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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
Sunday9:00AM
Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday8:30AM

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.

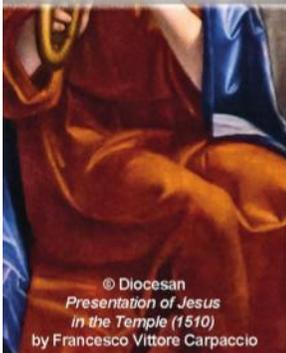
Religious Education

All classes meet on Sundays from 10:00-11:30 am.
stbonifacemoneere@gmail.com

Marriage

By appointment only. Normally made 6 months in advance.

PRESENTATION
of the LORD



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Presentation of Jesus
in the Temple (1510)
by Francesco Vittore Carpaccio

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28

5:30 PM † Sharon Blazeovich, Req. by Maureen Zohfeld
† Frank and Jeanette Kwiatkowski,
Req. by Paul and Terry Kwiatkowski

Sunday, January 29

9:00 AM † Robert Kurowski, Req. by Bogs Family

Monday, January 30

8:30 AM Birthday Intentions of Father Roger

Wednesday, February 1

8:30 AM Peace in the Ukraine

Friday, February 3

8:30 AM Prayers for our Religious Education teachers
and students

Saturday, February 4

5:30 PM † Edward Beaudreau, Req. by Mike & Julie Shaughnessy

Sunday, February 5

9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving, Req. by a Parishioner

Prayer of the Week

Loving God, grant us the grace to show mercy, to make peace, and to live righteously, even when we are insulted or persecuted. Hear this and all our prayers through your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please Pray For

Pedro Anaya
Larry Bahnaman
Carye Dancer
Michael Cremin
Shirley Farnsworth
Christopher Frakes
Lisa Imperio Mancari
Louise Kopaczewski
Joane Males
Karen Males
Vicki Schmidt
James Schulp
Marlene Tengolics
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**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.***

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 29

Lectors

5:30 PM Jim Lehnerer
9:00 AM Barbara Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM Dcn Mark Otten, Rene Jurack, Debra Ledford, David Schmidt
9:00 AM Dcn Mark Otten, Therese Bogs-Haser, Donald and Colleen Domke

Altar Servers

5:30 PM Sally A Bryant, Marie McCurdy
9:00 AM Sebastian and Athena Jaculbe

Sunday, February 5

Lectors

5:30 PM Tracy Sheehan
9:00 AM Erwin Bogs

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM John Porpora
9:00 AM Dcn Mark Otten, Phyllis Huske

Altar Servers

5:30 PM Sally A Bryant, Marie McCurdy
9:00 AM Therese Bogs Haser, Wayne Haser

From Our Pastor



One of the virtues that our faith teaches us is humility. Humility shows itself most clearly in the midst of difficult trials of life. The humble person suffers, just like the arrogant person, but the humble person is strong enough

to keep things in proper perspective in the midst of suffering. And as a result, humility actually makes suffering fruitful.

Cardinal Faulhaber, one of the courageous leaders of the Church in Germany during the tragic period surrounding World War I, witnessed this kind of humility in action. He was once visiting a veterans' hospital reserved for soldiers in all stages of blindness. Some could see light faintly; others could see nothing. As he walked quietly through the wards, he heard one young soldier praying: "Lord, I beg you not to take away the light of my eyes. But if it is your will that I should be deprived of it, then leave me, at least, the light of my mind. But if it is your will that I be deprived of that, leave me, at least, the light of my faith". The Cardinal stopped and asked: "Son, where did you learn that beautiful prayer?" The soldier answered: "Your eminence, when I was a boy in Austria, I used to lead the old Cardinal of Vienna into his garden and stay with him there. He was 90 years old. I heard him say that prayer often. I have never forgotten it."

Humility had given that young soldier's soul twenty-twenty spiritual vision, and that vision was giving him strength amid terrible suffering. Humility always gives us strength amid suffering, because it reminds us that there is a bigger story going on, and it helps us keep first things first, and to see clearly what those first things really are.

There is another true story about a snazzy, young

French businessman traveling by train to Paris. He was sitting with an old man who looked like a peasant - simple clothes, short hair, and weather-beaten face. The up-and-coming businessman noticed the rosary gripped in the old man's hands, and the devotion and concentration expressed on his face. The young man thought he would have some fun, so he said, "I see that you still believe in that medieval bunk about praying your beads. Do you also believe in all the other myths the priests try to teach us?" "Yes, indeed", the old man answered, "Don't you?" "Me? Do I believe in all that ridiculous superstition?" The young man laughed out loud. Then he said, "I gave that up in college. And if you want to be smart, you should throw those beads out the window and start studying some real, scientific truth." The old man answered, "I don't understand what you mean. Maybe you could help me." The young whippersnapper felt he had been a little harsh, so he answered, "Well, I could send you some articles, if you like. Do you know how to read?" "More or less", the old man answered. "Good - so where should I send the material?" The old man fumbled in his coat pocket and then handed over a card. It bore a simple inscription: Louis Pasteur - Paris Institute for Scientific Research. Louis Pasteur was the nineteenth-century giant of microbiology who proved the germ-theory of disease and invented the rabies vaccine. His humility certainly didn't hinder his greatness.

