



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 16,2017	5:00 PM	Rose Gretencord - Dale and Sandra Kueser
Tuesday	Dec 19,2017	8:30 AM	Jessie Porter - Sr. Mildred and Sr. Loretta
Wednesday	Dec 20,2017	10:30 AM	For All Parishioners - Living and Deceased - <i>at Richmond Healthcare and Rehab</i>
Thursday	Dec 21,2017	8:30 AM	Vernon Strole - Galen and Peg Wichman
Saturday	Dec 23,2017	5:00 PM	Charles Duke - Pat Rossman and Family

Assignments – 12/23/17

Stewardship

Lectors:

Gail and Debbie Kueser

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dale and Sandra Kueser, Leo Wiederholt

Richmond Care Center:

Gerard Weber

Hospitality: Marlene Laird

Counting Team: D

Church Cleaning

Sr. Loretta, Alberta Kueser

Offertory Collection: 09 December 2017

Regular Collection - \$672.00
 (Envelopes - \$560.00 and Plate - \$112.00)
 Votives - \$23.00
 Christmas Decorations - \$94.00
 Building Fund - \$475.00
 Retirement Fund for Religious - \$461.00

St. Boniface Mass Schedule

Sunday	Dec 17,2017	9:00 AM	Luke Rockers - Lloyd and Marikay Bures
Monday	Dec 18,2017	8:30 AM	Ann Hermreck - Jake and Alice Lickteig
Wednesday	Dec 20,2017	10:30 AM	For All Parishioners - Living and Deceased - <i>at Richmond Healthcare and Rehab</i>
Friday	Dec 22,2017	8:30 AM	Bernice Rockers - Galen and Peg Wichman
Sunday	Dec 24,2017	9:00 AM	Roger Rockers - Jerry and Kristina Mayer

Assignments – 12/24/17

Stewardship

Lectors:

Keith Hermreck, Margie Bunnel

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joan Rockers, Anita Sobba, Carol Lutz

Servers:

Sayleen Partida, Emma and Noah Porter

Richmond Care Center:

Gerard Weber

Counting Team: Loretta Sobba

Offertory Collection: 10 December 2017

Regular Collection - \$1,302.60
 (Envelopes - \$1,160.00 and Plate - \$142.60)
 Votives - \$28.00
 Christmas Decorations - \$35.00
 New Hall Fund - \$2,048.00
 Retirement Fund for Religious - \$500.00

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



SPECIAL COLLECTION - Thank you for your generosity in last weekend's special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Be assured that those religious community members who receive this funding are keeping all of us in their grateful prayer! **Also, if you are making an offering for Christmas decorations at any time during this month, please place that special envelope offering into the regular collection whenever it is convenient for you. Thanks for your customary generosity and God bless you!**

THANK YOU - There are several Thank You notes and letters posted on the church Bulletin Boards - of particular note, one from our Provincial, Fr. Bill Harry, and our Mission Director, Fr. Joe O'Brien - offering gratitude for the generous contributions made by all of you over this past year. The Carmelites and others are most grateful!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS - Jesse Trees will be in each church through **WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK - DECEMBER 20TH!** If you would like to participate, please take an ornament from a tree, and bring the unwrapped gifts to church and place them in the collection bins. Non-perishable food may also be brought to church for delivery before Christmas. Help spread Christmas joy to those in need!

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS ASSIGNMENTS - *St. Therese - Christmas Eve - 4 PM:* Lectors: Leo and Mary Wiederholt; Eucharistic Ministers: Leo and Mary Wiederholt, Galen Wichman. *St. Boniface - Christmas Eve - 7 PM:* Lectors: Dudley Feuerborn, Teresa Pedrow; Eucharistic Ministers: Frank and Connie Wittman, Cheryl Strobel, Nancy Hermreck; Servers: Will Mechnig, Layne and Evan Lutz. *St. Boniface - Christmas Day - 9 AM:* Lectors: Mark and Laurie Stevenson; Eucharistic Ministers: Keith Hermreck, Marikay Bures, Linda Kipper; Servers: Garrett Bures, Nick Lybarger, Porter Richards. **Thank you all for your ministry!**

FOR FUTURE PLANNING - Decorating of churches: **THIS WEEKEND!** St. Therese, Saturday, December 16th following Mass; St. Boniface, Sunday, December 17th, following Mass. **Please plan on staying after Mass to lend a hand!** Joint Reconciliation Service and Confessions at St. Boniface **THIS** Sunday, December 17th at 5 PM. Christmas Eve Mass at St. Therese at 4 PM; and at St. Boniface at 7 PM. Christmas Day Mass at St. Boniface **ONLY** at 9 AM. **PLEASE NOTE: January 1st, The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, IS NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year. It will be celebrated at the regular morning Mass on Monday, January 1st, in the Sacristy at St. Boniface at 8:30 AM.**

CCD NEWS - We held our final CCD class before the Christmas break last Wednesday. **Thank you to Karen Wolken for the array of cookies she and Tony provided for our children!** Though we practiced the Christmas Eve procession in the traditional way, we have decided that at the end of the procession, the children will join their families following the procession to the manger rather than sitting in the Sanctuary. If you have children in the procession, please reserve a spot(s) for them to sit with you. **The Sanctuary will then be available for any overflow of people once the church is filled.** Children who are going to be in the Procession **should report to the Sacristy by 6:45 PM!** CCD will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 7 PM - **in St. Boniface Hall** - This evening will be an all-Parishes gathering (**ALL** are welcome and encouraged to come!). It will be a movie night followed by a brief discussion of what the film meant or taught. If you would like to bring some light refreshment to share, that would be terrific. Please consider joining us on this second of our four all-Parishes gatherings!

NEW MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - will be made soon. If you know of dates when you should not be assigned between January 6th and the end of March, please let Misty know via e-mail (moews@hotmail.com) or phone at: 913.908.5339. Thanks!

AUBURN PHARMACY BOTTLE CAPS - If you receive any prescriptions from Auburn Pharmacies that come in a **triangle shaped bottle with a blue cap**, please save these caps and bring them to either church. There are collection boxes for these caps at the back of each church. We are participating in a rebate program through their generosity. Money that comes from this will go to the New Hall Fund.

YEAR-END AND STOCK GIFTS - Using appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to make year-end charitable gifts has tax advantages for those who itemize deductions. Simple instructions for making a stock gift to the Parish(es) or other charities in the Archdiocese are available at: www.archkck.org/stock - You may also contact the Office for Stewardship and Development at 913.647.0325 or: stewdev@archkck.org via email.

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!

Please remember to prayerfully consider the recent appeal to show gratitude for your personal blessings from God by stepping forward to offer your services as Council members, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Collection Counters, Musicians, Singers, and other parish ministries that so beautifully enhance our experience of being church! Thanks & God bless you!

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



3rd Sunday of Advent

In our second reading today, St. Paul tells us to "Rejoice always!"

As we reflect on human joy we might also ask about divine joy. Does God rejoice? In several of His great parables - the stories of the lost son, the lost coin, the lost sheep - Jesus tells us how much His Father rejoices when the lost are found. It's all about relationships being restored; it's all about realizing that redemption is the restoration of unity and oneness. Herein lies our joy!

As we draw closer and closer to the Feast of the Nativity, let us recommit ourselves to being instruments of God's joy!

Bishop Robert E. Morneau

Have a blessed week! Fr. Jerry