

“THIS SON OF MINE WAS DEAD,
AND HAS COME TO LIFE AGAIN;
HE WAS LOST, AND HAS BEEN FOUND.”

LUKE 15:24

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St. Boniface Catholic Church

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or *Psalm 23*.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or *Ephesians 5:8-14*.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30am—2:30pm

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MASSES

Saturday 5:30 PM and

Sunday: 9:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday and Wednesday
at 8:30 AM

Friday at 3:00 PM

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After Mass on
Monday, Friday, and Saturday

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2022



Saturday, March 26—5:30 PM
Prayers for World Peace

Sunday, March 27—9:00 AM
Deceased Members of Brooks and Pierce Families Req. by Mary Pierce
40th Wedding Anniversary of Don and Kathy Dornhecker

Monday, March 28—8:30 AM
Bob Ward † Req. by St. Boniface Staff

Wednesday, March 30—8:30 AM
Barb Marusin † Req. by Bob Marusin

Friday, April 1—3:00 PM
Prayers for all Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 2—5:30 PM
Clarence Vestal † Req. by Short Family

Sunday, April 3—9:00 AM
Eleanor Ebert †
 Req. by Sisters of St. Casimer Auxiliary
Deceased Members of the Fogerty Family
 Req. by Pat Fogerty

Lectors:

March 27	April 3
5:30 PM	5:30 PM
Camille Dancer	James Lehnerer
9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Phyllis Huske	Phyllis Huske

Eucharistic Ministers:

March 27	April 3
5:30 PM	5:30 PM
Mark Otten	John Porpora
Rene Jurack	Camille Dancer
Anita Otten	Debra Ledford
David Schmidt	Christine Semanovich
9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Mark Otten	Mark Otten
Cindy Marden	Beth Daly
Paul Przybyla	Cindy Marden
Kathy Short	Paul Przybyla

COLLECTION SUMMARY
Week of March 20, 2022



Sunday Offertory:
 \$ 2050.00

Easter Flowers:
 \$ 680.00

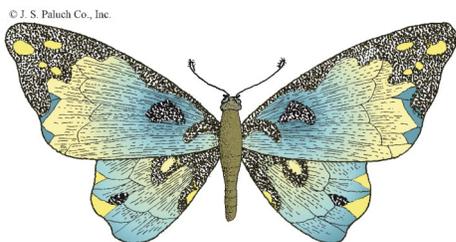
We sincerely thank everyone for your generous donations to our parish. You are welcome to mail your contribution envelopes, place them in the offering baskets in the church, or call the

Sacrament Of Reconciliation:
 For private appointment please contact office

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:
 All classes meet on Sundays from 10:00-11:30

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27, 2022

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.
 — 2 Corinthians 5:17

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March 27, 2022

Dear Friends,

With the onset of the coronavirus pandemic more than two years ago, our goal in the Diocese of Joliet has been to ensure the safety and well-being of all clergy, religious, lay ministers, parishioners, employees and volunteers while providing access to worship and the Eucharist. We have adjusted our safety protocols as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations increased and then decreased. I want to personally thank you for your diligence in safeguarding the health of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

When the state of Illinois lifted its mask mandate for indoor public places on February 28, we followed suit for all church and office activities. We also removed practically all other precautions, but left in place the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

The time has come to remove that final provision, and we will do so on Palm Sunday. What better time for us all to come together again than Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

Of course, if individuals are ill or contagious to others, Canon law allows them to decide for themselves if they should attend Mass.

I am excited the Diocese of Joliet will fully reunite as one body in Christ for the liturgies leading up to Easter and beyond.

I am reminded of the words Pope Francis wrote in *Fratelli Tutti* during the initial months of the pandemic: “Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.” (Paragraph 8)

Let us welcome home our family with joy and continue to pray for each other.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

Bishop of Joliet

LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Sylvia Fontana, Maggie DeVires, Peter Kramer, Mary Eder, Ruth Langland, Sharon Blazevich, James Sobczak, Elia Zamora, Joane Males, Maria Rakocy, Anson Bishop, Carol Nabzdyk, Peggy Kase, Joy Baker, Debra Guarascio, Evie Botta, Louise Kopaczewski, Vicki Schmidt, Ken Zohlfeld, RW and the continued safety and well-being of our parishioners, all those sick, and those that go unnamed.

We send a special prayer for the new pastor at St. Paul UCC, Monee—Pastor Eric Quinney Burnard.



What did Jesus tell the women full of sorrow, weeping for Him? Join us this Friday to learn the answer! Mass will be at 3:00pm followed by Stations of the Cross. Come, walk with Jesus through his final moments and reflect on how much love He has for us. Father Roger will be available to hear confessions immediately after the mass, during the Stations.

Reflection question:

How am I preparing myself for the celebrations of Holy Week? Is there more that I can do?

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Friday: First Friday; Abstinence;
April Fool's Day
Saturday: St. Francis of Paola; First Saturday

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Stewardship Thought

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The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal son, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he had been given.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Who knew that when Moses led the Israelites out of slavery it would mean forty years of wandering in the desert before they were able to enter the Promised Land? Many of us experience periods of wandering in our life. Perhaps we made some poor judgment calls in our younger days, or maybe as adult children we returned home to live because of struggling with substance abuse, or unemployment, or a divorce. Or maybe we fell away from Church for a bit. This is nothing new. The second reading calls us to be new creations in Christ, to put away our old selves, to be transformed; and in the Gospel we hear the beautiful story of the Prodigal Son. Each of these calls for us to move, and grow, and leave old ways behind.

Lent Schedule

Fridays in Lent:

Morning masses will be held at 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross will be held following the mass
Confessions can be heard during the Stations of the Cross

***April 6:
Penance Service will be held
at 6:30pm***



APRIL FOOL'S DAY

April Fools' Day—celebrated on April 1 each year—has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its exact origins remain a mystery. April Fools' Day traditions include playing hoaxes or practical jokes on others, often yelling "April Fools!" at the end to clue in the subject of the April Fools' Day prank. While its exact history is shrouded in mystery, the embrace of April Fools' Day jokes by the media and major brands has ensured the unofficial holiday's long life.



**THEY'RE
BACK!**

LOOK!



The Ladies Club is excited to announce the return of their annual bake sale, next weekend, April 2&3 after mass. Bake something to sell and pick something to buy! Watch for more information about **Ladies Night Out!** All women in the parish are welcome to attend!

Donut Sunday has returned as well. It is held the first Sunday of each month after morning mass, starting next Sunday, April 3.

The second collection today is for **Catholic Relief Services**. Your support funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political and environmental conditions. This is life-saving work. Thank you for your support of our neighbors overseas with your donations.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS LAST CHANCE

The Monee Chamber of Commerce will be awarding two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each in 2022 for students graduated in the 2022 school year.

Applications must be submitted and postmarked no later than March 28, 2022. For a list of requirements and an application please see Kathy in the office or go to the website: moneechamber.org to apply.