . . But some fell on rich soil,  
and produced fruit.

MATTHEW 13:3, 4, 5, 7, 8



# St. Boniface Catholic Church

JULY 12  
2020

**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)  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Kathy Short  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR:** Deacon Mark and Anita Otten  
**MINISTRY OF CARE:** Erwin Bogs

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Call office.

**MARRIAGE:** By appointment only. Normally made 6 months in advance.

**BAPTISM:** To have a child baptized at Saint Boniface Church, you must be a registered, active, member of the parish and attend a Baptism class. Baptisms are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM (Noon). Call the office to schedule an appointment.

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

**Church:** 5304 W. Main St., Monee, IL 60449  
**P.O. Box 217, Monee, IL 60449 (534-9682)**  
**Church Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:30am—2:00pm

**email:** [office@stboniface.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@stboniface.comcastbiz.net)  
**Website:** [stbonifacemonee.org](http://stbonifacemonee.org)  
**Facebook:** St Boniface Church Monee

## 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.**

**FIFTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, July 11—5:30 PM**  
**Health Intentions for Pallach Family**  
 Req. by Carol Pucik  
**Polly Schloss †**  
 Req. by Paul and Terry Kwiatkowski

**Sunday, July 12—9:00 AM**  
**Richard Schultz †**  
 Req. by Przybyla Family  
**Dr. Carlos Diaz-Albertini †**  
 Req. by Lauren and Alexis Diaz-Albertini

**Monday, July 13—8:30 AM**  
**Health Intentions of Vicky Schmidt**

**Wednesday, July 15—8:30 AM**  
**Raymond Hays †** Req. by Chris Hays

**Friday, July 17—8:30 AM**  
**Health Intentions of Jeanne Bodnar**

**Saturday, July 18—5:30 PM**  
**Deceased Members of Mackey Family †**  
 Req. by Barb Mackey  
**Lawrence Kwasigroch †**  
 Req. by Carlene Kwasigroch

**Sunday, July 19—9:00 AM**  
**Don Genens †** Req. by Short Family



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<b>July 12</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Father Roger	<b>July 19</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Father Roger
<b>9:00 AM</b> Father Roger	<b>9 00 AM</b> Father Roger

**At this time, only the body will be distributed.**



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<b>July 12</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Rene Jurack	<b>July 19</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Camille Dancer
<b>9:00 AM</b> Paul Przybyla	<b>9:00 AM</b> Barbara Mitchell



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**COLLECTION SUMMARY**  
**Week of June 28, 2020**

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1036.00
Peter Pence Collection	\$ 304.00

**Week of July 5, 2020:**

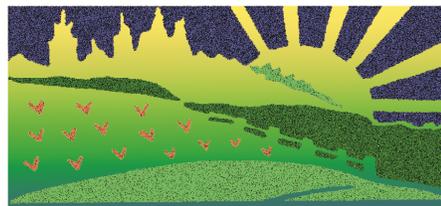
Sunday Offertory	\$ 2850.00
Maintenance Collection	\$ 600.00

We sincerely thank everyone still mailing in their contributions. If you can continue to give, know that we are grateful. We do not wish to put any financial burden on you. Please remember—DO NOT MAIL CASH! You are welcome to mail a check or call the office to arrange a day and time to drop off your donations.

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Henry  
 Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
 Wednesday: St. Bonaventure  
 Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
 Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary



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**Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 12, 2020**

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

— Psalm 65:12

## From the Pastor



Two brothers were arguing about the wisdom of their parents. "Father is very wise," said the first brother. The second brother disagreed. "Father is not so wise! We're just as smart as he is. I'll prove it to you." The next day the second brother went into the woods near his home and captured a small bird. He brought the bird home and said to his brother, "Let's go find dad. I will show you that he isn't so smart."

The two brothers went into their father's study, the second one holding the small bird between his cupped hands. "Father, I have a question for you," he said. "I hold a small bird in my hands. Tell me, is this bird dead or alive?" If he said that the bird was dead, the boy would simply open his hands and show that the bird was alive. If his father answered that the bird was alive, he would crush it between his hands and reveal that the bird was dead. This would prove that his dad wasn't so wise after all. The boys' father considered the question for a moment and said, "My son...the answer is in your hands."

As a wise and good Father, God tells us the same - our life is in our hands, He only gives us needed guidance. Faith is not turning everything to God so He can solve our problems. Faith is turning to God to steer us on our tasks to build the Kingdom of justice and peace. If we pray for anything, our prayer should be not to make God do things for us but to allow God transform us into His agents, willing to hear what He says and do what he suggests.

