

# **St. Boniface Catholic Church**



**Parish  
Ministries  
2021**

### **Mass Schedule**

Tuesday noon – Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 AM  
Friday 7:00 PM  
Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

### **Confessions / Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM  
or upon request

### **Rosary / Divine Mercy / Holy Hour**

Before weekly Masses  
Before Saturday 5:00 PM Mass  
Before Sunday 11:00 AM Mass

### **Adoration of the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy**

#### **Eucharist**

After the Wednesday, 8:30AM and Friday, 7PM Masses

### **Religious Education (Children and Adults)**

Sunday 9:45 - 10:45 AM  
when school is in session

### **Baptism**

Please contact pastor for an appointment

### **Weddings**

Please contact pastor for an appointment  
a minimum of four months before a  
possible wedding date

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Please contact pastor day or night if needed  
in an emergency. See contact info sheet  
for pastor's cell phone number.

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# COUNCILS

## **Pastoral**

This elected group assesses the spiritual and temporal needs of the parish; coordinates all parish activities; encourages participation by all parishioners in spiritual and apostolic life of the parish.

## **Discipleship**

This group plans and coordinates programs, projects, and various activities to help parishioners follow Jesus Christ and to better live-out the gospel message. It promotes good stewardship within the parish setting; encourages parishioners to give generously of time, talent, and treasure; organizes the ministry fair to educate parishioners about areas of service and promote active participation.

## **Finance**

This appointed group acts as an advisory and consultative body that works with the pastor on the financial management of the parish. In that capacity, the group prepares the parish annual budget; monitors and reviews financial information (all parish assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses) and provides written reports to the diocese; and performs a mid-year audit of actual financial position with respect to the budget.

# I. FORMATION MINISTRIES

## **Baptism Preparation**

The baptism class requires one adult to facilitate the preparation of parents for the baptism of their first child into the catholic faith. All instructional material will be provided, and class is discussion based.

The coordinator is responsible for ordering and organizing the instructional material, posting bulletin notices, and scheduling facilitators. Prior teaching experience is not required.

## **Catholic Focus**

This group studies the scripture readings from the Sunday Masses and discusses how to apply them to daily life. Classes are led by dedicated catholic catechist disciples.

All adults are welcome to join us Sunday mornings as we deepen our walk with Christ.

## **Children's Faith Formation**

The Saint Boniface faith formation program offers classes for students in pre-kindergarten through ninth grade. Students also receive preparation for the sacraments of reconciliation, first holy communion, and confirmation.

Serving as a catechist is an excellent opportunity to share the catholic faith. Catechists must be 18 years of age and complete the VIRTUS protecting God's children training, background check, and code of conduct.

# **I. FORMATION MINISTRIES (cont.)**

## **Children's Liturgy / Church at the 11 AM Mass**

Children's liturgy of the word/church is a service in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate for children ages 4 - 8 (prior to 1st communion) at the 11 a.m. Sunday mass from September through May. Leader's material for conducting the service is provided, which explains the readings and provides guidance for the homily.

The children and their 2 leaders are called to the front prior to the opening prayer where they are blessed and sent forth by the priest and congregation. They are led over to the religious formation building where they assemble to hear the liturgy of the word. After the readings and the gospel one of the leaders shares an age-appropriate homily, which provides an opportunity for the children to ask questions. The service ends with a simple act of faith and prayers of Intercession, then they return to their families prior to the offertory.

Adult volunteers are needed to lead the service at the 11 a.m. Sunday mass; leaders are scheduled by the coordinator on a rotating basis, normally 2 - 3 times a quarter; resources are provided by the coordinator; prior teaching experience is not required; VIRTUS training is required.

Youth, 8th-12th grade, volunteers are needed to assist the adult leader with set-up, processional, crowd control, lead children back to the mass.

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

RCIA is the formal process of education and catechesis that welcomes adult non-Catholics into full communion with the Catholic Church. It is oriented towards those who are thirsting for God, want a relationship with Jesus, and searching and inquiring about the Catholic way of life. The RCIA provides a setting where the journey of faith and moments of conversion can be celebrated within the local Church community.

## **Vacation Bible School**

This is a program offered for a week each summer for children preschool through 6th grade.

## **Youth Faith Formation**

This group for 7th - 12th grade youth promotes the growth of faith, fellowship, and service to the church and community. The youth participate in many activities, including social justice/service projects, St. Boniface gift ministry, fundraisers, and various fun activities.

# **II. HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES**

## **Bereavement**

This group provides food for funeral meals for families and helps with the set-up, serving, and clean up connected with this. Members are also encouraged to pray for the deceased and support those who are grieving.

## **II. HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES (cont.)**

### **Family Promise**

This program helps families with children in our county who are homeless. The families stay in the Family Promise facility and churches participating in the program host families for a week at a time by providing dinners, personal and household products . This program gives families the opportunity to work toward a new start.

### **Greeters & Ushers**

This group stands outside or in the lobby to greet and welcome folks as they enter for mass. They line up gift bearers, help find seats for parishioners that arrive late to mass, take up the offering, distribute the parish bulletin, etc.

### **Parish Life**

Parish Life plans and coordinates social activities to benefit the entire parish. In doing so, it fosters fellowship among the church family. Activities include oyster roast/low country boil, year-end parish picnic, ecumenical dinner, international potluck, St. Nicholas breakfast, and ice cream social.

