

St. Boniface

Catholic Church

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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

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 Fogerty Family
Req. by Pat Fogerty

Monday, April 4

8:30 AM **Souls in Purgatory**

Wednesday, April 6

8:30 AM † **Nicole Vestal** Req. by Short Family

Friday, April 8

3:00 PM **Peace in Ukraine**

Saturday, April 9

5:30 PM † **Marie Woods** Req. by Meg Goeckner

Sunday, April 10

9:00 AM † **Joseph Przybyla** Req. by Paul and Karen Przybyla
† **Salvador Valencia,**
Req. by Leobardo and Ana Valencia Martinez

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, April 3

Lectors

5:30 PM James Lehnerer

9:00 AM Phyllis Huske

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM John Porpora, Camille Dancer, Debra Ledford, Christine Semanovich

9:00 AM Deacon Mark Otten, Beth Daly, Cindy Marden, Paul Przybyla

Sunday, April 10

Lectors

5:30 PM David Schmidt, Kathy Short

9:00 AM Kathy Dornhecker, Barbara Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM John Blazeovich, Camille Dancer, Rene Jurack, Debra Ledford

9:00 AM Deacon Mark Otten, Erwin Bogs, Cindy Marden, Paul Przybyla

Prayer of the Week

Fifth Sunday of Lent

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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.

Please Pray For

Maggie DeVires
Peter Kramer
Mary Eder
Ruth Langland
Sharon Blazeovich
James Sobczak
Elia Zamora
Joane Males
Maria Rakocy
Anson Bishop
Carol Nabzdyk
Peggy Kase
Joy Baker
Barry Saidat
Debra Guarascio
Evie Botta
Louise Kopaczewski
Vicki Schmidt
RW
Ken Zohlfeld

We offer our sincerest sympathies to the Fontana family on the passing of Sylvia. May she rest in peace.

From Our Pastor



Giving us another chance is one of God's main policies. It's called mercy. It's called forgiveness. It's called real love in a sinful, fallen world. It's never too late for us to reach out to Him and get what He offers. Many people can witness that. One of them I would like to bring as an example. Louie Zamperini was a record-setting runner when World War II broke out. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served in the Pacific. In 1943 his plane crash-landed in the Pacific Ocean, and he was captured by the Japanese. He was a prisoner of war until 1945 and suffered severe physical and emotional trauma from the brutal guards. When he returned to the US, he got married and tried to settle down to a normal life. But he had flashbacks and began drinking heavily. He was violent towards his wife. Basically, his life was in a downward spiral. In 1949 his wife told him that the marriage was over unless he went to listen to the Christian preacher Billy Graham speak. He describes what happened next: "Billy said that God

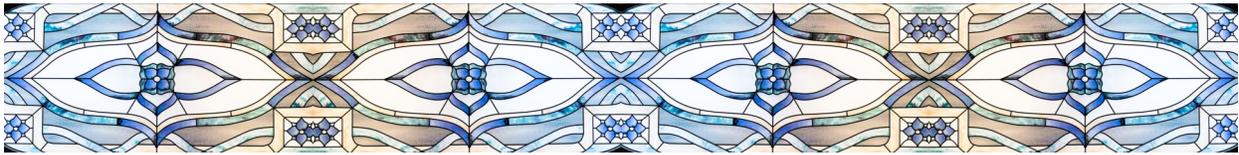
tells us: Cast all your cares on me for I care for you. I said, well, if I can get that kind of help, there might be a chance for me. So, I went forward to the prayer room, and I acknowledged to God that I was a sinner and then invited Christ into my life. And then the most remarkable thing that ever happened took place. True to His promise, He came into my heart and into my life.

Zamperini's life changed. He stopped drinking and dedicated his life to helping at-risk youth. He was finally able to forgive the guards who had tortured him. His story was published in the book *Unbroken*, which was later made into a movie.

As we contemplate going to confession soon, I hope, let's ask Jesus for the grace to trust him more completely, and to accept his offer of another chance in life, in our own prayer and especially in the sacrament of reconciliation.