Our true freedom is to choose what is good for us in all aspects of our existence and that means both material and spiritual. As Catholics, we truly are free to choose to follow Christ or not, but outside factors influence that freedom, trying to get us to choose a self-centered life over a Christ-centered life. These factors are ignorance, laziness, and the pressure of society's dominant culture. It's hard enough to go against them because we tend not to learn enough, we like to be comfortable and we want to fit in the crowd. May the Lord give you courage to always be Jesus' disciple, who studies His Word of wisdom and truth, who accepts with patience the hardships of life (carrying the cross) and who is not afraid to stand up to other people when it comes to defending Christian values.

+ *Father Roger*



### Stewardship Thought

May our stewardship of time, talent and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred — or sixty — or thirty-fold!

When God gets done creating things, he gets to watch one hour of TV. Cole, Age 9

*Kids Say the Cutest Things About God*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

**Psalm** — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

**Second Reading** — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

**Gospel** — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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**GOD'S WORDS**

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us “good-night,” our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God’s words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God’s word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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**Gather Us In**

**Here in this place new light is streaming;  
Now is the darkness vanished away.  
See in this space, our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.**

***Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame.  
Call to us now and we shall awaken;  
We shall arise at the sound of your name.***

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery;  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.**

***Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong.  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly;  
Give us the courage to enter the song.***

*2020 Word & Song Book, Hymn #714*



**Dennis Dowling Sr., Ken Zohlfeld, Jeanne Bodnar, Bernie Van Etten, Eason M., Jason Brandstetter, Helen Barrett, Dolly Richmond, Douglas Newbanks, the safety of all healthcare workers, all those battling the Coronavirus, all who have been hurt and/or died this last week and those that go unnamed.**

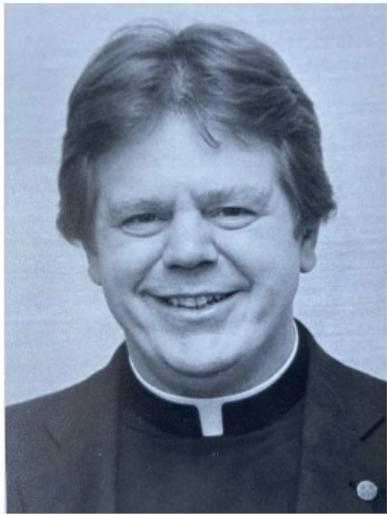
Names will remain on the list for one month unless otherwise requested. *To have someone added to this list please call the parish office.*

***When GOD solves our problems,  
we have faith in HIS abilities.  
When GOD doesn't solve our problems,***

**SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680)  
July 14**

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of “Christian” traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young “Lily of the Mohawks” drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does “the aroma of Christ” (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?

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### Obituary of Fr. Daniel T. McCullough (Fr. Brian)

Age 73, late of Bloomington, IL and formerly Plainfield, IL passed away Saturday, July 4, 2020. He was born September 27, 1946 to the late Ethel and late John McCullough in Chicago, IL. where he was raised. He graduated from Devine Heart Seminary Donaldson, IN. in 1965.

Rev. McCullough was ordained a Catholic Priest on September 1, 1973 and served in a variety of ministries for over 36 years. His work included Pastor assignments in Illinois and Mississippi. He was a fundraising director for the benefit of missions, education of seminarians and retired priests. Appointed Chaplain of Catholic Charities (CRS) in 1998, he served the poor in over 80 countries. He traveled extensively during his priesthood. His work with SNAP addressing solutions to the scandal of clerical abuse was most meaningful to him.

Survivors include his brothers, John (late Cheryl), the late Thomas (Marianne), Patrick, James, Michael (Mary Pat), and Joseph (Sheila), many beloved and cherished nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, and godchildren.

Fr. McCullough's wish was services and interment be private.  
Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The Peotone Senior Assistance Center is available this Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10am - 3pm, by appointment only, at St. Paul the Apostle in Peotone. This is part of our **Respect Life Ministry**, whose mission is to protect the vulnerable and provide seniors, low income and disabled persons with assistance from county, state and federal programs, including Medicare, Social Security, Illinois License Plate Discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. We are also a certified SHIP site (Senior Health Insurance Program). The center is staffed by volunteers who serve the community without cost. Please call 708-258-6917 to make an appointment.

#### Make your reservation

**Please remember, in order to attend mass, you will need to call each week and reserve your spot for mass. You can call Shelly at 708-927-9253. Remember to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer upon entering the church.**

**It has been wonderful to gather together again and re-connect with each other. We are truly grateful for our parish family.**

**If, after you attend a mass, you or someone you have been in contact with test positive for the Coronavirus, please inform our office as soon as possible.**

**It remains our top priority to keep our church clean and sanitized in order to keep you safe and our doors open.**

**Thank you!**