

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2020

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord . . .
I will bring to my holy mountain . . .
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Isaiah 56:6, 7



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

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Call office.

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

BAPTISM: 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 12:00PM (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
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8:30am—2:00pm

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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.

The Holy Mountain, folio 3 from Monte Sancto di Dio, 1477

Baccio Baldini (Italian, c. 1436-1487)

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 15—5:30 PM
 Sharon Ryley † Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Ryley
Sunday, August 16—9:00 AM
 Dan Marcukaitis † Req. by Family
Monday, August 17—8:30 AM
 Clarence Schmidt †
 Req. by Marlene Tengolics
Wednesday, August 19—8:30 AM
 Souls in Purgatory and
 Josephena Dutrte †
 Req. by Jaculbe Family
Friday, August 21—8:30 AM

Saturday, August 22—5:30 PM
 50th Anniversary of
 Edward & Barbara Mackey
 Melanie Valencia † Req. by Leobardo and
 Ana Valencia Martinez
Sunday, August 23—9:00 AM
 Jean Kwiatkowski † Req. by Kwiatkowskis



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August 16	August 23
5:30 PM	5:30 PM
Father Roger	Father Roger
9:00 AM	9 00 AM
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At this time, only the body will be distributed.



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August 16	August 23
5:30 PM	5:30 PM
Rene Jurack	James Lehnerer
9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Paul Przybyla	Tracy Sheehan

Weekly Offering



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COLLECTION SUMMARY
Week of August 9, 2020:

Sunday Offertory \$ 2199.00

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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NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE!

The current Ministry schedule for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will end September 27, 2020 and we will need any changes to when you serve, vacation dates, etc. for the next schedule which will begin October 3, 2020 and run until January 31, 2020. If you would like to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server, send us your name and phone number, and the Mass time you would like and this info can be dropped in the collection basket, or call the office during hours. Please keep in mind that at the present time we are only scheduling Lectors for Mass participation, but we are continuing to maintain scheduling. Training will be provided. Deadline for any changes (new people, delete your service, etc.) must be in the office no later than September 7, 2020.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday: St. John Eudes
 Thursday: St. Bernard
 Friday: St. Pius X
 Saturday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020

Observe what is right, do what is just;
 for my salvation is about to come,
 my justice, about to be revealed.

— Isaiah 56:1



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From the Pastor



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Many people have a problem with Church's teaching about the existence of Hell as a place of complete separation from God. They often argue that if God truly wants everyone to be saved and is working hard to make that happen, how do we explain the reality of Hell, which is a dogma of our faith? Well, it's simple, though tragic. I just think it would be good to refresh our memory about that topic.

It's true that God all of us to be saved, but doesn't want to force us to be saved. To force us would be to destroy us, because it would mean taking away our freedom, without which we would no longer be human. Just as some of the angels rebelled against God, using their God-given freedom to separate themselves from God's friendship and set up their own false ideas of right and wrong, so human beings are capable of doing the same thing. The fallen angels, Satan and his demons, rejected God's offer of fellowship. Now they still exist, but they are permanently cut off from God's love and truth. That state of existence is what is called Hell.

Human beings were also given the gift of free will. By that gift we can either choose to obey the laws of God's household and thereby enjoy the glory of his friendship. Or we can give in to the devil's lies and follow in his footsteps - as Nazi's concentration camps of II World War like Auschwitz prove.

Fr Gabriel Amorth, longtime exorcist for the diocese of Rome, tells of an interesting experience about this point in his book, *An Exorcist Tells His Story*. Fr Amorth's mentor, Fr Candido Aman-tini, was finishing up an exorcism one day. He said to the demon, "Now go back to the Hell which God has made for you." The demon, seeing an opportunity for an insult, answered him. It said, "You know nothing! He didn't make Hell; we did."

We shouldn't deny facts. One of them is that Hell exists. Another fact is that God tells us about it. He doesn't lie. Meantime he does really do everything to get our attention by constantly inviting us to join His Kingdom - Kingdom of love, mercy, peace, and justice. His Son, Jesus Christ died on the Cross so we can see how much God wants us to choose Him in our lives over anything else.

+ *Father Roger*



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and His will are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share? See Romans 11:29

God walks around heaven with his quarding angels around him. Jack, Age 10
Kids Say the Cutest Things About God

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

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Isaiah reminds us today, in our time of trouble: Observe what is right, do what is just. Who are on the outs with me; how can I show them kindness? How will I act in right and just ways this week? Because God constantly shows mercy to me, how will I be merciful?

WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.

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**Hail, Mary, Gentle Woman**

**Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women, and blest is
the fruit of your womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.**

*Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so
strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful
dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.*

**You were chose by the Father; you were
chosen for the Son. You were chosen from
all women and for woman, shining one.**

Repeat refrain...

2020 Word & Song Book, Hymn #792



**Dan Mott, Ken R., Ken Zohlfeld, Jeanne Bodnar,
Eason M., Bernie Van Etten, Jason Brandstetter,
Helen Barrett, Dolly Richmond, Douglas New-
banks, 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.*

**O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully
grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.
—George Herbert**

SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914)

August 21

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto “To restore all things in Christ” (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called “modernism,” yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter’s Square—“I bless peace, not war!”—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed Christian Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

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STANDING FAST

Matthew opens the scene in today's Gospel by setting up a conflict. Unlike the parallel story in Mark (7:24), the woman is described as "a Canaanite." This label serves to evoke the ancient animosity between Jews and other peoples in the region. The woman, who is never named, begs for help for her daughter. The disciples are actively dismissive of her, as a woman and a foreigner, and deem her to be unworthy of their attention. The text suggests that Jesus initially sided with the disciples. But then he recognized the strength of her faith.

Many women, foreigners, or marginalized persons might identify with this woman's story. Sometimes faith means standing fast, in care for others or in fidelity to truth, even when it seems that no one supports you. Somehow, the woman recognized God's power and God's care within Jesus. And Jesus recognized that God was active within her, manifested in her commitment to her daughter. Jesus saw his Father's larger horizon of care for everyone, Jew and Gentile, within this faith-filled woman.



A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.



Religious Education Update

Registration is now open! Classes will begin Sunday, Sept. 13th from 10:00am-11:30am. Due to the Corona Virus classes may be held as a combination of in person classroom and e-learning in order to follow the guidelines set by the State of Illinois and the Diocese of Joliet.

We are currently looking for catechists and greeters. Responsibilities of the greeters are:

1. Taking temperatures of each person upon entry
2. Confirm each person uses hand sanitizer
3. Direct students to use the stairs maintaining the 6 foot spacing requirements before and after class
4. Sanitize classrooms, and applicable church areas

Please contact the RE office at 708-534-9682 to register for class and/or volunteer to help.

Register for Mass!

Weekend masses still require a reservation. If you would like to attend a Saturday 5:30pm or Sunday 9:00am mass, please call Shelly at 708-927-9253. We will be taking reservations for registered St. Boniface parishioners. If you are not registered with us, you can still call and be placed on a call back list. Should we have seats available closer to the mass day we will contact you. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We pray everyone continues to be in good health as we continue to gather together.