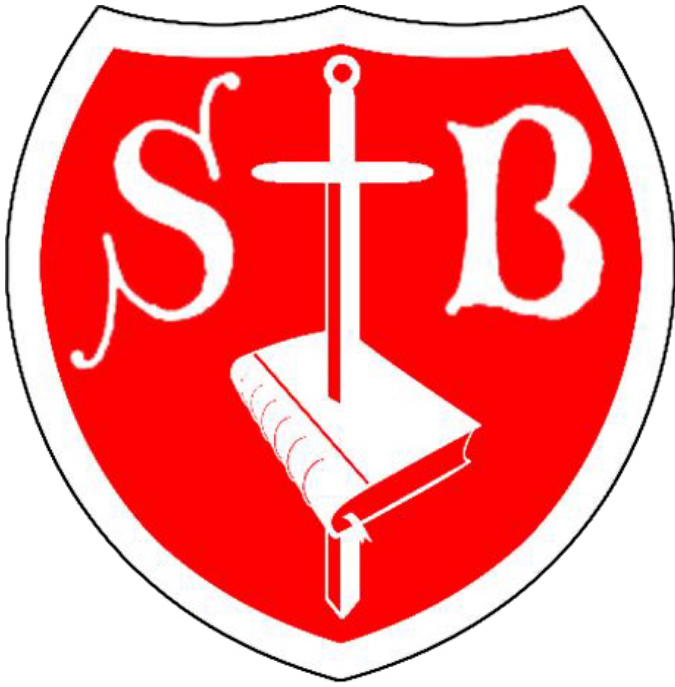


*St. Boniface*

*Catholic*

*Church*



*Parish*

*Ministries*

2024

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

30 minutes prior to weekday Masses

Before Saturday Mass, at 4:30 PM

Adoration of the Real Presence of

Christ

in the Holy Eucharist

After the 8:30AM Mass on

Wednesdays

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 when needed.*

*See ministries contact information sheet.*

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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 helps the pastor define and coordinate programs, projects, and various activities to help parishioners in learning the teachings of Jesus Christ and following him to better live-out the gospel message. It also promotes good stewardship within the parish setting, encouraging parishioners to give generously time, talent, and treasure. The group organizes ministry fairs and

events to educate parishioners about areas of service and promotes their active participation.

### Finance

This appointed group acts as an advisory and consultative body that works with the pastor on the monetary 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 the class will be discussion based.*

*Class meets once a quarter on the last Sunday of the designated month, from 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM, in the Parish Administrative building.*

*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*

*Welcome to Sunday Morning Faith formation for adults. Our goal is to use Scripture and Catholic Bible studies to enhance our knowledge of*

God's faithfulness and steadfast care for us. Please join us as we seek to deepen our walk with Christ. All Adults welcome.

Catholic Focus meets in the Hope Room at the Church Office on Sundays after the 8:30 Mass from 9:45 to 10:45 AM.

### 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.*

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

*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.*

## *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 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. Seekers attend weekly sessions in which they learn, ask questions, share faith stories, and most importantly, develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. Special Rites are observed throughout the process. The culmination takes place at the great Easter Vigil Mass, where, for the first time, the Elect celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

## Vacation Bible School

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

## Youth Faith Formation

This group for 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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, S<sup>t</sup>. 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.

### Bereavement Support

This group is for adults experiencing the loss of loved ones, the group focuses is to help participants to experience healing through the support of one another by sharing their grief, thoughts and struggles in a safe guided

environment, in the loving comfort of our faith.

### 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 fresh 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, and help as needed.*

## II. HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES (cont.)

### 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,

international potluck, S<sup>t</sup>. Nicholas breakfast, and ice cream social.

### Parish Welcoming

The Welcoming Committee schedules and coordinates 2-4 'Parish Welcoming Breakfasts' per year to meet our Pastor, and to formally acknowledge and acquaint recent new parishioners with the ministries that are active in S<sup>t</sup>. Boniface, and the current leaders of each. The vision of



*this ministry is to put faces and names of the ministries to our new parishioners and give personal invitation to them to participate in the life and growth of S<sup>t</sup>. Boniface Catholic church more fully.*

### *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.)

III.

# PRAYER

## MINISTRIES (cont.)

Open to youth that have received the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation and who will be in at least Grade 3 by the Fall of the calendar year.

Also open to adults who have received the appropriate sacraments and have gone through the Catholic Church's Virtus youth protection

training, and passed a background check, prior to being trained to serve.)

### 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.

## 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.

### III. PRAYER MINISTRIES (cont.)

The Lector normally reads the welcome before Mass begins, and then proclaims the First and Second Readings. 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.

Prayer & Play

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### *Rosary Prayer Group*

*This group prays the rosary for special intentions that people request and an extra decade for an increase in vocations at the Thursday Rosary.*

### *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 ministry decorates the inside of the church for major religious feasts such as Lent, Easter and Christmas.*

## *Ave Maria Shop:*

*Is a non-profit volunteer operated religious shop that carries an assortment of Catholic and Christian*

items. The shop is open after mass on Saturdays and Sundays.

Council of Catholic Women  
(CCW)

The CCW promotes Christian fellowship and unity among the women of S<sup>t</sup>. 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, Trentlen House,*

*Carmelite Monastery, and various  
charitable needs during the year as  
needed.*

### *Groundskeeping / Lawnmowing*

*This group is responsible for  
cutting grass and maintaining the  
landscaping of the church property. We  
have a ground clean-up day twice a  
year to rake & pick up leaves, trim  
branches, etc.*

## *IV. SERVICE*

### *MINISTRIES (cont.)*

*Lawn mowing people are paired into teams of 2 for the summer months (first week of April through first week of Oct. ). They are responsible for mowing, trimming, and picking up trash in ditches for the church, education building, office building and cottage. The church owns a zero-turn mower,*

weed eaters and trimmers that are housed on property.

Equipment is readily available; gas and oil are provided for mowing. This ministry saves the church thousands of dollars every year to maintain & mow the grounds.

### 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.

# IV. SERVICE MINISTRIES (cont.)

## Money Counters

This ministry is comprised of two teams of counters that are responsible for counting the money from weekly offertory, building, and special collections. It records the offering amounts for inclusion in annual giving statements. Each team counts bi-weekly

on Monday morning. No banking or accounting experience necessary.

### Outreach Assistance Program

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

## Parish Outreach

*This group helps those in need in several ways. Working with the school counselor's office from the Effingham Country School System to help the area children in need. A school supplies / clothing drive is taken up for our local schools each July and this ministry oversees putting book bags together with supplies, and uniforms for the current school year.*

*Then in November, this ministry takes up winter coats, hats, gloves, shoes, and socks for children and takes them to the local schools.*

*This group also plays bingo at the local nursing home at Effingham Hospital every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Innovative ideas for this ministry and people willing to help with this ministry are welcomed.*

# IV. SERVICE MINISTRIES (cont.)

## 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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