

I love you, O Lord, my strength.  
 O Lord, my rock,  
 my fortress, my deliverer.

Psalm 18:2-3



# 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

2020 **25**  
 October

*Thirtieth Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time*



*Cody William Grismer  
 First Communion*

*Saturday  
 October 24, 2020*

**Church:** 5304 W. Main St., Monee, IL 60449  
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 8:30am—2:00pm

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, October 24—5:30 PM**  
**Melanie Valencia †**  
 Req. by Leobardo and Ana Valencia Martinez

**Sunday, October 25—9:00 AM**  
**Frances Bogs †** Req. by Bogs Family  
**Kevin Galik †** Req. by Karen Triola

**Monday, October 26—8:30 AM**  
**Health and well being of all Clergy**

**Wednesday, October 28—8:30 AM**  
**Souls in Purgatory**

**Friday, October 30—8:30 AM**  
**Health and safety of all teachers and students**

**Saturday, October 31—5:30 PM**  
**Lawrence Kwasigroch †**  
 Req. by Carlene Kwasigroch

**Sunday, November 1—9:00 AM**  
**Birthday Intentions for Alexis Diaz-Albertini**  
 Req. by Bogs-Haser Family  
**Birthday Intentions for Emily Ekstrom**  
 Req. by Bogs-Haser Family



**COLLECTION SUMMARY**  
**Week of October 18, 2020:**

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| Sunday Offertory     | \$ | 1831.00 |
| World Mission Sunday | \$ | 312.00  |

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.

St. Boniface Church  
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| <b>October 25</b><br><b>5:30 PM</b><br>Father Roger | <b>November 1</b><br><b>5:30 PM</b><br>Father Roger |
| <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Father Roger                      | <b>9 00 AM</b><br>Father Roger                      |

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

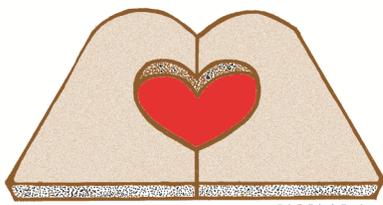


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| <b>October 25</b><br><b>5:30 PM</b><br>Camille Dancer | <b>November 1</b><br><b>5:30 PM</b><br>James Lehnerer |
| <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Tracy Sheehan                       | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Barbara Mitchell                    |

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Wednesday: Ss. Simon and Jude  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Halloween

**We were born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.**  
 —Joseph Cafasso



**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 25, 2020**

“You shall love the Lord, your God,  
 with all your heart,  
 with all your soul,  
 and with all your mind.”  
 — Matthew 22:37

## From the Pastor

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One of the important aspects of Christianity is to learn to constantly go out of our way to do more good than other people expect us to do. This is actually what distinguishes our faith from others. And the saints of our Church are the best examples of that. I would like to bring the example of St. Almachius, whom most of us probably don't recall remembering.

St. Almachius lived in Palestine around the year 400. From an early age he felt called to love God wholeheartedly by following a life of prayer and penance. For many years he lived as a hermit in the desert wastelands, doing just that. Eventually, however, the Holy Spirit entrusted him with a surprising mission.

Even though Christianity by this time was the Roman Empire's official religion, the infamous and very pagan gladiatorial combats were still regularly held in the Roman coliseum. The Romans loved those "sporting events," which inevitably resulted in unjust, bloody, and cruel deaths for valiant men. Many gladiators were prisoners or slaves being forced to entertain the crowds by their gruesome combat, as if they were no better than savage beasts. It was a frontal assault against the human dignity of these men who had been created in God's image and redeemed by Christ.

Driven by the Holy Spirit, Almachius made his way to Rome when one such event was in full swing. He entered the amphitheater, climbed down to the arena floor, and interposed himself between the primary combatants, who were engaged in their death struggle. This scrawny hermit did his best to separate them, invoking the name of the Lord. The fans, thirsty for blood, were furious. They hurled every manner of projectile at the unprotected monk, stoning him to death. Fortunately, the Emperor heard about the affair and took it as a sign from God. From then on, such beastly games were forbidden; Christian love had been victorious.

I understand it takes more than just good will to do something like St. Almachius did, to give life to save more lives. Most of us, I believe, are impressed with such a heroism but also we would be scared to death if God asked us to show it. And we really don't have to. For most of us God has chosen a simple heroism of our everyday actions filled with love where people matter more than things. We should never be too busy for a kind word or a sincere smile. And even we are really super-busy we can also use what I call secret weapon of our faith - and that is prayer. If we are so busy running our errands, then praying for other people would be a way we show concern and love for them. By doing this we also fulfill the fundamental commandment of our faith - love God with all you are and love your neighbor as yourself.