### **Parish Welcoming**

This group coordinates activities, like a breakfast twice a year, for the new members of our parish to meet with the pastor and ministry leaders.



### **III. PRAYER MINISTRIES**

#### **Altar Servers**

The altar servers assist the priest during Mass. They might carry the crucifix or candles in the entrance procession; maintain the censer, ensuring it has enough live charcoal and handing it to the priest or deacon when required; presents the water for it to be added to the chalice during the Liturgy; and any other necessary tasks that the celebrant needs during the service. Open to individuals in Grade 5 and above, including adults, who have made their First Communion.

#### **Choirs & Musicians**

Provide music for weekend masses, seasonal liturgies, funerals, special celebrations such as First Communion and Confirmation, and nursing homes. All those 18 and above are encouraged to be a part of this ministry.

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Members of this group are appointed by the priest. They help distribute Holy Communion. Anyone who has served in a previous parish or who would like to become one, please contact Father directly.

### **III. PRAYER MINISTRIES (cont.)**

#### **Lectors**

The Lector serves an important liturgical role in proclaiming the Word of God at Mass. The Lector brings the living Word of God to the liturgical assembly. The ministry of the Word, therefore, is treated seriously and with great dignity. The Word of God is not merely read during the liturgy. It is proclaimed. The Lector normally reads the welcome before Mass begins, and then proclaims the First and Second Readings. S/he also reads the Prayers of the Faithful if the Deacon is not present. Because this Ministry is so important to the Liturgy, Lectors must be trained before they can begin serving. Preparation is essential and a workbook is provided to assist with preparation. Lectors may also be asked to serve at funerals and other special liturgical celebrations.

#### **Rosary Prayer Group**

This group prays the rosary for special intentions that people request and also an extra decade for an increase in vocations.

#### **Sacristans**

Sacristans unlock the Church and secure it after liturgical celebrations. They set out all items needed for liturgical celebrations. They greet visiting priests and assist altar servers.

## **IV. SERVICE MINISTRIES**

### **Altar Society**

This group keeps the linens clean and arranges the flowers inside the church.

### **Ave Maria Shop:**

Is a non-profit volunteer operated religious shop that carries an assortment of Catholic and Christian items. Volunteers are needed to help operate the store after each mass. Volunteers need to be 16+ years (18 and older VIRTUS trained).

### **Council of Catholic Women (CCW)**

The CCW promotes Christian fellowship and unity among the women of St. Boniface. CCW acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. Activities include Barren Tree, Mardi Gras pancake supper, Easter egg hunt, nursing home birthday party, spiritually adopt a Seminarian and Roses for Babies program. Donations include furnishing cakes for First Communicants and Confirmation receptions, Empty Stocking Fund in Effingham, Vacation Bible School, Thanksgiving and Christmas needy family food baskets, Treutlen House, Carmelite Monastery, and various charitable needs during the year as needed.

## **IV. SERVICE MINISTRIES (cont.)**

### **Groundskeeping / Lawn Mowing**

This group is responsible for cutting grass and maintaining the landscaping of the church property, including cleaning up the grounds (i.e. Raking & picking up leaves, branches etc.) twice a year.

Lawn mowing people are paired into teams of 2 for the summer months (first week of April thru first week of Oct.) for cutting and trimming all the church property and buildings.

### **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization that has five program areas: church, family, youth, community, and council. To become a knight, a candidate completes a ceremony called the first degree, which tests him on lessons of charity. The second degree teaches the lessons of unity, and the third degree teaches fraternity. Upon taking the third degree, a member receives full honors of knighthood and is "knighted". The fourth degree is known as the patriotic degree, they are recognized by their distinctive attire. They regularly take part in civic events such as parades and wreath-laying ceremonies, and at functions at Catholic churches.

## **Liturgy**

This ministry is responsible for changing out the mass missalette, organizing the Friday suppers during Lent, signing up volunteers to have their feet washed for Holy Thursday, and coordinating the biannual contemporary stations of the cross.

## **Money Counters**

This group counts money from offertory and special collections and records offering amounts for inclusion in annual giving statements.

## **Nursery**

The nursery provides babysitting for infants and children 5 and under during Masses, meetings and special events as needed.

## **Outreach Assistance Program**

This program assists the Effingham County community with financial assistance for electricity/water, prepares food bags for the needy on a weekly basis from our food pantry and prepares food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

## **IV. SERVICE MINISTRIES (cont.)**

### **Parish Outreach**

This group helps those in need; promotes goodwill and assists in spiritual growth through services of Christian fellowship; winter coat and school supplies/clothing drive for our local schools and their children, hosts Bingo nights at nursing home to shut-ins, gives out flowers on special occasions such as Mother's Day and Father's Day.

### **Prison**

This group helps with Catholic study program at prisons on a monthly basis. Training is required.

### **Pro-Life**

This group promotes respect for life at all stages; keeps parishioners informed of issues concerning the pro-life movement; sponsors life chain during pro-life week, plans and coordinates projects and activities to advance the respect for life agenda.

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## **ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, as Your Steward, I humbly ask that You help me to recognize that You are the source of all my gifts, which I must receive gratefully, use wisely, and return to You through service.

Grant me:

- the faith to spend time with You first, and then family, parish, work, and community.
- the wisdom to build up Your kingdom by using the talents and abilities You gave me to help others.
- the grace to share my treasure by contributing to the parish, the poor, and the needy.

May the Holy Spirit lead me to be a faithful Steward at St. Boniface and to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in my life. Amen.



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