



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 15,2018	5:00 PM	Loretta Wuertz - Leo and Mary Wiederholt
Tuesday	Dec 18,2018	8:30 AM	Cheryl Bures - Alberta Kueser
Wednesday	Dec 19,2018	10:30 AM	For all Parishioners - Living and Deceased - at <i>Richmond Healthcare and Rehab</i>
Thursday	Dec 20,2018	8:30 AM	Othmar Wuertz - Lester and Barbara Wuertz
Saturday	Dec 22,2018	5:00 PM	Marcia Peine - Ron and Jeanne Wolken

Assignments – 12/22/18

Stewardship

Lectors:

Karen Wolken, Dean Kueser

Eucharistic Ministers:

Leo and Mary Wiederholt, Marlene Laird

Richmond Care Center:

Sr. Loretta Roeckers

Hospitality: Judy Wall **Counting Team:** D

Church Cleaning:

Sr. Loretta Roeckers, Alberta Kueser

Offertory Collection: 08 December 2018

Regular Collection - \$648.00

(Envelopes - \$490.00 and Plate - \$158.00)

Votives - \$43.00

Fund for Religious Retirement - \$297.00

Christmas Decorations - \$35.00

St. Boniface Mass Schedule

Sunday	Dec 16,2018	9:00 AM	Dave Hermreck - Iona Sobba
Monday	Dec 17,2018	8:30 AM	Teresa Rockers - Jim and Barb Hills
Wednesday	Dec 19,2018	10:30 AM	For all Parishioners - Living and Deceased - At <i>Richmond Healthcare and Rehab</i>
Friday	Dec 21,2018	8:30 AM	Bernice Rockers - Ivo Feuerborn
Sunday	Dec 23,2018	9:00 AM	Mark Rockers - Omer Rockers

Assignments – 12/23/18

Stewardship

Lectors:

Laurie Stevenson, Jennifer Morrow

Eucharistic Ministers:

Glen Bures, Carol Lutz, Erin Stevenson

Servers:

Evan Lutz, Kyle Lutz, Sayleen Partida

Richmond Care Center:

Sr. Loretta Roeckers

Counting Team: Larrissa Hermreck

Offertory Collection: 09 December 2018

Regular Collection - \$1,147.10

(Envelopes - \$1,020.00 and Plate - \$127.10)

Votives - \$12.00

Fund for Religious Retirement - \$562.00

Christmas Decorations - \$52.00

Cemetery - \$730.00 (\$600.00 Grave Sales & \$120.00 Upkeep)

New Hall Savings - \$140.00

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



ADVENT - The Advent season is passing quickly - so take advantage of the opportunities that are available to make this short season fruitful with spiritual preparation. Please take the Advent & Christmas Meditation books and share them with others, or go "on line" and participate in "The Best Advent Ever" program from Dynamic Catholic, or read Bishop Barron's daily meditation on our own website. And don't forget our Jesse Trees and food collection bins that will be available throughout the month. I hope we all have a wonderful season of waiting, and getting prepared to celebrate the coming of Christ into human history.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION - another fine way to prepare for Christmas is by participating in our Advent Reconciliation Service and going to Confession. The service will begin this Sunday, the 16th, at 5:00 PM at St. Boniface. Fr. Dave and I will be joined by Fr. Dan Stover from Holy Angels and St. John's for individual Confessions following the brief communal service. Please come and bring family and friends!

O ANTIPHONS - (Please see the sidebar): From December 17th to the 23rd, the Church observes the ancient custom of praying the O Antiphons, which address the God Who comes in Christ with a biblical title, beginning with the invocation "O". In Latin, the first letter of the titles, read in reverse order, form the acrostic, "Ero cras", which translates to "I will be with you tomorrow." These can be a rich source for personal prayer during these final days of preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS PLANNING - As Christmas plans are being made for your families, please keep these dates and times in mind: Church decorating will take place following Masses next weekend on December 22nd at St. Therese; and on the 23rd at St. Boniface. **The Christmas Vigil Mass at St. Therese will be on December 24th at 4 PM, and at St. Boniface at 7 PM. Christmas Day Mass will be at 9 AM at St. Boniface only.**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - Thank you for your generosity in last weekend's special collection for Religious Retirement. You will certainly be remembered in prayer by these senior Religious - and blessed by God for your generosity! **There is also a special envelope for Christmas Flowers and decorations in your packet. There will not be a special collection for this - but if you would like to contribute, place your offering in the regular collection basket. Thank You!** Please notice that there are two envelopes for Christmas - one for Catholic Charities, and one for our parishes. If you will be traveling over the holidays and would like to make your Christmas offerings next weekend, please place them in the regular collection, using the envelopes provided or using another envelope indicating if the offerings are for Catholic Charities or for the parish, your envelope # and/or name. **As always, thank you for your customary generosity!**

K of C BREAKFASTS - start this weekend - Sunday, December 16th. Doors will open at 8 AM, and serve until after the 9 AM Mass participants are well-fed! Come out and enjoy visiting with neighbors and being nourished by the wonderful breakfast of biscuits and whole-hog sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee.

CCD NEWS - Our final CCD class for 2018 will take place this Wednesday, December 19th, at 7 PM at St. Boniface. There will be some class festivities, as well as practice for the Christmas Eve procession and Mass. CCD classes will resume on Wednesday, January 9th at the regular time.

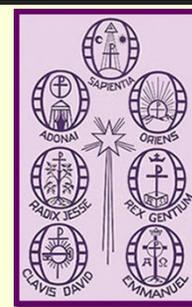
NEW ALTAR SERVERS - The 2nd training session, **for new Servers**, is this Sunday, December 16th, following the 9 AM Mass. Parents are welcome to be present for the training session. If your sons or daughters are not in our CCD classes but would like to serve, they are welcome to become Servers.

2019 MASS CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED - If you would like to have Masses scheduled on certain days, let me know that as soon as possible - **in writing, including the intention, the name of the person(s) requesting the Mass, and the desired date. In fairness to everyone, until the end of February, you may only request a maximum of 3 Saturday or Sunday Masses!** Beginning in March, you may request additional Saturday and Sunday Masses. I will do my best to honor your requests, and occasionally that will necessitate having more than one intention per Mass. **Mass requests are scheduled on a first come, first served basis!** Thanks for your understanding and cooperation with Mass scheduling!

NURSING HOME & HOME VISITS - visits and Communion for our homebound and hospitalized members **generally** takes place on Wednesdays, following the Mass at Richmond Healthcare and my Communion calls at Anderson County Hospital Residential Care 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 keep our elderly, sick, and homebound parishioners in our thoughts and prayers.

38TH ANNIVERSARY - As I celebrate the 38th Anniversary of my Ordination on the 20th, I want to offer my prayers of gratitude to God, and to all of you, for giving me the privilege and great blessing of being with you as pastor during these past ten and a half years. The priesthood has been a tremendous blessing to me - and you all are the living embodiment of that blessing that comes from God. I thank God, and I thank you, and love you all!

St. Isidore and St. Maria de la Cabeza - patrons of the farming community,
intercede for us as we pray for safety and favorable weather!



The O Antiphons

*O Sapientia
(Wisdom)*

*O Adonai
(Lord)*

*O Radix Jesse
(Root of Jesse)*

*O Clavis David
(Key of David)*

*O Oriens
(Rising Sun)*

*O Rex Gentium
(King of Nations)*

*O Emmanuel
(God-With-Us)*

Have a blessed week! Fr. Jerry