+ Father Roger

***We will be having a Penance Service
on April 6th at 6:30pm***



Today's Readings

First Reading—Isaiah 43:16–21 The mystery of the Passover will be made new.

Psalm—Psalm 126 "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Second Reading—Philippians 3:8–14 Paul desires a share in the paschal mystery of the Lord.

Gospel—John 8:1–11 No one is without sin except our merciful judge.

Saints and Special Observances

3 Sun. Third Scrutiny of the Elect

4 Mon. Optional Memorial of St. Isidore*

5 Tue. Optional Memorial of St. Vincent Ferrer*

7 Thu. Optional Memorial of St. John Baptist de la Salle*
World Health Day

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

"I am doing something new!" the LORD says to Isaiah as he and the exiles return to the holy land, pointing out that mercy and salvation were not onetime gifts to the Chosen People, but were being given right now, transforming them and the world. Paul testifies to his transformation, leaving everything behind to pursue perfect union with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus forgives the adulterous woman, giving life when she faced certain death. Listening to today's readings, let us thank God for the mercy and salvation we have been given.



April 14—Holy Thursday
Soup Dinner at 5:30pm
Mass at 7:00pm

April 15—Good Friday
Reading of the Passion, Veneration, and Communion at 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

April 16—Easter Vigil
Blessing of the Baskets at 12:00pm (noon)
Vigil Mass at 7:30pm

April 17—Easter Sunday
Mass at 9:00am



At the Chrism Mass three separate urns of oil are offered by the faithful and presented to the bishop for the blessing—the Oil of the Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and finally the Oil for the Holy Chrism.

The Chrism mass this year will be held at St. Raymond's Cathedral in Joliet on Monday, April 11th at 2:00pm. Contact the office you would like to attend and see if tickets are still available.

Reflection:

As we approach the holiest time of the year, we are afforded the opportunity to realize how transformative God is. Again and again, God has transformed the world and the human race, never as much as when raising Jesus from the dead. But God also transforms us individually—in baptism, when we are given new birth in Christ; in reconciliation, when we receive forgiveness; in the Eucharist, when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ; and day in and day out in our complicated lives. Let us keep in mind that transformation means dying to something old in order to make something new.

How can I respond to those who have hurt me or hurt others with mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus has shown? Whom is Jesus calling me now to forgive?

EASTER BASKET BLESSING

In many Eastern European countries, it is a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday. In Poland, for example, the blessing of the baskets is known as *święcenie pokarmów wielkanocnych*, a practice dating to the 15th century or earlier, and one which is still maintained by most families in Poland (and to some extent in other countries) on Holy Saturday. The food items in the Easter basket, as well as at the Easter Sunday breakfast when the blessed food is eaten, have special significance. Each family may have its own traditions, but there are some practices that are universal. Basket blessing will take place at 12:00 noon at St. Boniface, on Holy Saturday.



Stewardship Thought

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For His sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same? See Philippians 3:8 (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 26).

Collection Summary • Week of March 27 2022

Sunday Offertory.....\$1651.00

Catholic Relief Services.....\$647.00

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 office to arrange a day and time to drop off your donations.

Ladies Night Out

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Ladies Night Out, being held at Scrementi's in Steger on Monday, May 16th at 6:30pm. Cost is \$30.00 and RSVP/Menu forms can be found at the back of the church. Pre-order is mandatory so please, fill out your menu choice and drop off your form along with your payment to the office, in the offering basket, or to Roberta Bogs no later than May 9th. If you have any questions, call Roberta Bogs at 534-8930.



Dear God,

I see you in my dreams all the time. I know it is you because you have a crown on and you are always fishing. Say hello next time. Love, Craig, Age 9

Dear God; Children's Letters to God

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Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
8:30AM—2:30PM

Mass Schedule

Saturday..... 5:30PM

Sunday 9:00AM

Monday and Wednesday.....8:30AM

Friday 3:00PM

Reconciliation

After Mass on Monday, Friday, and Saturday

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 Education

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

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Marriage

By appointment only. Normally made 6 months in advance.