



Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Philippians 2:3-4



St. Boniface Catholic Church

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES: Saturday (Sunday Obligation) 5:30PM, Sunday 9:00AM
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30AM
WEEKDAY RECONCILIATION: Monday and Friday after 8:30AM 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

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Church Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, September 28—8:30 AM
 Installation of Bishop Hcks

Wednesday, September 30—8:30 AM
 Clarence Vestal † Req. by Short Family

Friday, October 2—8:30 AM
 Herbert and Catherine Hase & Deceased
 Members of Hase Family † Req. by Carol Hase

Saturday, October 3—5:30 PM
 Fr. Dan McCullough †
 Req. by Bob and Barb Marusin
 Dorothy Gryczewski † Req. by Family

Sunday, October 4—9:00 AM
 Frances Bogs † Req. by Bogs Family
 Jim Fogerty † Req. by Pat Fogerty



COLLECTION SUMMARY
 Week of September 20, 2020:

Sunday Offertory \$ 1907.00

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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September 27 5:30 PM James Lehnerer 9:00 AM Kathy Dornhecker	October 4 5:30 PM Rene Jurack 9:00 AM Erwin Bogs
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So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be.
 —St. Jerome

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 World Day for Migrants and Refugees;
 Priesthood Sunday; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset

Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus

Tuesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday: St. Jerome; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset

Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible.
 —St. Francis of Assisi



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020
 Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.
 — Philipians 2:5

From the Pastor



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It is common in today's world that some Catholics openly disagree with core Catholic teaching. They say that they are Catholic, but they hardly ever practice their faith in real life. We all have heard or read about politicians who say that they are ardent and practicing Catholics, but who publicly support laws that go directly against some of the most basic tenets of morality as taught by the Catholic Church.

I wonder how many of us actually recognize in our own lives this same tendency. Do we have to admit that we call ourselves practicing Catholics, and yet we spend more time working on our favorite hobbies than on our prayer life, and we spend more time becoming experts in our profession than in our faith, and we tolerate hidden habits of selfishness and sin while we criticize other people for their more visible faults? I sure hope that we don't.

If we think about it a little bit, we can see very clearly that this contradiction between what some people say they believe and how they live is not a good thing. Let us guard ourselves against that contradiction, otherwise we won't grow in our experience of Christ's love and grace, we won't grow in wisdom, interior peace, and the deep Christian joy that we thirst for.

St Stephen of Hungary was a great example of real faith. He was the elder son of the first Christian leader of the Magyars. Unlike his father, who had accepted baptism mainly for political reasons, Stephen took his Christian identity seriously. At age 22 he succeeded his father and began his life-long work of bringing stability, order, and justice to the rival Magyar tribes, so that the Christian faith could take deeper root in the souls of his people. When Stephen became the first King of Hungary, he successfully turned the chaotic territory into a prosperous and organized nation. He strove to fulfill his royal duties in life in a way that would please Christ, dedicating himself entirely to the spiritual and material good of his subjects. He was often found in disguise, distributing alms to homeless people and cripples camped out in the city streets. He overcame great opposition when he instituted a policy that for every ten towns there had to be at least one Church supporting at least one priest, so that all citizens could receive the sacraments and be instructed in the faith. No corruption stained his regime, and when he died at 63, his tomb immediately became a favorite place of pilgrimage and devotion. St Stephen truly understood that real faith requires real action.

Faith, if it's real, makes a real impact on our lives.

+ *Father Roger*



Stewardship Thought

The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

What attitude-adjustment do I need to be more like Christ?

What will I do to be more compassionate and merciful?

What interest of another will be important to me this week?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

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FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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The Summons

**Will you come and follow me if I but call
your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know and never
be the same?**

*Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?*

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call
your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind and never
be the same?**

*Will you risk the hostile stare,
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?*

2020 Word & Song Book, Hymn #655



Louise Kopaczewski, Sharon Blazeovich, 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.*

SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS (1873-1897) October 1

"The cornerstone's dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later," explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, "The window for the Little Flower"—Thérèse's nickname—"gives it away." From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows adorn most churches where European immigrants worshiped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Thérèse proposed her "Little Way" to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus ordinary Catholics, many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite's spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!"

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Substitute Teachers Needed Devout Catholic

Each Catholic school in the Diocese of Joliet is successfully implementing face-to-face instruction that honors the safety measures outlined in within its School Reopening Plan. As a result, several Catholic educators are needed to serve as substitute teachers at the Pre-School – Grade 12 levels. The substitute teacher candidate must hold either a current Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) or an Illinois Substitute License. **No degree in education? No problem!** If you are called to this ministry, a degree in education is not a prerequisite for becoming a licensed substitute teacher. An individual who holds a BA in any discipline is eligible to apply for an Illinois Substitute License through the seamless process of transcript evaluation. For further information about obtaining a teaching license in this manner, contact Karen Udell, CSO Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Personnel, at 815-221-6123.

The Tree of Light Blessing Ceremony

The Diocese of Joliet remembers infants lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses, and infant or early childhood death. In order to through the grieving process, The Office of Family Ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Joliet is offering this blessing in an Online Video in lieu of an in-person mass this year. If you have a baby you would like honored please contact the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334, email at familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org, or register online at <https://bit.ly/2zWNhtY>.

You must register by October 5 to receive the online video link. The video will help families be pre-recorded with each baby being acknowledged. The video will be available Sunday, November 1st.



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.



My Good Deed was: Helping my mom bag groceries.

Kendall Bialecki

My Good Deed was: Making my bed every day.

Logan Diachenko

My Good Deed was: Being a good listener in my Kindergarten class and got a sticker for it.

Kacey Diachenko

My Good Deed was: Loving Jesus and Loving God.

Christian Schultz