

Southeast Rochester Catholic Community



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Blessed Sacrament

Saint Boniface

Saint Mary's

December 15, 2024

WELCOME EVERYONE! No matter who you are, no matter where you've been, no matter what you've done, you are invited, accepted and most welcome in our parish communities. We hope Christ will bring fullness into your life, and that we can provide you with the spiritual support and information you need.



Advent Confession Dates & Times:

December 14 3:30PM-4:15PM

at St. Mary's

December 16 1:30PM-3:00PM

at Blessed Sacrament

December 17 6:30PM-8:00PM

at St. Boniface Church

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:



Tuesday, December 24

3:30PM at Blessed Sacrament

4:00PM at St. Boniface

*preceded by Children's Pageant

4:30PM at St. Mary's Church

11:00PM at St. Mary's Church

*preceded by Choir Program at 10:30PM

Wednesday, December 25

9:00AM at St. Boniface

10:30AM at Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY:

8:00am at Blessed Sacrament Church

12:10pm at St. Mary's Church

TUESDAY:

8:00am at St. Boniface Church

WEDNESDAY:

8:00am at Blessed Sacrament Church

THURSDAY:

8:00am at St. Boniface Church

FRIDAY:

12:10pm at St. Mary's Church

Rosary & Communion at St. Mary's 12:10 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:

4:30pm at St. Mary's Church *

SUNDAY MASSES:

8:00am at St. Boniface Church

9:30am at Blessed Sacrament Church

11:15am at St. Mary's Church

Confessions:

*Saturdays 3:30-4:15pm at St. Mary's **

or by appointment with one of our priests.

**Moves to St. Boniface starting January 4, 2025*



Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Saturday, December 14

10:00 a.m. St. Boniface Men's Club Children's Christmas Party (**SB School Basement**)
5:30 p.m. Coffee Hour (**SM**)
6:30 p.m. Young Adults Christmas Party (**BS Parish Office**)

Sunday, December 15 * Giving Tree Gifts due back to St. Mary's by Noon*****

10:40 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (**BS School**)
12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour (**SM**)
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Christmas Party (**BS Parish Office**)
2:00 p.m. John Dady & Friends Advent & Christmas Concert (**SB**)
6:30 p.m. The Chosen Series (**BS Parish Office**)

Monday, December 16

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. — Advent Confessions (**BS**)
5:30 p.m. Book Discussion (**Zoom**) [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88079534354?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88079534354?pwd=vjmjPehiHsB5CTnozIUUnVNl5PyXwAN.1)
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Meeting ID: 880 7953 4354 Passcode: zC4D84

Tuesday, December 17

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Advent Confessions (**SB**)
7:00 p.m. Holy Hour (**SB**)

Wednesday, December 18

10:00 a.m. Scripture Sharing (**Zoom**) [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840?pwd=qXjwslmsGAKI3XqmwdbbMbAxxjgiFa.1)
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Thursday, December 19

3:00 p.m. Parishioner Led Weekly Rosary (**Zoom**)
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Sunday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (**SB**)

Please Pray for those in need of Healing: Layla Tremble, Carla Logan, David Ballerstein, Marilyn Dietz, Frances Carney, Barbara Fransen, Brian Dzuba, Carol Childs, Carm Donovan, Carla Spooner, Kathy Haight, Diane Kannel, Gwen Walsh, Pat Nicolosi, Ruth Smith, Sam Lanzafame, Kitty Jensen, Lucy Coonan, Matthew Grasta, Louise Adler, Paul Rice, Ann Maloney, Denise Alexander, Rose Koonmen, Loretta Rose Doyle, Ann Marie Arnold, Fred Williams, Anne Bauman, Gerry Yawman, Mark Schork, Pete Klee, Tracey Schatz, Joseph Guinessy, Ella Dyson, Bertha Ortiz, Mary Beth Ferguson, Rob Armor, Barbara Murphy, Maureen Williams, James Boothby, Becka Crof, Kristina Parker, Stephanie Ortiz, Secret Ortiz, Robert Brownyard, Liz Clarke, Maya Reagan, Nia Hrynio, Karen Agnello, Brian Lynd, Margaret Rutledge, Amanda Milne, Keri McBurney, Eivy Pugh, Terry Hin, Andrea Moracco, Greg Stark, Joe Centanni, George Bauman, Kate Byrnes, Thomas Kelly, Christine Sibilio, MaryEllen Melder, Bill Long, Henry Albertelli, Bruce Gorman, Vera Horak, John Osterhout, Sharon Herring, Veronica Horn, Jean Clinton, Dawn Zinn, Mary Pflieger, Rachel Mary Cox, Darlene Simmons, Jack Bowes, Marge Sharick, John Wesley.