+ *Father Roger*



### Stewardship Thought

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship — joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need.

Dear God,  
Could you change the taste of asparagus?  
Everything else is OK. Love, Fred, Age 9

*Dear God; Children's Letters to God*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

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**LIVING JUSTLY**

“You give that back right now!” How many of us have heard that line, probably more than once, as we were growing up? We come home with the trophy of what we thought was a really sweet deal, only to have our parents undo our profits by making us return the spoils. They had a different idea of what constituted a “fair trade agreement.” Justice in our dealings with others continues to be an important measure of our character, and like a good parent, God cares very much about how we treat each other and about how others treat us. God hears the cry of the poor, and answers the call of the oppressed. God’s beloved children are not to behave like bullies.

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**Where Charity and Love Prevail**

**Where charity and love prevail,  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ’s love,  
By love are we thus bound;  
*By love are we thus bound.***

**Forgive we now each other’s faults  
As we our faults confess;  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness,  
*In Christian holiness.***

**Let strife among us be unknown,  
Let all contention cease;  
Be God’s the glory that we seek,  
Be ours God’s holy peace,  
*Be ours God’s holy peace.***

**No race nor creed can love exclude,  
If honored by God’s name;  
Our family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same,  
*Whose Father is the same.***

2020 Word & Song Book, Hymn #681



**Joseph Males, Ana Martinez, Louise Kopaczewski, Sharon Blazeovich, Gayle Males, Celia Munoz, Kathy Bertram, Vicky Schmidt, John Kooyenga, Paul Gonzalez, 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 Coronvirus, 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.*

**SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES  
October 28**

Saint Jude, apostle and . . . Hollywood success story? Indeed! Beyond Simon’s being a “Zealot” for Israel’s liberation and Jude’s question about Jesus revealing himself (John 14:22), no historic facts are known about either saint. But Saint Jude’s well-known patronage of lost causes and hopeless cases is largely due to a desperate vow made just before World War II by a struggling entertainer, the son of Arab-American immigrants, Danny Thomas. Unemployed, his wife about to give birth, Danny, attending Mass, impulsively donated his last seven dollars to the collection, promising: “Saint Jude, if you help me find my way in life, I will build a shrine in your honor!” Older Americans remember well Danny’s long, successful movie and television career. Grateful parents worldwide know the miracles that have taken place for fifty years at his Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital, where needy children are cared for regardless of race, religion, or financial resources, and monumental advances continue in healing and preventing pediatric cancers and catastrophic childhood diseases. A living, life-giving partnership is this “Communion of Saints”: Simon, Jude, Danny Thomas—us!

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Next Sunday, November 1st, is

**Daylight Savings Time**

Also known as “Fall Back” and “Winter Time” this time change brings more light in the morning and darkness quicker in the evenings. Be sure to set your clocks **BACK** one hour the day before.



**Bring forth the raisins and the nuts—  
Tonight All-Hallows' spectre struts  
Along the moonlit way.  
—John Kendrick Bangs**

**Saint Mark Catholic Church in Wheaton**

is seeking a position to hire an office Secretary. This person will be responsible for answering the phones, maintaining sacramental and parishioner records, gathering information for upcoming sacramentals, managing the parish calendar and preparing the parish bulletin. Candidates must have a good communication and interpersonal skills. This position requires the desire and ability to support the mission of the Catholic Church. Office experience is required, including knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher and Parish data system. This is a part time, unbenefited position with the possibility of flexibility in schedule. Please email your resume to Fr. Andrew Lewandowski, C.R. to [office@stmarkwheaton.org](mailto:office@stmarkwheaton.org)

**Knights of Columbus Raffle Winners**

**May:**

\$150.00 Rubin Garcia, \$100.00 Bob Gorz, \$50.00 Joe Celibucki, \$50.00 Tim Reed, \$25.00 Tricia Ashcraft, \$25.00 Mike Roberts.

**October:**

\$150.00 Fred Prium, \$100.00 Tony Framato, \$50.00 Richard Yaeger, \$50.00 John O'leary, \$25.00 Tammy Groenehdal,

*What is a dentist's favorite hymn?  
Crown Him with Many Crowns*



*Our youngest RE students are learning how to make The Sign of the Cross!*

*Keep up the good work!*



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 and leave your name and number. You will be contacted for a phone appointment to take place on a specific date and time.

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