

# Hope Advent

## St. Boniface

### Catholic Church

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#### Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

8:30am-2:30pm

## All Are Welcome

### 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 Schedule

Saturday..... 5:30PM

Sunday .....9:00AM

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

After Mass on Monday, Friday, and Saturday

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.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, November 26

5:30 PM **Mass of Special Intentions**, Req. by G. Patti

## Sunday, November 27

9:00 AM † **Ric hard and Barbara Schultz**,  
Req. by Paul and Karen Pzybyla  
† **Dan Misheck**, Req. by Barb Mitchell

## Monday, November 28

8:30 AM **Peace in Ukraine**

## Wednesday, November 30

8:30 AM **Holiness of St. Boniface Parish Family**

## Friday, December 2

8:30 AM † **Ken Zohfeld**

## Saturday, December 3

5:30 PM † **Patrick Lehnerer**, Req. by Barb Cremia  
† **Edward Beaudreau**,  
Req. by Mike and Julie Shaughnessy

## Sunday, December 4

9:00 AM † **Marie Woods**, Req. by Marion Shorts  
† **Gilbert, Robert and Fred Bogs**, Req. by Bogs Family

# Liturgical Ministers

## Sunday, November 27

### Lectors

5:30 PM Camille Dancer  
9:00 AM Erwin Bogs

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM Dcn Mark Otten, Camille Dancer, Rene Jurack, Anita Otten  
9:00 AM Dcn Mark Otten, Therese Bogs-Haser, Phyllis Huske,  
Tracy Sheehan

### Altar Servers

5:30 PM Sally A Bryant, Marie McCurdy  
9:00 AM Grace Lovejoy, Tracy Sheehan

## Sunday, December 4

### Lectors

5:30 PM Rene Jurack  
9:00 AM Kathy Dornhecker

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM John Blazeovich, Debra Ledford, David Schmidt,  
Christine Semanovich  
9:00 AM Dcn Mark Otten, Donald Domke, Colleen Domke, Tracy Sheehan

### Altar Servers

5:30 PM Sally A Bryant, Marie McCurdy  
9:00 AM Lily Raftery, Clara Raftery

# Prayer of the Week

Loving God, you sent your Son to dwell with us always. May we walk in the light of his paths as we prepare ourselves and each other for his return in glory. Hear this and all our prayers through the One we joyously await, Emmanuel, God with us.

# Please Pray For

Carye Dancer  
Debra Guarascio  
Betty Guiden  
Jeanette Fogerty Klein  
Louise Kopaczewski  
Joane Males  
Vicki Schmidt  
Gail Siuba  
Paul Sobczak  
RW  
VS

**And for those that go unnamed.**

***Names will be removed after one month of posting. If you would like a name you no longer see re-posted for another month, or would like to add a new name, please contact the office.***

***God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.***  
***-John Piper***

## From Our Pastor



Each season of Advent is kind of different from every other Advent that we have ever experienced. It is because we are not the same, as time passed, we have become different. In the past year, we have changed. We have another

year of life under our belts. Maybe it was a year full of successes, joys, and advances. Maybe it was a year full of failures and sins. Maybe it was a year of suffering and hardship. Whatever happened during the past year, it has affected us. We have more experience, more knowledge, and, we hope, a little more wisdom and a deeper love for God and neighbor.

As a result, when we turn our attention once again to Advent, to the three comings of Christ: his first, 2000 years ago; his last, sometime in the future, and his ongoing one, through his grace, his providence, and the sacraments - when we turn our attention to these three comings of Christ, we will see something new, something different.

Jesus Christ is God. He is infinite beauty, power, goodness, and truth. We can never know him completely. He is an inexhaustible treasury of greatness. Because of our life experience during the past year, we are now ready to discover new facets of this treasure, new levels of meaning, wisdom, strength, and joy. God's providence has been preparing us over this past year, so that we could now learn things about God and his plan of salvation that he couldn't show us before, because we weren't ready. All three of those comings of Christ have the same purpose: to reestablish and deepen our friendship with God. He is looking forward to making that happen, to deepening our friendship with him, in these coming weeks of Advent. In the meantime, then, as we just celebrated Thanksgiving Day, let's thank Jesus for this new Advent. Let's ask Him to teach us to live it well, watching and hoping, so that we will discover everything he wants to show us in the next four weeks.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — *Isaiah 2:1–5* *They shall beat their swords into plowshares.*

**Psalm** — *Psalm 122* *"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."*

**Second Reading** — *Romans 13:11–14* *Now is the hour to awake from sleep.*

**Gospel** — *Matthew 24:37–44* *The Son of Man will come at an hour you least expect.*

## Saints and Special Observances

- 27 Sun. Begin Year A of the Sunday Lectionary for Mass
- 30 Wed. Feast of St. Andrew
- Dec. 1 Thu. World AIDS Day
- 2 Fri. First Friday
- 3 Sat. St. Francis Xavier. International Day of Persons with Disabilities, First Saturday

**Coming That Is Certain Yet Unknown.** We begin a new liturgical year today, focusing on the *parousia*, the "end time", the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. We **know** its coming is certain. Jesus says, however, we just do **not know when**. How, then, shall we behave? As if that coming is today!