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14, Memorial of Saint John of the Cross

4:30 p.m. (SM) For the People of the Southeast
Rochester Catholic Community

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. (SB) Maureen Miller by Cousins
9:30 a.m. (BS) Marie Murphy by John & Judy Lynd
Deceased members of the Howard
Family by Sue Howard
11:15 a.m. (SM) Alyce Giambrone by Mary Alyce Streb

Monday, December 16, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. (BS) Marie Lynd by John & Judy Lynd
12:10 p.m. (SM) For the People of the Southeast
Rochester Catholic Community

Tuesday, December 17, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. (SB) For the People of the Southeast
Rochester Catholic Community
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

Wednesday, December 18, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. (BS) Kathleen Runyon by Nate Sweeney
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

Thursday, December 19, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. (BS) For the People of the Southeast
Rochester Catholic Community
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

Friday, December 20, Advent Weekday

12:10 p.m. (SM) For the People of the Southeast
Rochester Catholic Community

Saturday, December 21

4:30 p.m. (SM) Kevin Bond by Sue Hyde and Carol Wilson

Sunday, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. (SB) Dorothy Curran by Lorrie Perotti
9:30 a.m. (BS) Ann Moore by Mike & Rachel
Kusmierz
Elaine Vander Brook by Rita Lesnick
11:15 a.m. (SM) Alan Draper by Bill and Doreen Robert
and Tom and Karen Huonker

***Upcoming Readings for December 22nd
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Micah 5:1-4a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45***



The Southeast Rochester Catholic Community Supports Rochester Hope!

Rochester Hope was conceived as a not-for-profit organization to serve the needs of city of Rochester families and refugees. Every Saturday, Rochester Hope provides a Food Pantry and other services.


The SRCC is partnering with Rochester Hope to support their mission of reaching out and living the Gospel and serving those in the core of our city who are most in need. A SRCC team of volunteers will gather and help out every 3rd Saturday from 8:45AM - Noon at the St. Michael's Church complex. Our next service date is Saturday, December 21st.

Can you help?? Our volunteers will assist guests walking through the Food Pantry. Please contact Mary Coughtry by email: coughtrym@gmail.com or by phone: 507-6219 to sign up, learn more, or have your questions answered.



To all who generously donated turkeys and money to purchase side dishes for our Blessed Sacrament Supper Program Thanksgiving Dinner. And, a big "Thank you" to all of the volunteers who prepped, served and cooked these delicious foods! We are so very blessed during this season of thanksgiving!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



Donations are now being accepted for Christmas Flowers in memory of family and friends. Please be sure to designate Blessed Sacrament, St. Boniface or St. Mary's on the form below and return it to the church office.

Donation in Memory of: _____

please print

Amount: _____ ☐ Cash or ☐ Check
(please make checks payable to designated parish)

Donation for: ☐ Blessed Sacrament ☐ St. Boniface
☐ St. Mary's

Donation made by: _____

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REMINDER! ST. MARY'S GIVING TREE

Gifts are due back no later than Noon today! Please call Mary Coughtry at 507-6219 if you have further questions.