Because our secular society doesn't think much of God, it also doesn't think much of humility. It considers humility a weakness and a hindrance, instead of the only source of true, lasting spiritual strength. And since we live in this society, sometimes that view rubs off on us. Let us remember the truth - humility only adds to true greatness, it never fails to win.

Today's Readings

First Reading — *Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12–13* "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth."

Psalm — *Psalm 146* "Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"

Second Reading — *1 Corinthians 1:26–31* God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise.

Gospel — *Matthew 5:1–12a* Blessed are the lowly, the sorrowing, the poor in spirit.

Reflection

This lesson had to be important. Jesus had just called his disciples and traveled with them around Galilee, healing the sick and proclaiming the gospel, as we heard last Sunday. Soon he was drawing huge crowds, people eager to hear the words of the prophets come alive in their presence. But now, he elevates his message. Literally, for he ascends a mountain (not named, but apparently one of significance), symbolizing his authority and his closeness to God. He will go on to teach dozens of lessons—we will hear more over the next few Sundays—but he begins by teaching the people how to live.

For whom do I find it difficult to have empathy? How can I strengthen my empathy toward those who are not like me?

Trivia Event

St. Mary's in Park Forest is hosting a Trivia Event. Sunday, February 19th from 2pm-4pm. Cost is \$10.00 and includes appetizers, desserts, and tea and coffee. You are welcome to bring your own alternative beverage. There will also be door prizes, and a split the pot raffle. Everyone is welcome to join in a table or you can get 6-8 people together and reserve your own table! RSVP Jackie at 708-481-7949 or Kathy at 708-534-1080.

Taking a trip soon?

One of our parishioners, Arnie Orolin, can provide rides to and from the airport. For more information call Arnie at 256-717-3781.

***“When we work, we work.
When we pray, God works.”***
—James Hudson Taylor.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We gather each Sunday to give praise and thanks to God, to greet the Lord in each other, to hear the Lord through God's word, and to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. We humbly ask God for forgiveness and for the grace to forgive our neighbor and ourselves for the wrongs we do to each other, trusting that the Lord looks with favor on the humble and merciful.

“For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.”
—Saint Teresa of Ávila



Ladies Club Chili Dinner

The Ladies Club is hosting our FREE in house chili dinner! As a way to thank our loyal parishioners the ladies will be serving homemade chili and the parish is invited to gather together after mass on Saturday, February 4th. If interested in coming there are sign up sheets at the back of the church. You are welcome to bring a small tray of crackers, bread, or a dessert to share.

We need ten (10) chili makers. If you would like to show off your culinary skills please check the sign up sheet on the bulletin board on the new side of the church. If spots still available feel free to sign up and make your favorite chili recipe!

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Stewardship Thought

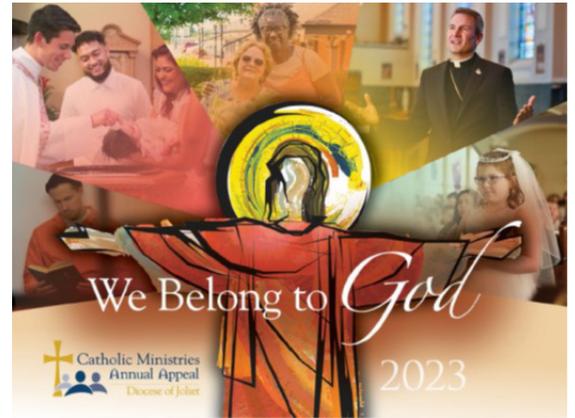
In today's gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. These show us that the promise of a "universal blessing" which was made to Abraham will be fulfilled in Jesus. Unlike the world, God blesses those who are without power and influence.

Collection Summary • Week of January 22, 2023

Sunday Offertory.....\$1837.00
Church in Latin America.....\$598.00

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.

Next week we have a second collection for our Parish Maintenance Fund



2023 CMAA

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith.

This year's CMAA theme is ***We Belong to God***. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2023 CMAA is \$11,300.00, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

Saints and Special Observances

- 29 Sun. Catholic Schools Week begins (Jan. 29–Feb. 4)
- 31 Tue. Memorial of St. John Bosco
- Feb. 1 Wed. National Freedom Day
- 2 Thu. Feast of the Presentation of the Lord,
World Day for Consecrated Life,
Groundhog Day
- 3 Fri. Memorial of St. Blaise, Memorial of St. Ansgar
- 4 Sat. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Happy 58th Birthday to Father Roger! May you have many more happy and healthy years to celebrate!

Don't skip mass next weekend!

Come get your throat blessed in honor of St. Blaise. Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles.



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