*Since Christ is light (Isaiah and Creed), how will my merciful behaviors shine with his radiance?*

*Since Christ is near (Romans), how will I behave with sobriety, loving-kindness, and generosity?*

*I will stay awake for the Second Coming of Christ by \_\_\_\_\_?*

## Reflection

Implements of death become implements of life in Isaiah's vision. The swords and spears used to fight others become tools used to produce food to feed others. Rejecting weapons of war prepares us for the coming of the Prince of Peace by promoting peace amid human conflict.

*How can I walk in the Lord's paths in my own community and with my own family?*



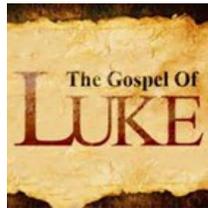
**Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.**  
**Week one: HOPE**

## Christmas Trees

We will be putting up our Christmas trees and banners Monday, November 28 after the 8:30am mass. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated! Come join in the fun and kick off the holiday season by helping decorate our church!

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Already we are bombarded with urgent reminders to get ready for Christmas. But we gather here today to begin a different kind of preparation. Over the next four weeks (and it's a full four weeks this Advent), we will recall how Jesus comes to us. He has come as an infant lying in a manger. One day he will come like a thief in the night, as our judge at the end of time. But today and every day he comes to us as Emmanuel, "God with us." Amid all the Christmas planning and holiday shopping, let us welcome God's most wonderful gift into our world, our homes, and our hearts.



**Looking to really connect with Jesus during the month of December? Beginning December 1st read one chapter of The Gospel According to Luke in the Bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning ready to celebrate the birth of Christ.**

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. *Luke 1: 26-31*

## Ladies Club Special Events!!

### **Christmas Décor Free Shopping Bonanza**

From now until December 2nd drop off Christmas decorations you no longer want. Then come shop FOR FREE Saturday, December 3rd from 6:30pm-7:30pm and Sunday, December 4th from 10:00am-12:30pm.

### **Bake Sale**

The Ladies Club will be also have their annual bake sale after masses that same weekend of December 3rd/4th. Baked goodies can be dropped off Friday, December 2nd from 8:30am-2:30pm or right before the masses that weekend.

### **Christmas Raffle**

The winners will be drawn after mass Sunday, December 4th during the Bake Sale.



## Stewardship Thought

Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for what they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness... (Used with permission from Our Sunday Visitor, Stewardship by the Book: Bulletin Bits Based on the Sunday Readings, by Sharon Hueckel, Second Edition 2004, page 7).

**Collection Summary • Week of November 20, 2022**  
**The collection for the weekend of November 20th will be posted in next week's bulletin.**

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.

**Next week we have a second collection for:**  
**St. Boniface Parish Maintenance Funds**

### **World AIDS Day 2022**

Each year, on 1 December, the world commemorates World AIDS Day. People around the world unite to show support for people living with HIV and to remember those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses. Each World AIDS Day focuses on a specific theme, which this year will be Global solidarity, shared responsibility. This year's theme joins a growing list of challenges that World AIDS Day has alerted people to globally. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever international day for global health. Every year, United Nations agencies, governments and civil society join together to campaign around specific themes related to HIV.

**The Monee Alliance of Churches** would like to pull together one person from each of the MAC churches who has a real heart for the community to a meeting. The dialogue would primarily center around "Love Monee" and how we can more effectively work together. Is there someone from St. Boniface who might have that heart? If so, please contact the office and let Erwin or Kathy know of your interest.

## Preparing the Way of the Lord...

St. Paul the Apostle in Peotone is hosting an Advent Parish Mission. All are welcome to attend and on all mission dates featuring Fr. Bill Stenzel. The mission begins with Father Bill introducing the mission—**God Makes Promises**—during masses in Peotone Saturday, Nov 26 and Sunday, Nov 27. The mission continues on Monday, Nov 28 at 7:00pm with the theme **Jesus Fulfills the Promises** and concludes Tuesday, Nov 29 at 7:00pm with the theme **We are renewed by the promise of God**. The mission concludes with a communal celebration of God's healing and saving love with penitential prayers. *Fr. Bill Stenzel is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and currently assists at parishes. For more information contact St. Paul at 708-258-6917.*

### **HELP WANTED**

**No previous experience required**, just your willingness to serve the Lord and your Parish community. Training will be provided. We would like you to consider participation as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server or Usher. Interested? Contact the office and talk to Kathy or Erwin or drop your name in the collection basket and we will contact you.

**God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"**

## Love jigsaw puzzles?

The Peotone Public Library offers a free puzzle swap for adults the last Monday of each month. The next swap will be this Monday, November 28th from 9:30am-7:30pm.



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