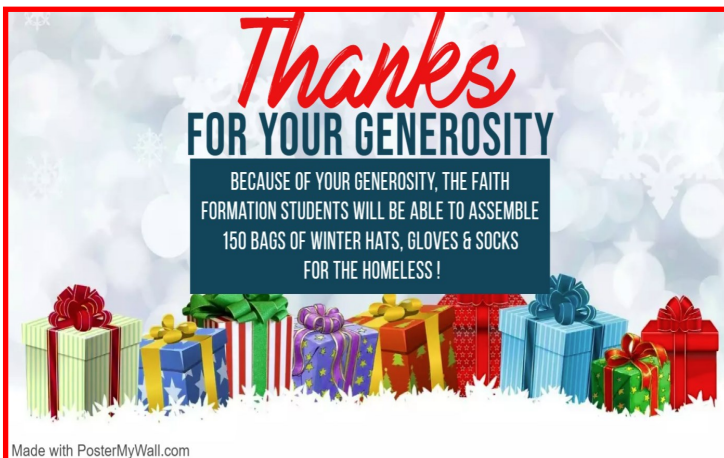
Caring for God's Creation



While you wrap your Christmas gifts!

A lot of wrapping paper can be recycled—as long as any bows, ribbons and sticky tape are removed. The only paper that you can't recycle is foil or glittery* paper, which needs to go in your general waste bin. If you have Christmas wrap in your attic/storage, you can do a simple test to determine if it is recyclable: cut a 5"x5" square of the paper, scrunch it up into a ball in your hand/fist. If the paper does not uncrunch, then it is recyclable. (glitter has been found to become a carcinogen when found in the water, ground, and ingested via the food chain. It can cause brain tumors and nasal sores.)

Another Way to Give: A gift of your time...to visit with an elderly relative or friend! Plan an outing or a special time to make cookies or have a game day with younger members of the family.



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A Word From Father John...

On this Third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, we are called to “REJOICE!” with all our hearts at the coming of Christ. That can be particularly challenging when our present circumstances offer little over which to rejoice. So, we do well to consider the reasons that our readings offer for us to “Shout for joy... sing joyfully,” and “Cry out for joy and gladness.” In essence, they boil down to Paul’s admonition to “Rejoice in the Lord always” - to rejoice in all circumstances over what God has done, continues to do, and will do for us. Yet, further explanation is warranted.

In our first reading, during the dark days of moral decline and failed leadership, the prophet Zephaniah calls on God’s people to rejoice because the Lord has removed judgment against them, turned away their enemies, and is in their midst to serve as their king. Thus, they have no further misfortune to fear. For the Lord is in their midst as a mighty savior, who rejoices over them, renews them in his love, and sings joyfully because of them. Who of us would not rejoice at the prospect of being pardoned of our offenses and assured of living in peace? Such circumstances would certainly remove fear and discouragement. All the more so, as we are assured that they will come about because God is in control and God wants nothing more than to rejoice over us and renew us in God’s love.

We might keep this in mind as we approach the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and hear the priest say in the prayer of absolution, “may God grant you pardon and peace.” By partaking in this sacrament, being offered Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening in preparation for our celebration of Christmas, we seek God’s help in removing fear and discouragement and setting ourselves up to celebrate the coming of Christ in peace and joy.

This is reinforced by our Responsorial Psalm, that tells us that we can be confident and unafraid because our saving God is our strength and our courage. Once again, we are reassured of God’s capacity and will to do this for us based on the glorious things God has achieved. In response, we are to make known what God has done, showering God with thanks, acclaim, exaltation and praise. Recalling and rejoicing in who God is for us and what God did, does, and will do for us bolsters the strength and courage that God is for us. The resulting confidence and lack of fear in turn fuels our rejoicing.

Perhaps on a more practical level, John the Baptist preaches good news to us that exhorts our hope and our joy. First, he gives us guidance on what we are to do to please God. If we are among the crowds of ordinary folk, we are to share what we have with those who have none - loving our neighbor as ourselves. If we are in a position to extract something from others, like a tax collector, then we are to stop taking more than what is prescribed. If we are in a position to use coercive force, like a soldier, then we should not extort or falsely accuse another person and be satisfied with our pay, not seeking or accepting bribes. Curtailing the bad behavior of those in a position to extract and coerce others (beyond just tax collectors and soldiers) leaves more for ordinary folks to share with those in need. It is not hard to imagine how these practical steps would go a long way to easing pain and suffering and improving the circumstances of not only the needy, but ordinary folks and those in positions to extract from and coerce others. As a result, confidence would increase and fear diminish spurring joy and peace.

