



Weddings: Please arrange at least 6 months prior to the desired date.
Baptisms: Please arrange no less than one month prior to desired date.

Reconciliation: Any time by appointment or Saturdays
 3 - 3:45 PM - St. Boniface Church Sacristy.

St. Therese Mass Schedule

Saturday	Dec 17,2016	5:00 PM	Happy Birthday for Sr. Mildred - Sr. Loretta Roeckers
Tuesday	Dec 20,2016	8:30 AM	Vernon Strole - Galen and Peg Wichman
Wednesday	Dec 21,2016	8:30 AM	For all Parishioners,Living & Deceased - at <i>Richmond Healthcare & Rehab</i>
Thursday	Dec 22,2016	8:30 AM	Jim Kipper - Bud and Helen Feuerborn
Saturday	Dec 24,2016	4:00 PM	For all parishioners - living & deceased - Christmas Eve - note time change!

Assignments – 12/24/16

Stewardship

Lectors:

Galen and Peg Wichman

Offertory Collection: 10 December 2016

Eucharistic Ministers:

Galen and Peg Wichman, Marlene Laird

Regular Collection - \$533.00
 (Envelopes - \$395.00 and Plate - \$138.00)
 Votives - \$23.00
 Retirement Fund for Religious- \$277.00
 Christmas Decorations - \$25.00

Richmond Care Center:

Ora Lee O'Brien

Hospitality:

Jim Oestreicher

Counting Team: D

Church Cleaning:

Sr. Loretta Roeckers, Alberta Kueser

St. Boniface Mass Schedule

Sunday	Dec 18,2016	9:00 AM	Bob and Kathleen Guilfoyle - Alan Sunderland
Monday	Dec 19,2016	8:30 AM	Rita Kipper - Rick and Peg Mechnig and Family
Wednesday	Dec 21,2016	8:30 AM	For all Parishioners,Living & Deceased - at <i>Richmond Healthcare & Rehab</i>
Friday	Dec 23,2016	8:30 AM	Beatrice Bures - Rene and Rosalee Bures
Sunday	Dec 25,2016	9:00 AM	For all parishioners - living & deceased - Christmas Day

Assignments – 12/25/16

Stewardship

Lectors:

Dave Hermreck, Charlie Miller

Offertory Collection: 11 December 2016

Eucharistic Ministers:

Loretta Sobba, Ora Lee O'Brien, Joan Rockers

Regular Collection - \$1,435.70
 (Envelopes - \$1,306.00 and Plate - \$129.70)
 Votives - \$23.00
 Retirement Fund for Religious - \$466.25
 Christmas Decorations - \$52.00
 New Hall Savings - \$345.00

Servers:

Adrianna Pedrow, Karson and Kendra Hermreck

Richmond Care Center:

Ora Lee O'Brien

Counting Team: Vicki Mersman

I am filled with a jealous zeal for the Lord God of Hosts



Pastor's Notes

WELCOME - to the Christian community through the waters of Baptism is offered to Hayden Joseph Powell, infant son of Keith and Candy (Hermreck) Powell, who was Baptized last Sunday at St. Boniface. Let us keep Hayden and his family in our prayers as he begins his faith journey!

THANK YOU - for your generosity in last weekend's special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This is truly one of the most important, and appreciated collections that we participate in each year. Please know that you make a significant difference in the lives of the elderly and infirm women and men religious who have served the Church so faithfully for so long. Be assured of their prayers in gratitude for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS! - along with a new book to add to your Catholic library are available at both churches this weekend. This year's selection is entitled: **Resisting Happiness** by Matthew Kelly. It is an easy-to-read and very practical guide to grow in our appreciation of how our faith affects and directs our daily lives, and I hope and pray that you find it beneficial. The books are available at the entrance of each church, and are addressed with labels in alphabetical order as we have in our records. If at all possible - **PLEASE pick up your copy this weekend!** If you have a neighbor or family member who is not at Mass this weekend, please feel free to deliver theirs to them as well. This will help in knowing how many we have left over and how to best distribute them to our holiday visitors!

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES - new liturgical ministry schedules are now available at the entrance of each church, as well as on our website. If you are a Lector, Altar Server, or Minister of the Eucharist, please take a copy home with you and/or frequently check the schedule on the web. Please remember that if you are unable to serve as scheduled, that it is most helpful that you find a substitute for your assignment. Thanks for your service to the church!

ST. BONIFACE CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS - Mass will begin at 7:00 PM. Lectors: Loretta Sobba and Mary Carol Hermreck; Servers: Layne and Evan Lutz, Will Mechnig; Eucharistic Ministers: Marikay Bures, Linda Kipper, GERALYN Feuerborn. Thanks for your help!

DECORATING - for the Christmas season will take place immediately following Mass at both churches this weekend. If you can stay after Mass and lend a hand, it will make the task a little lighter for all. Thanks for considering this request!

CHRISTMAS PLANNING - With Christmas just a week away, I'd like to offer a few comments to help us better prepare for the celebration. Christmas this year is on Sunday - and the times for Masses on Christmas will be the same as they have been in the recent past. Christmas Eve Mass at St. Therese will be at 4:00 PM, and 7:00 PM at St. Boniface. Christmas day Mass will ONLY be at St. Boniface, at 9:00 AM. In your envelope packet, you will notice that there are three envelopes for Christmas. One is for Catholic Charities, one is for a Christmas Offering for the parishes, and the third is the regular weekend offering envelope. There will be two collections at all of the Christmas Masses; one for the weekly offering as well as the Christmas offering if you choose to make one; the second will be for Catholic Charities. **It would be most helpful if you used your envelopes that weekend so your donations can be properly directed and recorded. Thanks for your help and cooperation with this!**

ADVENT ACTION - Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Holiday Food Drive, as well as the Jesse Tree Project! Once again, your generosity has shown through, and you are helping to make a real difference in the lives of those who are in so much need. **If you are able and willing to help in delivering the food to ECKAN in Garnett and House of Hope in Ottawa any time during this week, please let Fr. Jerry know. The Jesse Tree items at St. Boniface will be picked up; however, the items from St. Therese will also need to be delivered to the Life Center in Ottawa, and could easily be done by the same individual(s) who make the delivery to House of Hope. Let Fr. Jerry know as soon as possible if you can help out in this way.**

LOST AND FOUND - a silver and turquoise women's bracelet was found in St. Boniface Hall following the post-Confirmation reception. If this is yours, please contact Fr. Jerry to retrieve it!

HOME VISITS - weekly visits and Holy Communion for our homebound and hospitalized members **generally** takes place on Wednesdays, following the Mass at Richmond Healthcare and Rehab and my Communion calls at Anderson County Hospital Residential Care and Guest Home Estates in Garnett. If you know of anyone who would like for me to stop and visit them on a regular basis or even an occasional visit, please let me know or have them call me. And let's all keep our elderly, sick, and homebound parishioners in our thoughts and prayers!

St. Isidore, patron of farmers, intercede for us as we pray for safety and favorable weather!

Christmas Eve Carols will begin at each church approximately one half hour before Mass!



**Jesus, I rejoice because
You are near.
The good news of
Christmas is an
announcement of joy
for all people.
May the Church not be a
haven for sad people but a
joyful home. And may
those who are sad find joy
in her - true joy!
And may this true joy
remain even amid trial,
even amid suffering, for it
is not a superficial joy but
it permeates the depths of
the person who entrusts
himself or herself to You
and confides in You!**

Pope Francis

Have a blessed week! Fr. Jerry