



The kingdom of heaven
is like a landowner
who went out at dawn
to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1



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

PASTOR: Rev. Roger Kutzner
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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

P.O. Box 217, Monee, IL 60449

Phone: 708-534-9682

**Church Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30am—2:00pm**

Website: 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.

September 20, 2020
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 19—5:30 PM
Mr. and Mrs. Boleslaw Smolinski †
 Req. by Chris Hays
Brian Orolin † Req. by Arnie Orolin

Sunday, September 20—9:00 AM
Ron Mitchell † Req. by Barb Mitchell
Melanie Valencia †
 Req. by Leobardo & Ana Valencia Martinez

Monday, September 21—8:30 AM
Deceased members of Jaculbe Family
 Req. by Family

Wednesday, September 23—8:30 AM
All souls in purgatory
 Req. by parishioner

Friday, September 25—8:30 AM
Sister Cherubim †

Saturday, September 26—5:30 PM
Mary Ann Mills † Req. by Joe Mills
Dennis Dowling † Req. by Camille Dancer

Sunday, September 27—9:00 AM
Dr. Carlos Diaz Albertini †
 Req. by Bogs-Haser Family
Jo Misheck † Req. by Barb Mitchell



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September 20 5:30 PM Father Roger	September 27 5:30 PM Father Roger
9:00 AM Father Roger	9 00 AM Father Roger

At this time, only the body will be distributed.



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September 20 5:30 PM Paul Przybyla	September 27 5:30 PM James Lehnerer
9:00 AM Barbara Mitchell	9:00 AM Kathy Dornhecker

Weekly Offering



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COLLECTION SUMMARY
Week of September 13, 2020:

Sunday Offertory \$ 2310.00

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.

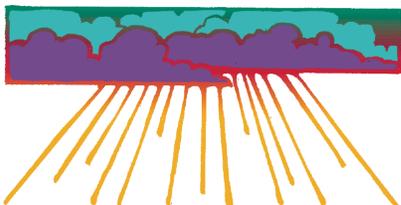
Please remember—**DO NOT MAIL CASH!** You are welcome to mail a check or call the office to arrange a day and time to drop off your donations.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Matthew
 Tuesday: Autumn begins
 Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
 Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian;
 Blessed Virgin Mary

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small.



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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2020

Turn to the LORD for mercy;
 to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
 — Isaiah 55:7b

From the Pastor



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There is a famous story about a man who, desperately ill, goes to see a psychologist. He tells the doctor that he has lost his desire to live and is seriously considering suicide. The therapist listens attentively and then tells the patient that what he needs is a good belly laugh; he needs to take life a little less seriously. He advises the unhappy man to go to the circus that night and spend the evening laughing at Grock, the world's funniest clown. "Seeing Grock," the doctor says, "will help you relax and recover your perspective." The patient rises to his feet, turns, and ambles to the door, then responded: You may be trying to help me, but you see, doctor, I am Grock."

Today's world is so busy and full of so many distractions and possibilities that we can sometimes fool ourselves. It is just as impossible for us to give our lives the meaning we thirst for as it is for a car to fill itself up with gas. As human beings, we are more than what meets the eye, because we were made to live in communion with God, which we can attain through friendship with Christ - who is the true meaning of every human life, both here on earth, and forever hereafter.

When it comes to practical decisions about how we spend our time, we can sometimes act as if life were really about money, or success, or popularity, or some other enjoyable activity that, in practical terms, we care about more than our friendship with Christ. This dangerous attitude is encouraged by our aggressive self-help culture, which tells us that true happiness can easily be ours if we just follow the right sequence of bullet points. But that is not true. Christ alone can make us truly happy.

Spiritual writers in this case refer to purity of intention. In all that we do, we should be striving not for praise and recognition from other people, but for God's reward in heaven. We should strive simply to love God and to love our neighbor, to do good to others so as to be mirrors of God's own goodness in this troubled world. God is like the sun, giving off heat and light to all people, the humble and grateful, and also the wicked and self-centered. Purity of intention makes us like that. It frees us from being slaves of other people's fickle opinions, bringing peace and serenity to our souls. Yes, we often get appreciation rightfully from others, but it's dangerous to make it our goal or reason for doing good. Rather, let us remember that when others don't appreciate us, we are being treated a little bit as Christ was treated. And if we are true followers of Christ, that alone should give us deep spiritual joy.

+ *Father Roger*



Stewardship Thought

Stewardship is not optional!
"None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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"Positive thinking is more than just a tagline. It changes the way we behave. And I firmly believe that when I am positive, it not only makes me better, but it also makes those around me better."

- *Harvey Mackay*

DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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**The Church's One Foundation**

**The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.**

**From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed;**

**Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.**

2020 Word & Song Book, Hymn #620



Gayle Males, Celia Munoz, Kathy Bertram, Vicky Schmidt, John Kooyenga, Paul Gonzalez, Dan Mott, Ken Zohlfeld, Jeanne Bodnar, Eason M., Bernie Van Etten, Jason Brandstetter, Helen Barrett, Dolly Richmond, Douglas Newbanks, the safety of all healthcare workers, all those battling the Coronavirus, those who 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.*

**God will meet you where you are in order to take
you where He wants you to go.
- Tony Evans**

**SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968)
September 23**

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually "bilocate" in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or "read hearts" before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of "trials accepted with love," referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: "Pray, hope, and don't worry!"

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The Installation of Bishop Hicks will take place 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. Bishop Hicks will be installed as the sixth Bishop of Joliet by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, the Most Reverend Archbishop Christophe Pierre.

On the eve of the Installation, Monday, September 28, 2020 Bishop Hicks will join our priests for a Vespers Service of Welcome at 7:00 p.m. Both events will take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus and **will be livestreamed for all to join virtually at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ or**

www.youtube.com/DioceseofJolietIL.

Bishop Hicks will begin his service to the Diocese of Joliet on Wednesday, September 30.

St. Paul the Apostle **Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D** starts Oct 15 thru Dec 7. The Senior Assistance Center will NOT be doing Face to Face Consultations due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. They are prepared to offer telephone review and recommendations for all clients assisted last year. If you had an appointment in the Fall of 2019 and would like to speak to the counselor who assisted you, please call 708-258-6917.

Knights of Columbus Raffle Winners:

April - \$150.00 Jerry Vanderlindy, \$100.00 Julie Szudarski, \$50.00 Bill Sander, \$50.00 Dan Yaeger, \$25.00 Jamie Lyn Gorz, \$25.00 Carlos Martinez.

May - \$150.00 Norb Snow, \$100.00 Robert Moll, \$50.00 Vicki Yaeger, \$50.00 Derek Hibler, \$25.00 Laure Sander, \$25.00 Tom Watkins

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

A Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to you.

**We pray this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**



Religious Education classes have begun. We are still taking registration for students' in grades K thru 8th. Classes are on Sunday morning 10:00am – 11:30 am. If you would like to sign up you are welcome to attend this Sunday's class at 10:00am or call the office during the week at 708-534-9682. We look forward to hearing from you! Nancy Bishop

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. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We pray everyone continues to be in good health as we continue to gather again.