Second, in response to the people’s expectations that John the Baptist might be the Christ, he points beyond himself to the one in whom we place our faith and hope - Jesus the Christ. John who baptizes with water points to Jesus as one mightier and more worthy than himself, who will baptize with Holy Spirit and fire. Fire is both a means of purification, as in the case of refining metals, and of destruction as in incineration. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, acts like a winnowing fan separating the wheat—what is good, nourishing and lifegiving—from the chaff—what is bad, of no use or benefit. Once separated, the good is gathered into a suitable and safe place, whereas the bad are burned in an unquenchable fire—an obvious illusion to heaven and hell. Where is the joy in that? For those who were subjected to the often irrational and arbitrary whims of those exercising extractive and coercive power, being assured that the coming Christ will carefully judge and separate accordingly the good from the bad is a source of confidence and reduced fear spurring peace and joy.

Along these lines, Paul indicates that when the Lord is near, we are to have no anxiety. Instead, in every circumstance, we are to pray to God offering thanksgiving and making our requests. That thanksgiving involves recalling and thanking God for what God has done and is doing for us as a basis of faith and hope that God will do right by us again in responding to our request. Praying with such faith and hope bolsters our confidence and reduces our fear, such that the peace of God guards our hearts and minds against any fear or anxiety. As a result, we are in position regardless of our circumstances to “Rejoice in the Lord always!”

As we enter the last several days of the Advent season, may our reflecting on what the coming of Christ means for us spur our hope and our joy.

Yours,

Fr. John

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

<u>December 8, 2024</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 6,006	\$ 7,400	\$ (1,394)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,403	\$ 3,550	\$ (1,147)
St. Mary's	\$ 4,686	\$ 4,770	\$ (84)

Year-to-Date Totals

Blessed Sacrament	\$152,542	\$ 170,200	\$ (17,658)
St. Boniface	\$ 71,106	\$ 81,650	\$ (10,544)
St. Mary's	\$120,802	\$ 109,710	\$ 11,092

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

Blessed Sacrament Seating Capacity—800

9:30 a.m. Mass Attendance — 192

St. Boniface Seating Capacity—550

8:00 a.m. Mass Attendance — 96

St. Mary's Seating Capacity—550

11:15 a.m. Mass Attendance — 127

4:30 p.m. Mass Attendance — 82



MASS INTENTIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH MARCH 2025

We are accepting Mass intentions for Masses through March 31, 2025 at our three worship sites: Blessed Sacrament, Saint Boniface and Saint Mary's. The requested donation is still \$10.00. Please contact the parish office at (585) 271-7240 to schedule your intentions.

Please note that while we will make every effort to schedule Masses on the date and in the place you request, this is not always possible given the number of priests and the Mass schedule. We are able by Church law to schedule two announced intentions for the same Mass. Also, kindly note that the pastor is required to celebrate a Mass once a week, preferably on Sunday, "For the Parishioners".

The Mass is a particularly powerful form of prayer that can be offered for a particular person or purpose. For example, a Mass may be offered in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as a birthday, on a wedding anniversary, during a time of illness, etc.), or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. We offer Masses for our deceased loved ones, in particular, to aid them in their journeys to heaven by passing more quickly through the purification process called purgatory.

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Rochester, NY 14607

Saint Boniface, 330 Gregory Street

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Saint Mary's, 15 St. Mary's Place

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2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



Appeal as of 12/6/24	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$64,000	\$26,000	\$46,000
Pledged	\$39,150	\$22,362	\$37,240
Amount Remaining	\$24,850	\$3,638	\$8,760
% of Goal	61%	86%	81%
# / % of Households Participating	113 13%	54 14%	79 13%